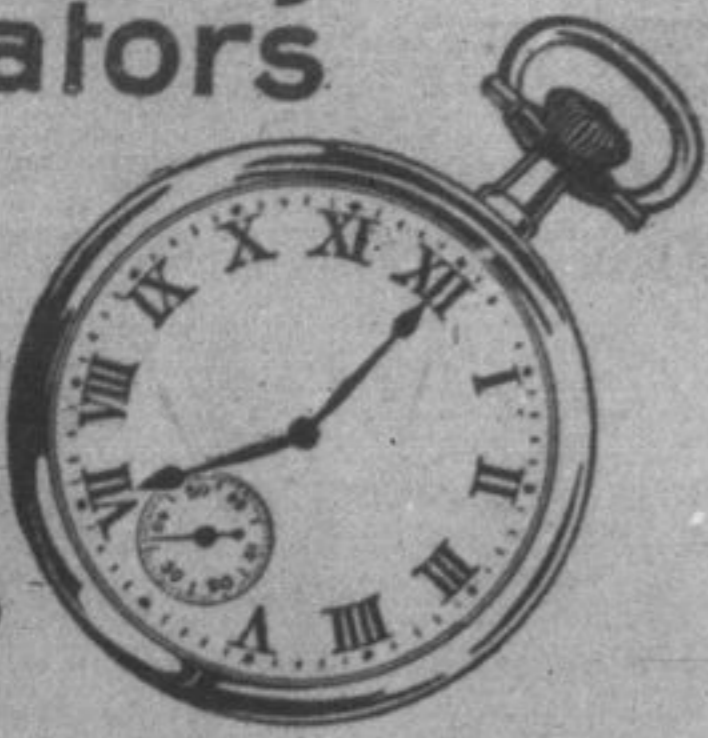


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REPORT on the operations of the Military Service Act up to the end of March, prepared by the Military Service Council and presented to Parliament, contains this outstanding statement: "There can be no doubt that the men available in Class 1, except in the Province of Quebec, are at the point of exhaustion, and that if the stream of reinforcements for the troops overseas is to be maintained there is no alternative but to call out the other classes."

The report covers at considerable length the story of the organization and operation of the machinery of the act since the Council was appointed on September 3rd last. The net result up to March 30th had been that 31,295 men had been actually placed on duty, or 7.86 per cent. of the total registrations in Class 1. This 31,295 includes 11,859 men in Category A, who reported for service before the men of their class were actually called out, and of these 2,347 afterwards claimed exemptions. The net total of the men actually drafted, therefore, is apparently under 20,000 up to the end of March. And notwithstanding this comparatively small number, the Military Service Council now declares that the only alternative to stopping the stream of reinforcements is to call out men of the other classes. It may be noted, however, that since this report was written other action has been taken by the Government.

Figures given as to the exemptions granted are of significance, in view of the Government's decision to abolish all exemptions for Class A men between the ages of 20 and 25, inclusive. Of 372,769 cases disposed of by the Exemption Tribunals, 30,263 were granted temporary exemption, of whom 14,991 were given exemption later; 98,048 were exempted on the ground of farming and dairying; 1,936 on the ground of being mariners or fishermen; 4,173 as being railway employees; 1,633 as being civil servants, and 5,136 as being manufacturers. The total number exempted on the ground of employment was 137,419. The total number placed in medical Categories B, C, D, and E was 115,763, of whom 22,943 are B men. On the ground of religious belief there were 636 exemptions, and 3,493 were exempted under the provisions of the War-time Elections Act.

The report notes that in every province, except Quebec, the appeals lodged from the decisions of the local tribunals by applicants for exemption considerably exceeded the number entered by the military representatives. The small number of appeals by the military authorities, outside of Quebec, is asserted to be an indication that the tribunals did not err on the side of leniency, a view which is emphatically confirmed by the fact that in every district the appeal tribunals allowed a majority, and in some cases a very large majority, of appeals by claimants for exemption, while everywhere but in Saskatchewan and British Columbia the majority of the appeals by the military representatives were rejected.

Dealing with the unsatisfactory results in the Province of Quebec, the report says that some of the judges did their utmost to assist in the disposition of appeals, and to give a fair and reasonable effect to the provisions of the act in regard to exemptions, "but in some other cases the smooth operation of the act has been much impaired by decisions for which there does not seem to be any adequate ground."

Statistics given as to appeals before the Central Appeal Tribunals up to March 30th show that up to that date the total number of appeals lodged was 7,735, of which 3,528 still awaited decision. Appeals by applicants for exemption dealt with by Mr. Justice Duff totalled 4,495. Of these 3,109 were dismissed, 105 were allowed exemption, and 881 allowed conditional exemption. Of 14 appeals by military representatives, Mr. Justice Duff has allowed 113 and disallowed only 1.

Comparative figures by districts as to the percentage of men who have been actually placed on duty compared with the total registration of Class 1, are illuminative. For London district the number of men secured up to March 30 was 2,583, or 9.59 per cent. of the registration; for Toronto district 7,351, or 11.91 per cent.; for Kingston district, 3,442, or 8.22 per cent.; for Montreal district, 2,698, or 5.72 per cent.; for

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Bishop at the Front. Lt.-Col. A. U. de Pencier, Bishop of New Westminster, B.C., has just returned after three years of strenuous work with the Canadian army in France. Bishop de Pencier is the only Canadian bishop of the Anglican Church who has been overseas with the chaplain service. He speaks highly of the co-operation of the various religious representatives connected with the Canadian army under Col. the Rev. Canon Almond, of Montreal. Bishop de Pencier has two sons in the army and a third son intends to join the Royal Flying Corps.

AT WAR WITH SNOBBERY. Talk of Limiting Titles Dates Back to 1902. The recent action of the Canadian Government with regard to titles, which will lead to a greater economy in snobbery in our young democracy, recalls the fact that other efforts were made in the past in the same direction. That was before the British understood Canadians as well as they now do. The suggestion that the Canadian Government should advise the crown upon the exercise of the prerogative of bestowing honors and titular distinctions was put forward in 1902, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was Prime Minister. At that time, however, the late Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain took the position that in all but exceptional cases the responsibility of recommending persons for honors rested upon the Imperial Government. He suggested that if service of a political or administrative character rendered in the sphere of the Canadian Government was to be recognized that Government might make recommendations. In other cases in which it was proposed to confer honors the Dominion Prime Minister would simply be entitled to make such observations as he might desire upon a list submitted to him.

It is interesting to note that at the present time the list of Canadian peers to which it is proposed there shall be an addition, and which will if the Government's proposal is carried out become extinct, includes two earls, eight barons, two baronesses and ten baronets. Of that list only four barons, one of them holding the title of Baron de Longueuil, granted by Louis XIV. of France, and recognized by Queen Victoria, and four baronets, actually reside in Canada. Lord Shaughnessy and Lord Atholstan in Montreal, Lord Aylmer in the Okanagan Valley, B.C., and Lord Somers in Pickering, Ont. Lord Somers, however, succeeded to an English title before coming to settle in Canada. Five baronets live in the Dominion, Sir Joseph Flavelle in Toronto, Sir Edmund Johnston Hunt, Col. Sir Edward Murray and Sir Vincent Meredith, of Montreal, and Sir Charles Tupper, of Winnipeg. Sir Edward Johnston and Sir Edward Murray succeeded to titles conferred in 1755 and 1826 respectively.

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