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As "A Sign of the Times," and marking the trend of Canadian enterprise, it is gratifying to note the growing conviction throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion that Canada ought to manufacture and supply her soldiers with the munitions and accoutrements of war.

The question often arises, what should we do in case of an emergency, being thousands of miles from our base of supplies, and the ocean intervening. That such a condition exists is to be deplored; however, the initial steps have been taken in many directions to obviate the difficulty and to make this magnificent country all inclusive and self-sustaining.

Mr. William Scully, knowing that it was the desire of the authorities of the various departments at Ottawa to have as many of their requirements as possible manufactured in this country, recently made a lengthy visit to Great Britain, where he purchased the necessary machinery, all of latest design and at the same time secured the services of thoroughly qualified foremen to take charge of the respective departments.

While walking through the different sections of this new plant, one is astonished at the bewildering number of machines and processes through which the various insignia have to pass before badge or button reaches the wearer.

Each section is thoroughly supplied with the necessary new and up-to-date machinery, which includes Stamping Machines, Presses, Burnishing Machines, Lathes, Lacquering Tables, Forges, Ovens, Acid Vats, Sewing Machines, etc., etc.

On our way through we observed an expert die-sinker from Great Britain, busily engaged making dies required for the manufacture of uniform buttons and badges.

Passing into the upper regions of the factory, the eye meets an army of men and women turning out caps, helmets of various shapes and styles for both military and civil uses.

Perhaps the most interesting department of all is that in which we saw a number of women occupied in the manufacture of gold and silver embroidery. The women are thoroughly experienced and were taken from the most famous gold and silver embroidery houses in England. From the remotest ages the work of gold and silver embroiderers has been held in high esteem, and there are few who will not be interested to know that badges and insignia of the finest artistic tracery are being made by hand in this establishment.

Mr. Scully is emphatic in stating that he is producing at the present time accoutrements that cannot be excelled by any firm in Great Britain, and this statement can be readily substantiated by experts examining and comparing the Canadian article with other makes.

It will be a matter of interest to know that this is the first and only firm in Canada engaged in the manufacture of the goods mentioned below.

Among the articles now being produced in this establishment are Military, Naval and general Uniform Caps, also helmets, uniform buttons and metal badges of every description, and accoutrements for military, naval, police and other forces.

We may say in passing that for years Mr. William Scully has supplied the Dominion Government with helmets, forage caps, metal badges, uniform buttons, embroidered rank badges, chevrons, waterproof coats, oilskin caps, etc. etc., for use by the Departments of Militia and Defence, Marine and Fisheries, the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Post Office Department. Various railway companies, police departments, steamship companies, etc., are also being supplied by him.

A fine variety of swords, spurs, sashes, and in fact everything required for the equipment of an officer or non-commissioned officer is always carried in stock.