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*Toronto.* June 27, 1916.

The Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,  
The "Roxborough",  
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. King:-

I have just received yours of the 24th inst., and, barring accidents, I will be so glad to be in Ottawa on the morning of July 18th, to be of what service I can in the good work you and your confreres are doing.

I have felt for some time that the people generally, and the government are not recognizing their duties in regard to the men who are going to the front. It is all very well for the young fellows with no responsibilities of any kind to join the colors and do what is manifestly their duty to do, but when we ask a man with the responsibilities of a wife and family to do the same thing, I think we are asking too much unless the community is prepared to assume his responsibilities.

I wrote a letter to the "Globe" a short time ago, and am enclosing a copy of it. Perhaps you will be good enough to look it over and possibly you will see some way of bringing this matter to the attention of the Advisory Committee.

Life is being made unbearable by recruiting officers for many men who have only two alternatives presented to them: one of joining the colors and leaving their dependents to be supported by charity ( for there is no possibility of a

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