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INTRODUCTION

THE writer of the following pages has done me the honour of inviting me to act as sponsor to his book, by adding an introduction.

Having read the contents very carefully, I have arrived at the conclusion that an introduction, especially from my pen, is absolutely unnecessary; and I am confident that the readers of this book, before they have read many pages, will cordially concur with me. Nevertheless, I have gladly and willingly consented to do so.

In the first place I would like to offer my congratulations to the author, for the charming and appropriate title he has selected for his book. No better name could have been chosen; none more suitable.

The "Maple Leaves" will, I feel sure, never wither, but will always flourish, fresh and verdant,

for many years to come over the "Fields" of the English-speaking people in every part of the civilized world.

Personally I am glad to associate myself with anything emanating from a Canadian source. I am proud to number many Canadians among my friends at the front, for all of whom I entertain a profound respect, love, and admiration; and I am therefore delighted, and honoured, in being afforded the opportunity of assisting in the launch of this latest Canadian venture on the stormy sea of literature. If I can in any way help in giving it a fair wind on its first voyage, it will be a great pleasure to me to do so.

Although all the names in this work are fictitious (including the author's), many of the persons mentioned are well known to me, and I can therefore more fully appreciate the jokes and witticisms herein related, better, perhaps, than others who are not so well known to them. The book is, practically, a narration of the experiences of some of the members belonging to the first Canadian Contingent that crossed the Atlantic to aid us in this world-wide war.