

There is a personal touch, if I may so express it, between them, all working in harmony.

The terrible war is over and as a people we have great cause to thank Almighty God for the blessings to our beloved country, but especially for the blessing of peace, and the triumph of righteousness, liberty and truth. Never have a people had greater reason to thank God than we Canadians. Our country has been free from the desolation of war; our victorious army and navy have covered themselves with glory. Canada's undaunted sons have been tested in the great battles of the war—in the trenches, upon the field, in the air, on the mighty deep and under the sea. Nobly have they fought and nobly have they died in sustaining "Britain's name and Britain's fame."

The dashing heroism of Currie's brave Canadian lads is unsurpassed. Shall we ever forget the wonderful retreat from Mons and how now after these long years of fighting they ended their glorious achievements by firing the last shot in the war, capturing Mons, and marching through its streets in triumph, and are now across the Rhine, part of the army of occupation.

Twenty minutes after the armistice, General Currie, addressing his men, said: "Twenty minutes ago there was fired what I hope will be the last shot of the war. Under these circumstances the most proper thing to do would be to uncover our heads and stand for a moment in silent thanksgiving to God." Theirs is undying glory; their laurels ne'er will fade with years.

"What lessons they have taught us;
What glory have they brought us!"

The Hon. Dr. Cody, speaking in Hamilton recently, said: "The Canadians never failed to reach an objective they were given to take, nor to hold a position they were told to retain." What Currie and Currie's men have done has thrilled an Empire and will glorify Canadian history forever. He has received thanks from the King and from the people of Canada through His Excellency the Governor General. In his replies, like other great commanders, he gives all the credit to his men. Just think of the splendid achievements of our Canadian boys between August 8th and November 11th of last year. They captured 34,000 Germans, 3,500 machine guns and many hundreds of trench mortars, and 750 large guns.

The recognition of God in thanksgiving for the victory of peace in the message of our beloved King bears testimony to what the Globe said when the armistice was announced—"that beneath and behind all the human skill and power shown by the Allies were Divine Wisdom and overruling strength."

In further reference to Canada's cause for thanksgiving, do you know that in July, 1914, the arch-criminal of the world, the ex-Kaiser, had a conference in Potsdam, when he showed two maps, one of the Roman Empire and another of the world; and in the latter Europe was marked "Germany" and the United States the same; and he said to his satellites: "In three years we will have Europe under our heel, and the United States and Canada." To-day he is an exile, execrated everywhere. He crowned himself with his own hands, but a Greater than he has taken his crown from him. Thank God his plans have been thwarted. He sowed the wind; he has reaped the whirlwind. The hideous crimes he has committed, the unspeakable atrocities on women and children cry out for punishment; and besides, to the last penny, Germany should be made to pay for the cost of the war to the Allies, and on no soft terms, either as to punishment or pay; no listening to the crawling, brutal crew. They murdered Edith Cavell. Canada has named one of the glories of the Rockies in perpetual memory of this noble woman—Canada's everlasting halo. They crucified our Highlanders. After that, do you wonder that the Canadian Kilties swore by God that they would show no quarter to the inhuman foe?