

CANADA'S NATIONAL RAILWAYS

THEIR PART IN THE WAR

Up and down the railways of Canada, particularly along that busy stretch from Montreal to Halifax and St. John, which was the spout of the funnel through which the great volume of men and supplies poured forth, the end of the war left a long line of men, tired with effort and anxiety; men with more gray hairs than they used to have, with a little more stoop to the shoulders and a few more lines of care on their faces; men all the way from the head office to the lonely cabin of the section man, who sat back with a sigh of relief and exclaimed: "Thank God, that's the last of the troop trains."

A Great
National
Undertaking.

The particular effort of Canada's national railways, though it went to further the military purpose, was mainly a civilian achievement, and, for that reason, may possibly be less certain of securing permanent record than are the great deeds of our soldiers. It has seemed desirable, therefore, that a brief history of the work done by Canadian National Railways during the war-years should be