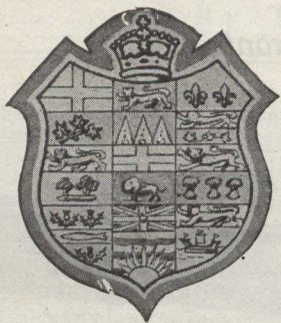


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## An Expanding Empire

**B**OTHA has added German South-West Africa to the Empire. This, with additions in the East Indies, must be placed as an asset against all the liabilities the Empire is assuming. Further, these events emphasize the thought that the world of to-morrow will be quite different from the world of yesterday. Not only will the map of the world be redrawn, but there will be vital changes in ideas of government, in economics, in social philosophy, and in religion. The remapped world will be over-swept with new thoughts, new ideas and new conceptions.

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## The Canadian Hindus

**C**ANADIAN Hindus and Sikhs are rallying to the colours. A few days ago a Sikh resident in Toronto received a letter from his father in India, a man of seventy-five, telling him that he must enlist at once. The father threatened that if the son did not do so, he himself would again join the forces. The son obediently and gladly enrolled in the Mississauga Horse.

Nor is he the first recruit. These men from His Majesty's Dominions in Asia are showing a loyalty and a devotion which no other Canadian can surpass.

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## How Lucky

**M**EN may declare Dr. Montague is a political hoodoo and make other disparaging remarks, but Dr. Montague is one of the luckiest of the lucky. Just as he was broken in health and in serious political trouble at Winnipeg, and when he was wondering day by day what would happen to him, he gets orders to report for medical duty in England. Can it be beaten?

No doctor should go to the front, where the work is severe, unless he is in perfect health. Yet the authorities overlook that and "order" him to report. While on active service, he will not be worried with any summonses or other blue papers issued by the royal commissions of Manitoba. Yea, he may have pleasant chats with Dr. Simpson, who is also at the front, concerning the contents of the famous safety deposit box.

Who is going to order Sir Rodmond and his other colleagues to the front. And what about Kelly, don't they need him?

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## Rifle Superseded

**W**HETHER the story that the Canadians in France have discarded the Ross rifle temporarily is true or not matters little. It will be an interesting story, no doubt, but of minor importance. In his address to Parliament, on June 23rd, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the German machine guns have almost superseded the rifle.

"These have proved to be about the most formidable weapons of the war. They have almost superseded the rifle, they have almost rendered the rifle unnecessary."

If this be true, and the Minister of Munitions must have voiced the best available opinion, then Canada should be making machine guns. There is not a single such factory in Canada to-day, and several should be established at once.

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## Men for the Harvest

**C**ANADA will not have any too many men to garner her promising harvest. Last winter there were large numbers of unemployed. About 150,000 men have enlisted, of whom one-half have already left the country. About 75,000 are employed in making munitions of war. This would

leave not more than 50,000 whose occupations are still desultory. Hence the number of men available for harvest is not great.

The first step has been taken by the Militia Department, which proposes to allow enlisted men a month's furlough to work in the harvest fields if they so desire. Just how far the men will care to exchange the rifle for the pitch-fork is a matter for speculation. But certainly the suggestion is excellent.

The Provincial Governments in the West will probably make an appeal to the men in the towns and cities to go out and help the farmer with his crop. If this appeal is properly made, with a patriotic turn to it, it should be effective.

No "farm help" excursions from the East to the West have yet been announced, but will probably be held as usual. Hon. Martin Burrell has no doubt used his influence in this direction. The Dominion Minister of Agriculture may be relied upon to do what is necessary and do it in time.

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## Limits to German Advance

**L**AST week it was pointed out that the Germans were advancing AWAY from their ammunition and the Russians TOWARDS their ammunition; and that in the end geography would have its way. Now we see that geography wins again, as it won when the Germans advanced on Paris and when they made their first sweep to Warsaw and Ivangorod.

German strategy is an attack in force, well pressed home. If their opponents do not retire the Germans sweep over them. But if their opponents retire promptly, as the French and British did last August and the Russians did recently in Galicia, then the German rush wears itself out. It wears out because the big guns and the ammunition are gradually left behind in the swift advance.

