

OUR CANADIAN ARMY ON THE WAY



One of the machine gun motors of the Sifton Automobile Machine Gun Brigade, financed by Canadian Citizens.

The Greatest Army that ever crossed the Atlantic en masse, is now on its way to Salisbury Plain; 33,000 Men, with Two Regiments of Cavalry, 70 Canadian Field Guns, and an Army Service and Army Medical Corps: "For the Preservation of the British Empire and the Rights and Liberties of Humanity."



The Duke of Connaught inspects one of the machine gun motors of the Sifton Brigade accompanying the Canadian Contingent.



Loading a few of the horses bought for cavalry service in Europe, in league with the Cossacks against the Uhlans of the Kaiser.

THIRTY-ONE ships of the mercantile marine are now carrying to England the greatest army that ever crossed the Atlantic at one time, accompanied by a convoy of eleven warships. Information has been given out concerning the various regiments and brigades, the cavalry and artillery, the army service and army medical corps, and all other subdivisions of the force which is Canada's greatest contribution to any war. And though the composition of the force follows along conventional lines, there is at least one subdivision of the artillery service which is entirely new in this country. That is the Sifton Automobile Machine Gun Brigade which on September 25th paraded through Ottawa from the Rockcliffe Ranges en route to Valcartier. Pictures of two of these motor-guns are shown on this page. The cars are armoured to bullet-proof at anything over a hundred yards, with bullet-proof shields in front. Each car is mounted with a rapid-fire machine gun, capable of 400 rounds a minute. The brigade is divided into A and B batteries with four cars in each. Twelve other cars carry ammunition,



These two photographs were secured under difficulties. Naturally the Government were not anxious to have too much known about the embarkation of the Canadian expeditionary force at Quebec. Now that the army is safely on its way, there can be no harm in giving this pictorial record of the event.

repairs and gasoline, and one of large size is used for hospital purposes. A bicycle squad of riflemen acts as scouts to the brigade, which is under command of Major Brutinel. The entire cost of this machine gun brigade has been undertaken by public and private citizens, including Hon. Clifford Sifton, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Mr. J. R. Booth, Sir Donald Mann, Warren Y. Soper, Sir Henry Egan, H. S. Holt, Mortimer H. Davis, Hugh Paton, Huntley Drummond, C. W. McLean, W. A. Downey, T. A. Burrow and Major Brutinel. The donors are resident in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Brockville.

The departure of the Canadian contingent was the most spectacular event that ever made history in any Canadian port. It was more impressive than the marine spectacle of the Tercentenary at Quebec in 1908. But while the Tercentenary furnished pages of copy for the newspapers in a time of peace, the sailing of a Canadian army almost a third the size of the first British expeditionary force sent to Boulogne, was given less than a column of space in the press. A proof that Canada, in this war, is not concerned with mere pageants.