

# TOTAL NUMBER OF DRAFTEES IN CANADA 30,248

## NEARLY FOUR THOUSAND MEN DISOBEY ORDERS TO REPORT

**Military Service Council Statement Shows That 30,248 Draftees in Canada Reported for Duty, in Addition to 8,795 Volunteers, Since the Military Service Act Became Operative—In the St. John District 1,124 Were Ordered to Report and 978 Responded.**

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Sir Robert Borden this afternoon handed out a report received by him from the military service council with respect to the operation of the military service act. It shows that the total number of volunteers from September 1st to January 31st (including men of all classes under the M. S. A. up to October 13th, and men of classes other than class 1 since that date) to be 8,795.

Volunteers from the United States from September 1st to January 31st, numbered 7,653, making a total of 16,448 volunteers. Men called by the proclamation of October, who reported or joined in advance of being ordered to do so, numbered 6,548. Men who joined units for duty in pursuance of that order numbered 16,786, while men ordered to report or about to be ordered to report, in February numbered 7,614. This makes a total number of draftees 30,248, and the total reinforcements, including volunteers, 46,696.

Many Disobey Order.  
In addition, orders to report for duty have been issued to 3,821 men who are said not to have reported according to order. Some of these, the statement says, have doubtless joined in other districts than those in which they were ordered to join, and the necessary notifications have not yet been received.

The report to the prime minister proceeds: "There were on February 2nd, 52,156 claims for exemption which were pending before the tribunals either local or appeal, including the central appeal judge. Of these 28,683 were pending before the appeal tribunals in the province of Quebec, and 4,977 more before the local tribunals in that province."

Haste Urged.  
The judges and tribunals are being urged to cause these pending claims to be disposed of as early a date as possible, and it is hoped that these representations will be effective. The very large number of cases pending in the province of Quebec is due to

the fact that the military authorities were obliged to accept appeals from the widespread exemptions in that province, and impartially in the administration of the M. S. A.

The comparatively small number of men called into active service in the province of Quebec, results from the fact that only those could be called up in the first instance who did not apply for exemption, or whose claims for exemption were refused and who did not appeal.

The hearing of appeals by the central appeal judge will be expedited whenever necessary by the appointment, upon his recommendation of judges to assist him in the rapid disposal of cases awaiting decision of appeals. A Re-examination.  
In addition to the assertion of appeals, a medical review board has been instituted in each district which will undertake re-examination of those declared to be medically unfit in every case where there is reason to doubt the validity of the exemption on the ground of physical unfitness.

Table of Statistics

Military District	Ordered to report	Total reported
1—London	1,281	1,195
2—Toronto	6,140	5,238
3—Kingston	1,535	1,236
4—Montreal	2,234	1,619
5—Quebec	1,551	97
6—Halifax	391	217
7—St. John	1,124	978
10—Winnipeg	1,573	2,225
11—Vancouver	1,170	1,237
12—Regina	1,362	1,497
13—Calgary	1,283	1,147
Totals	22,008	16,786

## LORD READING PAYS TRIBUTE TO DOMINION

Tells Soldiers Britain is Proud of Part Canada Played in the War and is Loudly Cheered by Returned Men.

Halifax, Feb. 12.—The Morning Chronicle tomorrow will publish a dispatch from Dr. J. D. Logan, late sergeant of the 55th Battalion, France. Dr. Logan writes:

An Atlantic Port, (aboard H. M. Transport), Feb. 10, (delayed in transit)—"I am imitating the spirit of our fighting lads—going to Washington, just as you went to France, to do my duty," said Lord Reading, British plenipotentiary to the United States, in an address to returning Canadian soldiers.

Three ringing volleys of cheers from two thousand returning Canadian soldiers was the hearty appreciative "send off" His Excellency Lord Reading received here today when he and his personal entourage, Colonel Swinton and Major Stuart passed down the gangway of H. M. Transport, to entrain for Washington.

