

French-Canadians Rally to the Colours



THE LITTLE MILITARY CITY OF ST. JOHNS, P.Q., BRISTLES WITH LOYALTY.

The 22nd French-Canadian Regiment in the Second Canadian Contingent assembled in front of the Historic Parade Ground at the Barracks.

NOBODY who has not been at St. John's, P.Q., can understand the military spirit of the place. Thirty miles below Montreal, and on a direct navigation route to the United States, this little city has for years been headquarters for soldiers in barracks. Less than half of the population are English; yet the two races live together in a condition of amity that would quite shock the Kaiser. At the band concerts the splendid citizens' band regularly wind up with "God Save the King" and "O Canada." Any day on the streets may be seen the booted and spurred representatives of the militia. St. John's is one of the most fervently loyal towns in Canada. At present with the muster of the 22nd Regiment of French-Canadians, who have voluntarily organized to help Great Britain and France in the great war, it becomes one of the history-making spots in Canada. There have been slurs cast upon the loyalty of French-Canadians. The city of St. John's and the 22nd Regiment are the answer.

When Frenchmen from Canada go to war side by side with British and French troops it is not for the sake of France. The tie which binds all good French-Canadians to the Dominion of Canada is a stronger tie than that which binds the French troops to the British in this struggle. The town of St. John's, P.Q., is a proof, even better than the great city of Montreal, that loyalty to Canada whatever Mr. Bourassa may say to the contrary, is a principle not only in war but in times of peace. In fact St. John's, which knows Mr. Bourassa very well, is not listening to him just now. The 22nd Regiment is a very good rebuke to Henri Bourassa.

The 22nd Regiment has no sympathy with Mr. Henri Bourassa. It is fighting for the Empire.



Machine Gun Section of the 22nd Regiment drilling with small arms.



Col. P. E. Gaudet, commanding officer of the 22nd, at the left, with Major L. H. Archambault, second in command.