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Newspaper Gives Figures and Explains Reasons for Limitation

Quebec, April 19—Commenting on enlistment figures for Canada during the war, L'Evenement, the official Unionist organ in Quebec City, demonstrates that the French-Canadians took a proportionately good part in the manning of the Canadian armies overseas.

It quotes official figures from the department of militia, stating that 72,000 young men from Quebec province enlisted and served. It says that among the 450,000 young Canadians who donned the uniform, there was certainly a fair proportion of Quebec-born enlisted in other provinces where, it says, some 10,000 or 12,000 Quebec-born have moved to live previous to the war.

Of the 72,000 Quebec province men enlisted, says the paper, it is safe to state that at least 36,000 were French-Canadians, so that comprising the 10,000 or 15,000 other French-Canadian descendants that enlisted elsewhere in Canadian have furnished a contingent of some 50,000 young men to the armies of the empire.

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The paper further states that had French Canada been given more "show" at the time of enlistment this group of 50,000 French-Canadians would have been enlarged considerably. Among the things that the paper states as responsible for the non-enlistment of larger numbers of French-Canadians are:

1. The small number of French-Canadian officers and non-coms. compared to

dian officers and non-coms. compared to the number of English-speaking officers and non-coms.

2. The ignorance of the English language and of military affairs among the rural and laboring French-Canadian classes.

3. The inexperience and blunders of recruiting officers who worked under Sir Sam Hughes.

4. The fact that French-Canadians

A. The fact that French-Canadians have greater responsibilities to family affairs than the majority of English-speaking Canadians, owing to the large families in Quebec and so forth.

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Could Have Forestalled Crisis.

L'Evenement adds that at the very outset of the war, if those that attacked Quebec could have been silenced, we could have forestalled the crisis that in the end divided the two large races in get everything said up."—Judge,



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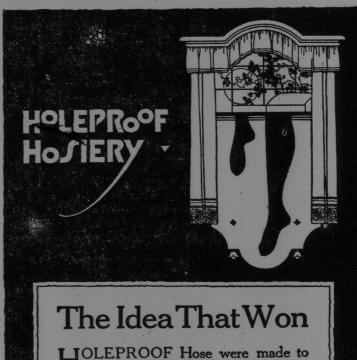
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