For the present Russia is safe, and even Warsaw is safe. It will take the Germans a long time to accumulate the men, the guns, the ammunition and the transport for another such rush. And in the meantime the Grand Duke Nicholas will make sane counter moves, which will be more pleasing to the Allies and less encouraging to the Teutons.

Russia, with her line unbroken, is once more with her back to the wall, and that wall consists of railways running parallel with her fighting front, of big guns in and around huge fortresses, and of ammunition supplies recently accumulated. True, Galicia is retaken, but the Austrians and Germans have permanently lost 400,000 soldiers in the campaign of recapture. Besides this terrific permanent sacrifice of troops, they have used up their accumulated stores of ammunition.

Let us not forget that the Teuton armies are declining in strength, while the Allied armies are increasing.

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## Sir Robert to the Rescue

**A**PPARENTLY among the matters which Sir Robert Borden will take up with the Home authorities during his visit abroad is the shortage of ships to carry our crop across the Atlan-

tic. This is a matter which Sir George Foster should have attended to, but Sir George preferred to take a month's holidays in New Brunswick. Since Sir George became Minister of Trade and Commerce he seems to be enjoying life immensely. Nothing worries him very much. So Sir Robert has taken up the work his colleague does not care to do.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy has also been instructed by the British Government to assist in the solution of this trying situation. Sir Thomas will endeavour to charter boats to supplement the present freight service on both the Atlantic and the Pacific.

With the Premier of the Dominion and the president of Canada's greatest railway corporation working on the job, something will be done. Our grain export this autumn should reach 200,000,000 bushels. Figuring 500,000 bushels to a ship, there would be 400 vessels required. Or if a ship takes half wheat and half package freight, 800 vessels would be necessary. Supposing that the period of shipment is twenty weeks, this would require 40 sailings a week. It will thus be seen that the task is by no means insignificant.

There is one hopeful feature—Great Britain will be as anxious to get these foodstuffs as Canada is to send them. Therefore we are likely to have valuable co-operation in London from Lord Selborne's committee which has full charge of Britain's food supply.

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## Beware the Knocker

**A** NUMBER of people in Canada are knocking the Allied cause. They profess sympathy and hope for ultimate victory, but shake their heads over present conditions. Some of these are visitors from England, and they add stories about Russia wanting to make peace, and about France not being too enthusiastic, and so on.

Canadians who hear these stories should treat them as they deserve. Nor should they be repeated. The Allies, according to the best information, are absolutely united and determined. The work of crushing Prussian military autocracy is greater than was anticipated, but victory is certain. The task of breaking through the Dardanelles is one which will test the Allies' resources and bravery, but steady progress is being made. Let us not forget that this fight is being carried on far from the Allies' bases, and that the natural difficulties are as great as the Japanese faced at Port Arthur. The loss of Galicia is a great loss, but it is better to have won and lost than never to have won at all. Galicia is less useful to the Teutons now than it was before the Russian occupation. Its fortifications and oil wells and harvest fields are out of commission for some time to come.

Confidence is the first element in victory, and every citizen must do his bit in maintaining that confidence. Even though you feel a shade disappointed, refuse to show it. Faint heart never won fair lady, and the British military forces have always won the last battle in any great war in which the Empire has ever been engaged.

This war is exceptional in every respect, and our expectations must be exceptional also.

## ELECTRIC RAILWAY TRAGEDY AT QUEENSTON HEIGHTS LAST WEEK



Visitors from Toronto viewing the curve where the Niagara Falls and Victoria Park trolley, carrying 170 Sunday-school picnics from Toronto, ran off the track at a terrific speed from a down grade. Fifteen lives were lost and scores more or less seriously wounded in the wreck. The tragedy is still to be investigated, but the great cause of it, aside from the wet rails, was the fact that the car was carrying almost a double load. The point where the car plowed in and struck the trees is shown at the right, where a visitor is examining the spot. The military authorities prevented photographs from being taken till the wreckage was all cleared away.