

## Flotsam and Jetsam.

### CANADA AT THE FRONT.

The following eloquent tribute to our soldiers of 1915 was written by an appreciative journalist across the border, and appeared in the Cleveland News of April 22nd, 1922:—

North, over the border, to-day in every community leal-hearted citizens of the Dominion are holding commemorative services for the sons of the maple, lying in Flanders fields, who held the line for liberty from April 22 to April 24 seven years ago. In proud and loving memory mothers and fathers of these heroes recall the battle of battles of the World War, in which the picked conscripts of continental Europe hurled themselves for three consecutive days on the flower of the youth of Canada and in the end retired baffled, leaving on the field thrice 10,000 dead.

The true story of the world's salvation from militarism by that little band of stalwart souls, known as the First Canadian Division, history will tell. The battle of St. Julien was the start of a series of displays of Canadian heroism and efficiency that marked the Flanders and Picardy campaigns of the great war wherever emergency occurred, and which has added to the glory of patriotic achievement the events chronicled by the names of Festubert, Givenchy, Vimy, Cambrai and a score more.

Untested men from farm and factory, numbering less than 10,000, had been placed between two French armies to block the enemy's determination to achieve the French channel ports. To Von Falkenhayn's command to his German troops to pulp the Canadians and break through, no matter the cost, an answer was given which ranks St. Julien with Thermopylae and The Alamo, with the difference that St. Julien had her messengers of victory, albe' they numbered but 400, all that was left of Canada's vanguard in the fight for civilization.

Deserted by the Algerian corps on its left; its right bared by the retreat of the extreme eastern French wing, this pigmy army stood. Defying the repeated charges of the magnificent Prussian guard, 10 service battalions of which dissolved themselves against that unbreakable human wall; scornful alike of gas and bomb these Canadians fought for 72 hours to achieve