

burden and responsibility of their citizenship. We venture to predict that all this machinery will largely be a failure unless there is added to it the power of compulsion.

A classification of those who can and should serve their country in the present crisis in various capacities is, of course, a primary necessity, and we presume the machinery now in process of construction will be primarily used for that purpose. But the experience of the past is a sufficient indication that something more is required. Those who so far have not enlisted in some branch of service, may now, after all that has been said to them in public on the subject, not unfairly be called slackers or shirkers; and it is sufficiently evident that they intend to remain so. Compulsion is therefore a necessity. Their refusal to take up their share of the burden shows that they are dead to any sense of duty or to any feeling of shame.

It is said that there are political and racial difficulties in the way of compulsion. Possibly there are, but these difficulties have to be faced by those who have undertaken the burden of carrying to a successful issue our share in the great struggle in which the Empire is engaged. If those in authority would do their duty fearlessly and effectively, they would find that the country is at their back in compelling every man to do his bit in that position or branch of service most suitable to his capacity.

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We are sorry to learn that Charles A. Moss, K.C., well known in Toronto and its Province, has been seriously wounded in France.

Ward Wright, of the firm of Rowell, Reid, Wood & Wright, Toronto, has also been wounded, but it is believed not seriously. They are said to be doing well.

Both of these left Canada as Majors in the 81st Overseas Battalion; and both relinquished their rank to enable them to get to the firing line. Captain Moss again received his majority shortly afterwards. We trust that good news may soon come as to their wounds.

As we go to press the news comes that Major Moss has died of his wounds at a hospital in Rouen, France, on the 25th instant. A grievous loss to the Bar and his many friends. We tender our deepest sympathy to the family of this distinguished lawyer, and gallant soldier.