

practitioners are being called upon to come forward and take on the younger men's job, and it is announced that the Department of Defence will send to France within the next two months every available physician.

In New Zealand we are informed that "as regards medical service for the civilian population the position is now becoming very acute". The minister of public health there recently pointed out the absolute necessity which had arisen for the mobilization of the medical services, and the exercise of control in the location of physicians.

I have recently been invited, semi-officially, to ascertain who among the Toronto practitioners beyond the army service age are ready to step forward and assume the duties of house-physicians and surgeons, laboratory and dispensary assistants.

So far as figures are obtainable, 75 per cent. of the classes which have been graduated at our University since the war began have joined the C.A.M.C., or R.A.M.C. For three years past, therefore, the accessions to the ranks have been inadequate to supply the loss through death.

The second question is also important. This arose first in Britain, where, as it has proved unfortunately, all students of medicine under the fourth year were drafted as combatants. In the United States the question is now to the fore. The registration recently made covered 8,983 students of medicine, or 85.9 per cent. of all students upon the rolls of the medical schools. In Canada, at the outset, the men in the senior years were advised to remain at their studies, but the juniors were not discouraged from enlisting. The draft will affect as large a proportion of the medical student body in Canada as in the United States. There, however, the question has been solved by the ruling of the President, that all hospital interns, and medical students of the second, third, and fourth years, may be enrolled in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Medical Department, and pursue their studies while remaining in the military service of their country, but always liable to a call to service by telegraph or letter.

A resolution was adopted by the Canadian Medical Association at its last meeting in Montreal, urging upon the Government the necessity for the mobilization of the entire profession, in order that all those fitted for service overseas by age, and health, and freedom from family duty, might be sent forth, and further that all others might be assigned to such service at home as their training, and the necessities of the Country demanded.