

*Soldiers Who Have Bled, Not Wheat Millionaires,  
Own Canada Today, Says Canon Scott of Quebec*

*Senior Padre of Canadian First Division, Who Wears  
Five Chevrons on His Sleeve, Speaks What He De-  
clares Are the Sentiments of the Army—No  
Longer Belongs to Any Political Party*

MONTREAL, May 30.—Canon Scott, of Quebec—or to give him his full military title, Lt.-Col. the Rev. F. G. Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O. the beloved senior padre of the 1st Canadian Division—is spending a few days in Montreal. A gold stripe on his coat sleeve proclaims the shrapnel wound that took him from the firing line in the latter days of last September, during the great hundred days' advance, but from the time of its mobilization in Valcartier in the autumn of 1914, until that time, Canon Scott had carried on on the battle front with "the old red patch."

Canon Scott is an enthusiast in the interests of the returning soldiers.

"I look upon these young fellows, the finest and bravest young chaps that the world has ever produced, to save Canada," he said. "Over and over again I have impressed upon the men overseas that they are the government of Canada. 'Graft this on your memories; write it home to your people. I have said, 'that we own Canada.'

It isn't the millionaires who may have cornered wheat that are the government of this country, but the men who have fought and bled for Canada, the men who have become the heirs and trustees of those who died for Canada.

"We have certain paid officials at Ottawa to carry out the will of the people, but the people are the government, and if those paid officials are doing their work unsatisfactorily it is the duty of the people to get new servants at Ottawa."

### **Five Service Chevrons**

The five service chevrons on Canon Scott's right sleeves, one crimson and

our blue flashed into view, as he turned to stride the length of the room while he emphasized the political power of the soldier at greater length. Before he went to the war he had been accustomed to vote for one political party, he said. He no longer holds firmly to either party. "I think my sentiment is the sentiment of the army," he said, "I shall vote for the right man and the right principle, regardless of party affiliation."

"I have told the men that as far as I had opportunity to help them get work in Canada I would gladly use it," he said later.

"I feel strongly that Canada should give them work, not because they have come home in any sense in a pauperized condition expecting a reward, but because we want Canada ruled by the men who have been schooled in that great university of character—the battlefield."

"When the men who have learned self-discipline and self-sacrifice and the power to govern others, when those men, I say, bring their high ideals and their courage to the positions of high trust in Canada we may well feel confident that the country will be well run."

### **Rid Canada of Aliens**

Touching on the question of Canada's alien population, Canon Scott declared that it was a surprise to him that the government had so long tolerated the foreign element. "Such an element must continue to foment trouble," he declared. "It seems to me that there is no excuse for the delay in getting rid of our alien enemy population."

The suggestion of the word "reconstruction" displeased the padre. "I hate that catchword," he remarked. "We want to build the country up on the simple principles of Christianity. At the front we have learned which things are the things that matter. To those things we must hold. We must restore the old-fashioned home life, men marrying young and finding their chief pleasure in their homes. We want the banks, for instance, to see that their employees receive enough pay to enable them to marry and to have large families early in life."

"Anything which retards the formation of the Christian home is hostile to the interests of the nation."

Discussing the religion of the men at the front, Canon Scott had this to say, "The men were pretty much the same as they were at home, but perhaps a little bit better. The vision of the fatherhood of God came to many of them who probably had never seen it before."

### **Honor to Canada**

He reverted to the soldier's relation to the government of the country. "Speaking particularly of the glorious old First Division, the 'Old Red Patch,' for I know them well, I am sure that the vote of all the men will always be absolutely sound," he said.

"Canada has a glorious opportunity in this new dawn of a better world, to build up through the agency of young citizens, tried and proved as our men have been, a nation that shall avoid the issues that have caused trouble to the older nations, and that shall measure up to the great possibilities that await a people whose watch words are comradeship and equal rights for all."

Canon Scott declares that never was he so proud of his British citizenship as he is at present, and of Canada's part in the Great War he remarked, "Though the United States has done splendid things, the place of honor on this continent will always be held by Canada."