

VACANCIES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

We give herewith a list of the vacancies in the House of Commons as of date June 8th, 1917.

Electoral District	Name of Member who represented	Date of Vacancy
Antigonish.....	William Chisholm.....	Resigned, 30th May, 1916
Bellechasse.....	Joseph Octave Lavallee.....	Resigned, 12th May, 1916.
Brandon.....	Sir J. A. M. Aikens.....	Resigned, 16th July, 1915.
Brome.....	Geo. H. Baker.....	Killed at Ypres, 3rd June, 1916.
Carleton.....	W. F. Garland.....	Resigned, 28th June, 1915.
Grey East.....	Hon. Dr. Sproule.....	Summoned to Senate, 3rd December, 1915.
Hamilton East.....	Hon. Sam Barker.....	Died, 20th June, 1915.
King's N.S.....	A. de W. Foster.....	Resigned, 24th April, 1915.
Lincoln.....	E. A. Lancaster.....	Died, 4th January, 1916.
Lisgar.....	W. H. Sharpe.....	Resigned, 16th July, 1915.
London.....	William Gray.....	Died, 12th Dec., 1916.
Montmagny.....	D. O. L'Esperance.....	Resigned, 6th June, 1916.
Nicolet.....	P. E. Lamarche.....	Resigned, 21st Sept., 1916.
Prince, P.E.I.....	J. W. Richards.....	Died, 9th March, 1915
Quebec County.....	Hon. T. C. Casgrain.....	Died, 29th Dec., 1916.
Regina.....	Wm. M. Martin.....	Resigned, 20th Oct., 1916.
Restigouche.....	James Reid.....	Died, 17th Nov., 1915.
Yarmouth.....	B. B. Law.....	Died 3rd Feb., 1916, (H. of C. fire).
Stanstead.....	C. H. Lovell.....	Died, 17th Oct., 1916.
Terrebonne.....	Gedeon Rochon.....	Died, 11th Feb., 1917.
Hochelega.....	Hon. E. L. Patenaude.....	Resigned, June 9th, 1917.

NUMBER OF RECRUITS ENLISTED IN CANADA.

FOR months the Government have given to the Public statements in various forms as to the number of recruits enlisted in Canada for the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. While in no way wishing to criticize the figures which have thus been given, one cannot overlook the fact that the statements which have been given to the public are apparently contradictory, although there may be some satisfactory explanation. Speaking in the House of Commons on January 22nd, the Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden stated:
 "Enlistments in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces up to date, (January 22nd, 1917) number 392,647."
 Sir Robert Borden at that time gave figures

which may be interesting to our readers. They are as follows:

"Besides that, we have called out of the active militia 9,052 men who are now serving under arms, and we have a permanent force in Canada numbering 2,470 men, making a total of 404,169. In addition to that, we have enlisted from the citizens of Canada in the Canadian naval service 3,310 men, making a total of 407,479. We have done more than that; we have provided for the British Naval Service 1,600 men, we have provided for the Imperial Mechanical Transport 1,200 men and for munition works in Great Britain, at least 3,000 men. One thousand went over through the co-operation of the Department of Militia and Defence with Mr. Barnes, now a member of the British Government, and other gentlemen who visited Canada about eighteen months ago. If you add these three items together you have 5,800, which being added to the previous total, makes 413,279." (See Hansard January 22nd, 1917, page 33.)

Soldiers Enlisted in Canada, 411,723.

Speaking again in the House of Commons on May 18th, 1917, when Sir Robert Borden was giving to the House his report on the meeting of the Imperial War Conference, he stated:

"We have sent 326,000 men overseas in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Including reservists in British and Allied armies, and men enlisted for naval defence, 360,000 men at least have left the shores of Canada." (See Daily Unrevised Hansard, May 18th, 1917, page 1613.)

In the House of Commons on May 21st, 1917, another statement was made in answer to a question of Mr. P. A. Seguin, M.P., and the question asked by Mr. Seguin, and the answer given by Sir Edward Kemp, Minister of Militia, are as follows:

"Q. What has been the number of recruits enlisted in Canada since the beginning of the war up to the present date?

A. Up to April 30, 1917, 411,723."

This is the official answer from the Minister of Militia and can be found in the Daily Unrevised Hansard of May 21st, 1917, page 1645.

Nine days later Government say the total figures are 337,978.

On May 30th, the Hon. Frank Oliver, Ex-Minister of Militia and Defence, asked the following questions, and the answer herewith quoted was given by the Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs, acting on behalf of the Minister of Militia. The questions and answers are as follows:

Q. 1. What is the total number of officers and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces who had sailed for England up to May 1, 1917?

A. 1. 312,503 all ranks.

Q. 2. What is the total number of officers and men enlisted for overseas service who were on duty in Canada on May 1, 1917?

A. 2. 25,475."

From these questions and answers one can only conclude that the number of officers and men who have joined the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and sailed for England is 312,503 and the number of officers and men who have joined the Forces, but are still in Canada is 25,475 making a total of 337,978. Compare these figures with the ones above given and it shows a very great discrepancy.

The Country is entitled to know which statement is correct.