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*“With generous hands they paid the price,
Unconscious of the cost;
But we must gauge the sacrifice
By all that they have lost.”*

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PREFACE

The purpose of this volume is to place on record in an enduring form the achievements of the people of Lennox and Addington in the Great War. No event in the history of the county stirred them to such depths or called forth such prolonged and united efforts, the full effect of which no one can measure. The zeal displayed in the cause that lay so near to the hearts of all classes and ages was a revelation to themselves, for when they once grasped the full significance of the issues at stake, all other considerations were laid aside and all their energies were centred upon the winning of the war. There were, of course, exceptions in both town and country; but these only emphasized the general rule that the great mass of the people were thoroughly alive to the needs of the situation. They were living in a new world, breathing a new but invigorating atmosphere and as they paused in their manifold efforts, when the war was at its fiercest stage, and looked back upon the peaceful days of a few years before, it all seemed strange to them. So, now, since the belligerents have laid down their arms, and we look back to the days of the war, we ask ourselves "can it be that we actually passed through all those years of turmoil, strife, anxiety and sorrow?" There is such a difference between peace and war that our very natures seem to have undergone a change in passing from the one to the other. They are so wholly irreconcilable, that we find it difficult to reconstruct in our minds a true picture of one period while we are engrossed in the other. If this be true of most of us so soon after the war has ceased, how essential it is that

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we should now, while events are fresh in our memories, endeavor to preserve for future generations a record of what took place in our own county and what was done by those whom we may fairly claim as representing our county during this most eventful period of our history.

Many were the misgivings before the testing time actually arrived, as to how our soldier lads, with no previous military experience or training, would measure up with the regulars of the Old Country when brought face to face with the skilled fighting machine of the Teutons. All doubts were dispelled after their first baptism of fire. Indeed, their reputation for bravery and resourcefulness increased to such an extent, that the shifting of the Canadians to a new position on the Western front was a signal to the Germans immediately to strengthen that particular point and when General Haig required shock troops to pierce the Hindenburg Line, the Canadians were chosen for the performance.

Quite as remarkable was the manner in which they were absorbed again upon demobilization into the civilian population. Our government and press for months after the armistice was signed were greatly agitated to know what to do in order to re-establish our returned men, and found in the end, with very rare exceptions, that the returned soldier problem, as the vexed question was styled, had solved itself. They simply disappeared into civilian life, and a modest bronze button worn in the left lapel of the coat is the only visible sign in most instances that the wearer once belonged to the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

The authors realize that the whole of the county's part in the war can never be told. We found ourselves confronted with difficulties at every turn, especially in respect to securing information regarding the volunteers for the army. Among the first to respond to their country's call were scores of young men who had been born in the Old Land and who, perhaps, had resided in Canada only a few years. Their dearest ties were still in the Old Country