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The Canadians Require to be Largely Reinforced at Once

At the Present Rate of Casualties, Canada's Army Will Cease to Be a Fighting Unit Early in March—Future of Canada at Stake.

Halifax, Nov. 8.—"The question Canadians really have to decide is whether they are to continue in the war or follow the example of Russia. Explanations and reasons and excuses will then no longer be of avail."

This was the earnest statement of Major (Dr.) Macphail, back after an absence of two years and a half on active service. During that time he was with the 6th Field Ambulance, serving at the very front of the front, which he left not more than four weeks ago. Upon the means to be taken for furnishing reinforcements Major Mitchell had no opinion to offer but he remarked that any man who objected to selective draft could ease his conscience by enlisting of his own free will.

"Compulsory service," he said, "was imposed upon us not by our own government, but by the enemy who declared war upon us. We may like it or dislike it. All must accept it if the enemy is to be defeated."

"The whole future of Canada is at stake," said Major Macphail. "Quite apart from the possibility of defeat by the enemy, because unless we take our share in this thing we shall be held to strict account by the other parts of the Empire and by our own soldiers at the front, who will feel themselves forsaken."

"The time has come now that we have to make our choice, because it is the bond of Empire that keeps our own Confederation together, and if that breaks our Confederation flies apart."

A division was an organism in itself. If it fell below a certain strength it was useless for aggressive purposes. In that respect it was like an athletic team or a ship's crew; the complement of every arm must be complete. The work in campaigning was continuous. Men fell sick of minor ailments, and a man with a sprained ankle was quite as useless as if he had a broken neck. In a heavy action it was not unusual to have two thousand casualties. In that case the division must either be reinforced or sent out of the line.

Major Macphail protested that he was no authority upon these deep

matters, but it was quite clear that reinforcements were not coming forward in sufficient numbers to supply the wastage from sickness and casualties. It was only a question of time when the Canadian Corps would have to be withdrawn or broken up to reinforce other units, unless fresh troops were supplied at once. The 5th Division had not yet been in action, as reinforcing troops were not in sight, yet this division was complete to the last strap and buckle.

"Canadians have expected much from their generals, but neither Gen. Currie nor Gen. Turner can create an army out of nothing. They aid in creating an army out of chaos, but must at least have chaos to begin with. Even now if fresh troops were to come forward in unlimited numbers it would require at least four months to convert them into trained soldiers and transport them to the front."

With the present rate of casualties Major Macphail declared, it was inevitable that the Canadian army would be at a standstill early in March.

MAPLE GROVE, N. B.

Maple Grove, N. B., Nov. 7.—The weather for the past few days has been quite winter like. Mr. Dean Patrician, of Nova Scotia, has returned home after spending a few days with his friends in this place.

Mrs. Stephen Donnelly and daughter, Alice, spent on evening last week with Mrs. Norman Gallagher.

Miss Ellen Donnelly has returned home after spending a few days with her friends in Green Hill.

Mr. Willis White, of Cross Creek, N. B., is busily engaged hauling hay to Maple Grove Station.

Mr. Frank Carr, of the Tungsten Mine passed through this place en route to his home in Lake George.

Our mail man, Mr. C. R. Merrill, makes his regular trips.

Miss Minnie Cookson, of Cross Creek, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Todd Sanson, at Napadogan.

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Comrade Writes to His Father Regarding Heroism of Woodstock Boy.

S. L. Lynott, managing editor of the Carleton Sentinel, Woodstock, has received the following letter regarding the death in France of his son:

Dear Mr. Lynott—I regret that till now it has not occurred to me that I did not write you personally in relation to the death of your son, James Lynott, of the 24th V. B. C., from wounds received on the night of the 11th. He was struck by seventeen pieces of shrapnel from a H. E. shell. His strong constitution gave us hope that he would come through all right. His presence of mind after being hit was the same that had characterized him in the Somme fighting, when he took on the most dangerous task of getting back a message for the present O. C. then O. C. of company, getting through under terrific rifle and machine gun fire by jumping from shell hole to shell hole. He thus earned the admiration of both officers and men.

Personally I had reached a close stage of friendship with "Jim" during those long fall and winter nights of waiting.

I passed the graveyard where he is buried the other day in a little French village behind the line, and noted that the good sisters (who are always honoring the dead) had placed flowers on his grave and those of his comrades who form several great rows in the pretty and peaceful yard. I hope that Lieut. McLaughlin (a great friend of mine) and I may some day describe to you personally the details of how James Lynott lived a brave and daring soldier and died a "soldier's death."

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