

MONTREAL OFFICERS TO THE FRONT



Lieut.-Col. F. O. Loomis, commanding the 5th Highlanders of Montreal. In times of peace Col. Loomis is a prominent Montreal Contractor.



Major E. C. Norseworthy, second in command of the Fifth Highlanders. At home he is manager of the Dominion Securities Co.



Major D. R. McCuaig, of the 5th Highlanders, has two brothers going to the front. He is a member of McCuaig & McCuaig, a leading firm of Montreal stock brokers.



Major Victor Buchanan, of the 5th looks every inch worthy of his name. At home he is a prominent stock broker.

greatest moral message ever given to men going to war, got his title to fame—about which he cares absolutely nothing—in Egypt.

It was while he was in the Khartoum campaign that the late G. W. Steevens, war correspondent, was so impressed with the Sirdar that he wrote the character sketch part of which is given herewith:

"Major-General Sir Horatio Herbert Kitchener stands several inches over six feet, straight as a lance and looks out imperiously above most men's heads; slender but firmly knit, he seems built for tireless, steel-wire endurance rather than for power and agility. But neither age, nor figure, nor face, nor any accident of person has any bearing on the essential Sirdar. He has no age but the prime of life, no body but one to carry his mind, no face but one to keep his brain behind. The brain and the will are essence and the whole of the man; a brain and a will so perfect in their workings that in the face of the extremest difficulty they never seem to know what struggle is. You cannot imagine the Sirdar otherwise than as seeing the right thing to do and doing it. His precision is so inhumanly unerring, he is more like a machine than a man. He was one of the original twenty-five officers who set to work on the new Egyptian army. And in Egypt and the Sudan he has been ever since—on the staff generally, in the field constantly, alone with natives often, mastering the problem of the Sudan always. He has inherited the wisdom and the achievements of his predecessors. He came at the right hour and he was the right man."

To those who would like to hurry Lord Kitchener in sending more troops to France—and there are not a few Canadians who imagine they could do vastly better than the War Secretary is doing if they only had his ability—this passage ought to be convincing:

"The Sirdar is never in a hurry. With immovable self-control he holds back from each step until the ground is consolidated under his last. Fighting men may chafe and go down with typhoid and cholera; they are in the iron grip of the machine and they must wait the turn of its wheels. Dervishes wait and wonder. The Turks are not coming; the Turks are afraid. Then suddenly at daybreak one morning they see the Sirdar advancing upon them from all sides together, and by noon they are dead."

"No general is unpopular who always beats the enemy. When the columns move out of camp in the evening to march all night through the dark, they know not whither, and fight at dawn with an enemy they have never seen, every man goes forth with a tranquil mind. He may personally come back or he may not; but about the general result there is no doubt. You bet your boots the Sirdar knows; he wouldn't fight if he weren't going to win."

Perhaps that will hold some of the impatient critics for a while. Perhaps, also, the reason why Tommie Atkins has been the desparation of the German infantry is that Tommie knows what Kitchener as well as England expects of him. Let us make no mistake, that of all men in the world, Lord Kitchener is most anxious to see the Allies beat back the Germans from Paris.

Two Montreal Battalions

One Contains Bluenose Boys

FOR purposes of actual war the infantry at Valcartier is now to be divided into four brigades of four battalions each. Each battalion is to be formed independent as far as practicable of the city



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or section from which the respective composite or unit regiments have been drafted. So far as it concerns Montreal, whose enrolment so far is about equal to that of Toronto, what will be known as the 14th Battalion will be made up of the First Royal Regiment and detachments from several others. Lieut.-Col. Meighen will be provisional commander of the 14th Battalion. Under him will be his own war regiment, the First Royal, composed of his own peace regiment, the Canadian Grenadier Guards, the Victoria Rifles, and two companies of the 65th; and along with that composite regiment to fill up the battalion will be detachments from the 14th King's Canadian Hussars, 63rd Halifax Rifles, 63rd Annapolis Regiment, 75th Lunenburg, and the 76th Colchester and Hants Rifles. This battalion consists of all Montreal and Nova Scotia regiments.

A second battalion from Montreal, the Fifteenth, will have as provisional commander Lieut.-Col. F. O. W. Loomis, commanding the 5th Royal Highlanders, who go as a unit, the 78th Highlanders, from Pictou, and the 93rd Cumberland Regiment. This will be a fairly homogenous battalion of Scotch-Canadians, and should be one of the banner battalions of the brigade to which it belongs.

Our Ready-to-Go Militia

All They Want is the Enemy

MOBILIZATION as it is known to Germany does not exist anywhere else in the world. It probably reaches its lowest point in Canada, which up till a few weeks ago was in a state of talking war and prepared for peace. It now seems quite certain that the Canadian army at Valcartier is as fit as a fiddle so far as the men are concerned. They have been marching and swimming and drilling and bunking on hummocks and living on tough beef and skilly. They are in the best of spirits. They are aching in their teeth to get aboard ship and swing off to the front, where they can be of real service to the Allies. Every man in that camp feels himself an ally. He has reason so to do. But no man there will be content until he sees the shore line of France pushing through the haze over the gunwales and gets ready for the march out over the gangplank. Now the trouble is that a lot of the men have no service uniforms. Some haven't enough blankets. They all have some sort of rifle. But they begin to realize that no man, not even Col. Hughes, could have transformed the citizen soldiery of Canada, plus a lot of raw



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