Loudly Cheered.  
The salvo of cheers were a tribute to Lord Reading's display of geniality and democratic good fellowship towards the returning Canadian veterans who had done their bit in France and Flanders. But the cheering was also, and much more, an expression of gratitude on the part of the troops for a very memorable, though short and pointed, address which His Excellency had made.

The core of Lord Reading's short address had for its topics two chief points—the part Canada had played in the war (and her consequent place in the sun) and what the returned soldiers could do by way of carrying on with a "second bit" in the reconstruction period, which would follow as soon as the current world war had ended. But he spoke without any show of superior wisdom or preachy didacticism.

Proud of Canada.  
"Great Britain," said His Excellency, "feels, and displays a keener and prouder interest in Canada and her progress than in other overseas dominions. This is but natural since Canada is the eldest, vastest in area and nearest by travel to the motherland. This interest was intensified by the war; and the British people closely watched to see what part Canada would take in the conduct of the war. In this regard, it is safe to say, without any invidiousness, that Canada was first and foremost amongst the overseas dominions of the Empire. (Cheers and applause.)"

## GOOD DIGESTION

To be able to eat what you want and to digest it properly is a priceless blessing. Good digestion is not appreciated until you lose it. Then you cannot afford to experiment, for strong medicines are hard on weak stomachs. If you have indigestion do not be persuaded into believing you can cure yourself by the use of pre-digested foods or so-called stomach tonics. There is no tonic for the stomach that is not a tonic for every part of the body. It is through the blood that the stomach gets its power to assimilate and digest food, and as the blood goes to every part of the body any improvement in its condition not only results in strengthening the stomach, but every organ in the body. Rich, red blood is absolutely necessary to good digestion. If your stomach is weak and you are troubled with sour risings in the throat, a feeling of pressure about the heart, or nausea after eating, try the tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. So many dyspepsias have been cured by this medicine that every sufferer from stomach trouble should try it. You will soon know the joy of good digestion and enjoy better health in other ways if you give this medicine a fair trial.

You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Bassen's Stocktaking Counter Thursday Sale will commence on Friday, Feb. 15 at 14-16-18 Chr. St. No branches.

McAvoy With Athletics.  
Catcher James McAvoy, former Canadian and International Leaguer, will be with the Athletics this year after a year's absence. He was drafted and ordered to an army camp, but a brother who was left as support of their mother became invalided and so the catcher was granted exemption.

Meanwhile German airplanes are still flying over the American positions in an endeavor to obtain information as to the number of men there and how they are ranged.

The Italian Front.  
While the Austrians at last accounts were still trying out the Italian line on the Sette Comuni and at other points and meeting with sanguinary defeat for their pains, behind the fighting line they and the Germans are playing the role of vandals, using violence against the natives, pillaging their homes and stores and sending back to their own countries foodstuffs and other spoils. Even women and children are being brutally treated by the troops.

Several additional successful raids by the British, in which German officers and men were captured and others killed and heavy artillery fighting between the French and Germans on various sectors sums up the activities that have been in progress on the western front. The American sharpshooters and artillery men are keeping up their good work against the Germans in front of their positions, having with their shrapnel fire compelled the enemy to almost abandon first line trenches and with their sharpshooters and rapid fire guns forced snipers to quit their posts and seek safety at other places.

# Mid-Winter Shoe Clearance Sale

Here's a straight out and out, open and above board Clearance Sale of Good Shoes. A Shoe Sale that needs no brag or bluster—no extravagant claims or excuses. It's genuine, and it offers a real saving for these days of strenuous shoe prices.

If You've Ever Attended One of Our Clearance Sales, You'll Know What a Big Saving This Means; If You've Not, Come and Learn

This Season, when Shoes are "Up" in price and Good Shoes are a Luxury, Our Clearance Sale Means More than it Meant Before

NOTE THE PRICES AND NOTE THE GREAT SAVING!

