



And those of us who take the knock,
Remember—if you're there—
The wives and little kids are left
Entirely in your care.
It's up to you to see they get
A square and decent cheque
For the man whom you enlisted,
And who risked and lost his neck.
Ain't it, Sam?

I've finished what I had to say,
Except a parting word,—
Although you ain't a baronet,
Nor yet a husky lord,
We're proud of your promotion,
Which we guess was overdue,
For if any man deserved it
You can bet your hat 'twas you.
General Sam.

The following note is by Sergeant Brown :—

Major-General the Hon. Sam Hughes, born in Tyrone County, Ontario, became Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence when the present Government of Sir R. L. Borden came into power in 1912. He has unbounded faith in the citizen soldier, and has directed all his energies towards the perfecting of the Canadian Militia; his confidence being amply justified by the splendid contingents which he has mobilised and prepared for service in Europe. He is an ardent Temperance man, and has done away with the camp canteen. Yet the Canadian soldier speaks of him affectionately as "Sam" or "General Sam," and enthusiastically acclaims him as "Father of the Contingents." Major-General Hughes accompanied the First Contingent to England as Colonel, and it was here that he received his promotion.

[Since the above note was written His Majesty has invested the Hon. Samuel Hughes with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Bath (Civil Division).—H. J.]