

## Defence

Tweedsmuir, Right Honourable Baron, Governor General of Canada.

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## TWEEDSMUIR LAUDS CANADIAN MILITIA

Refers to 'Patriotic Spirit  
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Calgary, September 3.—(C)—Canada, like Great Britain, must have a militia, not too large, but fully equipped and perfectly trained, said Baron Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, when speaking to members of the Alberta Military Institute here today.

"I take my hat off to the Canadian Militia," said His Excellency. "Their patriotic spirit and efficiency gives me a feeling of greater security concerning this land of ours."

The Governor-General declared no civilized country could afford to be without a defence policy.

"No country today is safe from danger. No country can be isolated. Canada has to think out a policy of defence and take steps to implement it," he said.

In stressing the necessity of Dominion defence, the Governor-General said:

"In peace times Canada and Britain were inclined to think of other things rather than defence. But neither Britain nor Canada could afford an inefficient and poorly equipped militia. The Dominion must have a militia, not too large but fully equipped and perfectly trained."

Baron Tweedsmuir remarked it was his duty as Commander-in-Chief to interest himself in the matter.

"The last war did not lead to perpetual peace as had been anticipated," he added, and there was still a long way to travel to reach that goal. No country could afford to be without a defence policy.

He referred to the "stupendous achievements" made by Canadians "as the spearhead of the British army" in the Great War.

Earlier the Governor-General paid tribute to Calgary which, he said, "gave me one of the biggest and best receptions I ever had."

When the King's representative in Canada arrived here last night, more than 8,000 people were at the railway station to greet him. Among them were Mayor Andrew Davison, Lieut.-Gov. W. L. Walsh of Alberta and Sir Edward Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

"Lord Tweedsmuir took particular delight in the large number of ex-servicemen who turned out," Mayor Davison reported.

A number of civic functions occupied Their Excellencies today, and tomorrow they will visit King Edward's "E.P." Ranch at Pekisko, 50 miles south of here.

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There has been very little editorial comment in the English press on His Excellency's speech to the Alberta Military Institute, but the following excerpts will give the trend of editorial opinion:

Saskatoon Star Phoenix, Sept. 5th:

"In endeavouring to arouse public interest in such matters His Excellency is performing a

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