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This Pamphlet is issued by the Canadian National Service League.

After an experience of some ten months the Hamilton Recruiting League came to the conclusion that the present system of voluntary enlistment was wasteful and that some system of compulsory service was necessary in Canada.

A Memorial concerning Enlistment issued by the Hamilton Recruiting League was endorsed by Thirty-Three Leagues and Organizations. A Conference of Delegates appointed by the Endorsers of the Memorial was held in the Chateau Laurier on April 13th, 1916, and the Memorial was presented on the next day to Sir Robert Borden. Sixty-two Delegates were present.

This Pamphlet contains the Memorial and the Presentation Proceedings including the addresses of the Speakers and Sir Robert Borden's reply. Also an Appendix containing addresses of and a letter from Delegates who were unable to speak owing to lack of time.

Copies of the Presentation Proceedings were sent to Sir Robert Borden with covering letters asking for an early reply and that Parliament should not be dissolved before the legislation necessary to give effect to the Memorial had been passed.

After presentation of the Memorial the Delegates organized under the name of The Canadian National Service League (hereinafter called the "League") and appointed the following officers:

Honorary President, Chief Justice Mathers, Winnipeg.

President, John M. Godfrey, Esquire, Toronto.

Honorary Secretary, Dr. Albert H. Abbott, University of Toronto, Toronto.

Honorary Treasurer, Oliver Hezzlewood, Esquire, 128 Church Street, Toronto.

The affairs of the League will be managed by a Council and an Executive Committee, and copies of the Constitution can be procured from Dr. Abbott.