

## BRAVE MEN WENT FROM EVERY PART OF CANADA.

These brave men went from every part of Canada, have crossed the seas, have lived in the camps, and when their turn came to go into the trenches they went without a moment's hesitation. What have they done at the front during the summer and fall and winter for the last three years? Have they ever yielded before the enemy? No. Have they said that they had done enough and that they wanted to come back? No. Have they been afraid to die side by side with the soldiers of France and England? No. They have given us for Canada's glory the brave deeds of St. Julien, Langemark, Neuvechapelle, St. Eloi, Courcellette, Givenchy, Festubert, Vimy, and they have acquired renown, bestowed by the Germans, who volunteered the testimony that among the Canadian soldiers there was no prisoners. These soldiers who have made Canada great are my brothers, and to those who tell me to-day that I am a traitor because I have voted in favour of military service, I answer that the traitors are those who are abandoning our boys in the trenches. To those who call me Judas, I answer that Judas betrayed Christ after having promised to be his faithful disciple against those who had come to fight the Saviour. The Judas of to-day is the man who has promised our soldiers to never abandon them as long as they have fight against barbarity, and who to-day is ready to let them die without going to their help, or who is preaching that we must not do anything more for the sake of the cause. We would have preferred to promote our participation in the war through the voluntary system, but we have seen that this system has failed, and, at the same time, we have heard the call for help which came to us from this land of France where for three years the armies of all the different European countries have converged to save France and the powers which are fighting with her against the common foe.

This cry did not come from the French nor from the English soldiers, but from those whom the people of Canada have sent abroad and pledged to support. What did that appeal from the trenches say? Those who can hear it without emotion have undoubtedly been rendered insensible by the length of this terrible tragedy which has disturbed the world for three years past.