

Hon. Sydney Fisher, speaking in Sherbrooke on the 26th March, said that "personally he believed that if Sir Sam Hughes had entrusted the task of recruiting in this Province to Major General Lessard, 50,000 French Canadians would now be in the fighting line."

On the morrow of that speech, it was announced in the Government press that General Lessard had been called to take charge of recruiting in Quebec. This comes rather late in the day, this being the third year of the war.

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The proportion of married men, which is much larger in Quebec than in the English provinces.

According to the last census, Ontario itself has in round figures 110,000 unmarried men above twenty years of age more than Quebec.

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The disparity of the rural population against Quebec.

It is well known that recruiting is much more effective in larger centres of population. Ontario, for instance, has 148 cities, towns and villages, with a population of 1,328,499 against Quebec