Women's High-Cut, Mahogany Calf Lace Boots—Medium heel, sport last. Regular \$8.35, Now \$4.85	Women's Tan Rubbers—Regular \$1.15, Now 58c.	Women's Gun Metal Boots—Cloth top, button, Goodyear welt. Regular \$2.85, Now \$2.43
Women's Grey Kid High-Cut, Nine-Inch Top Lace Boots—Plain toe, Louis heel. Regular \$8.50, Now \$4.85	Women's Satin Pumps—Black, white, blue, pink, yellow; slightly curled, Now 98c.	Women's Patent Button Boots—Calf top, narrow toe, Goodyear welt. Regular \$3.85, Now \$2.85
Women's Black Kid High-Cut Lace Boots—Louis heel. Now \$3.85	Women's Plain Black or Patent Leather Boots—Also Samples, odds and ends of various lines. Clearance Sale \$1.98	Women's Patent Button Boots—Cloth top, plain toe, Goodyear welt. Regular \$3.85, Now \$2.43
Women's Black Kid Lace Boots—Imitation tip, medium heel, Goodyear welt, Now \$4.85	You Can Buy \$6.00, \$5.50 and \$4.35 Boots Now at \$2.85	Women's Patent Button Boots—Cloth top, round toe, Goodyear welt. Value \$5.00, Now \$2.43
Women's High-Cut Gun Metal Button Boots—Plain top, spool heel. Regular \$5.35, Now \$3.85	Women's Lace and Button Boots—All genuine Goodyear welts, in gun metal calf and patent calf of best grade, in all sizes and widths. These boots are made on a very nice variety of lasts, including the medium long toe. This sensible style in patent button is the correct boot for dress occasions today. Perfect fit guaranteed.	Women's Gun Metal Button Boots—Cloth top, Goodyear welt, Cuban heel, plain toe. Clearance sale, \$2.85
Women's Nine-Inch Black Kid Lace Boots—Louis heel, Goodyear welt. Regular \$5.85, Now \$4.85	THINK OF THE GRADES WE OFFER \$4.35 to \$6.00 Women's Boots at \$2.85	Men's Regal Tan Lace Boots—Recede toe. Sizes 5 1-2 to 7 1-2. Regular \$6.50, Now \$4.85
Women's African Brown High Lace Boots—Fawn Suede top, medium heel. Sizes 2 1-2, 3 and 3 1-2. Regular \$5.50, Now \$4.85	Women's Gun Metal Button Boots—Plain toe, Cuban heel, Goodyear welt, Clearance Sale, \$2.43	Men's Box Calf Blucher Boots—Leather lined, Goodyear welt. Instead of \$8.00, Now \$5.65
Women's Grey Kid High Lace Boots—Medium heel. Regular \$6.50, Now \$4.85	Women's Gun Metal Button Boots—Neolin sole, medium heel, Now \$2.85	Men's Gun Metal Button Boots—Sizes 5 1-2 to 8; \$8.00 quality, Now \$4.85
Women's High-Cut Grey Kid Lace Boots—Cloth top, Regular \$6.50, Now \$3.85		Men's Regal Tan Blucher Boots—Wide toe, leather lined, two full soles. Sizes 5 to 7 1-2, Now \$4.85
Women's Grey Kid High Lace Boots—White kid top, Goodyear welt. Sizes 5, 5 1-2, 6, 6 1-2, 7. Regular \$6.50, Now \$3.85		Men's Black Regal Boots—Regular \$5.00, Now \$3.85
Women's Black Gun Metal Lace Boots—Grey buck top, medium heel, imitation wing top, Goodyear welt. \$3.85 to \$6.50, Now \$3.85		Men's Box Calf Blucher Boots—Wide toe, bellows tongue, two full soles, Goodyear welt, Clearance price \$4.85
Women's Gun Metal Button Boots—Calf top, Cuban heel, medium height toe; \$6.00 quality, Now \$2.85		Youths' Dark Tan High-Cut Sporting Boots—Clearance Sale \$2.43
		Men's Laces \$10c. doz.

# WIEZEL'S CASH STORE

243-247 UNION STREET

Store Open Evenings Monday Friday and Saturday

Store Closes Evenings Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p. m.

