

The following figures issued from Ottawa only two days ago tell the story:

Latest recruiting figures show that about 280,000 men have enlisted in Canada. Nearly 118,000 are from Ontario, 55,000 from Manitoba and Saskatchewan combined, 30,000 from Quebec and 25,000 each from British Columbia, Alberta and the Maritime Provinces.

"The second relates to the inconsistency evident in the policy pursued by different departments of the Federal Government. The Minister of Agriculture calls upon farmers for production, and still more production, so that Canada will be able to do her duty to the Empire in the matter of food supplies. The Minister of Finance calls upon manufacturers for production, and more production, so that Canada will be the better able to meet the financial obligations she has assumed. The Imperial Munitions Board insists upon deliveries, and threatens to cancel contracts unless these deliveries are more prompt. Yet all the while the Minister of Militia keeps taking badly needed men from the farm, from the workshop and from the munitions factory, regardless of the damage which his actions may cause to our machinery for production. This inconsistency, this lack of co-ordination, is decidedly unbusinesslike, and impairs to a serious degree the confidence of the public in our administration.

"Believing that it would be inadvisable for the Association to content itself with criticism, without offering to be constructively helpful, it is suggested that a strong delegation be appointed to interview the Government in support of a plan of national service along some such line as the following:

"That a proclamation be issued calling upon every man of 18 years or over to offer his services to the State. Let enrolment offices be opened in every city, town and county where those of eligible age shall be required to register their names, ages, occupations, etc., and be given a badge or armlet to mark them out as men who have answered the call. Let a board be appointed in connection with each enrolment office, constituted of, perhaps a judge as chairman, an officer of the Militia and one or two others, to consider each man's case, and assign him to the class of service which his peculiar qualifications best fit him for, whether that service be overseas, home defence, some form of production, or anything else essential to the conduct of our national affairs in war time."

Policy Followed in Montreal.

It was decided by the Executive Council to send a delegation to interview Premier Borden on the subject of putting national registration into effect and a definite appoint-