

Two million dollars is a somewhat larger amount than has ever been raised in Canada in a short campaign, but the generosity and patriotism of the people of this city and county may be relied upon to carry it through.

The amount for which His Royal Highness has appealed will carry the work of the fund through the ensuing year, unless larger Canadian forces are enlisted than were calculated upon. And if, as is to be sincerely hoped, the war comes to an end during 1916, this campaign will carry the fund until our soldiers come marching home to receive the welcome of their loved ones and the gratitude of their country.

After all it is little that those who remain at home can ever do to discharge the debt which the whole world and civilization itself owes to these our fellow-citizens who, leaving behind them their homes in Canada, have joined the Empire's forces on the fields of France and Belgium.

### *How Fund Originated.*

The Canadian Patriotic Fund was instituted at the instance of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in September, 1914, for the purpose of supplementing the pay of the soldiers in Canada's army, whose dependents in their absence might be in need of assistance to enable them to continue to enjoy the comforts to which they had been accustomed. A publicly-subscribed fund for a similar purpose had at that time been or-