

- Ernest Reece Kappeler**, Lieut. 75th Battalion, Toronto. Second Year Student. Killed April, 1917.
- Cecil Johnstone Bovaird**, Corporal, 82nd Howitzer Battery, Toronto. Barrister. Died of wounds, May, 1917.
- Duncan Steuart Storey**, Major 162nd Battalion, Midland. Barrister. Died of cancer 25th March, 1917.
- George Taylor Denison**, Lieut.-Col. Can. Reserve Cyclists, Toronto. Barrister. Killed May, 1917.

The Government has at last decided to do what should have been done long ago, preferably when war was declared, namely: to bring into force the Canada Militia Act with probably some desirable changes. It is also stated that legislation will be introduced to prevent those liable to compulsory service from leaving the country. This would have been of some use a year ago, but now it is like "locking a stable door after the horses are stolen."

We notice in the list of prohibited publications sent to us by the Chief Censor for Canada that one of the prohibited books is entitled "Defeat: the truth about the betrayal of Britain." One can only express surprise that this small volume, an eminently sensible and appropriate publication, should be put on the black list. It is compiled by two of the most loyal and well-informed citizens of the Empire. It has been issued by the hundred thousand in England, and it is said that a large edition is being printed for distribution in the United States. If it is good for English and American readers it cannot be very bad for Canada. The public will insist upon this ban being removed. The objection to it is said to be that it advocates a "dry canteen" in England and commends the action of the Province of Ontario in its recent temperance legislation, and claims that in some way it would injure recruiting. This is absurd, at the present time, for voluntary recruiting has ceased to be.

The war drags on and new and difficult problems present themselves as the weary days go by. As to this we are not surprised to hear the question asked: how can a professedly Christian nation expect victory when there is no sorrow for and no turning away from national sins and a strange indifference to the religious point of view? Is not the statement in the Old Book true to-day: "Behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity"? These are days for sober thought for all of us, as well as days of bitter sorrow for many of us, and increasingly so as the casualty lists come in.