## THE BELLIGERENTS PREPARING FOR A TERRIFIC BATTLE

(Continued from Page 1)

Entente Not Idle.  
While the German reinforcements have been coming up the Entente commanders have not been lying idle and waiting for the offensive to begin. On the other hand they everywhere have strengthened their positions to meet any emergency, and optimism is expressed both from British and French sources that should the Germans strike—no matter how early the moment—they will meet with stubborn resistance from gun and manpower.

The Associated Press correspondent with the French headquarters says the French authorities consider that the total number of the enemy now facing the French, British, American and Belgian troops or held in reserve aggregates 2,340,000 men. Recent statements from the British military authorities in Great Britain have been to the effect that the preponderance of weight in both men and gun power still lies with the Entente armies.

Successful Raids.  
Several additional successful raids by the British, in which German officers and men were captured and others killed and heavy artillery fighting between the French and Germans on various sectors sums up the activities that have been in progress on the western front. The American sharpshooters and artillery men are keeping up their good work against the Germans in front of their positions, having with their shrapnel fire compelled the enemy to almost abandon first line trenches and with their sharpshooters and rapid fire guns forced snipers to quit their posts and seek safety at other places.

still flying over the American positions in an endeavor to obtain information as to the number of men there and how they are ranged.

## HENNING'S TRIAL NEARLY OVER

Naturalized German Declares He is Loyal United States Citizen and Does Not Want Germany to Win.

New York, Feb. 13.—Paul C. H. Hennig, naturalized German, made emphatic protestations of loyalty to the United States while testifying in his own behalf in the Brooklyn federal court today where he is on trial for treason. He is alleged to have mutilated with "traitorous and malicious intent," parts of gyroscopes made in the E. W. Bliss munitions factory where he formerly was a foreman. The gyroscopes were intended for use by the United States navy.

"I am with the United States, here I make my living, and I am a citizen," Hennig fairly shouted in answer to a question of his attorney.

"Did you ever have any feeling that you wanted Germany to win this war?" was another question asked.

"No, sir, I did not," was the answer. Hennig said many of his brother members of a fraternal organization were with the American forces in France, and that he had the same feelings for them as any father would have.

It is expected Hennig's examination will be completed tomorrow. Counsel tonight said the case probably will be in the hands of the jury by Friday night.

Link up with the Edison Rotary Mimeograph—More duplicates, better done, more quickly—The Office Man's Printing Press—on the spot. A. M. Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr. 37 Dock street, St. John, N. B.

## FOOD HOLD-UP MEN LOSE LICENSE

United States Food Board Pursues Grasping, Profiteering Concern Out of Business.

New York, Feb. 12.—The federal food board here took its most drastic action thus far when it recommended to the national food administration today that the food license of B. Baff & Co. be revoked for the duration of the war.

The Baff firm purchased eggs from the Iowa Producing Company at 28 1-2 cents a dozen last April and sold some of them as high as 51 cents to jobbers, at a time the government fixed price was 46, according to the local board's findings.

Barnet Baff, was shot and killed in the street a few years ago by agents of the so-called poultry trust, which he had fought. Several men are serving prison terms for the crime.

Peter Veregin, Their Leader, States They Are Considering Idea of Deserting U.S.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 13.—That the Doukhobours of Canada are considering the removal of all members of their several communities in Canada back to their native country in Russia, is the statement of Peter Veregin, leader of the Doukhobours in Canada, in Grand Forks recently.

## DOUKHOBOURS MAY REMOVE TO RUSSIA

Peter Veregin, Their Leader, States They Are Considering Idea of Deserting U.S.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 13.—That the Doukhobours of Canada are considering the removal of all members of their several communities in Canada back to their native country in Russia, is the statement of Peter Veregin, leader of the Doukhobours in Canada, in Grand Forks recently.

## Lemon Juice a Beautifier

How to prepare a beauty cream at little cost. Says lemon juice alone is too highly acid. Try this on face, neck, arms and hands!

Many women use just the juice of lemons to bleach or whiten the skin and to bring out the hidden beauty and lowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothener and beautifier. Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy or look for a quarter and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to bring back to any skin the whiteness, the sweet freshness and flexibility of which it has been robbed by careless soap and trying atmospheric conditions.