

of battalions in France in proportion to the number of men recruited from them, than the other provinces, and in the past it has been necessary to draw reinforcements for these battalions from other centres and an effort is now being made to equalize the representation and replace those thus absorbed."

More recently, the same paper published the following editorial remarks:

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Montreal Gazette:—"Many French Canadians have enlisted, have gone to the battlefields of France, and have there made the supreme sacrifice. The clergy, from Archbishop to parish priest, have urged the duty of enlistment upon the young men of their race, so have many newspapers, and many public men, and to embrace the whole French-Canadian population in a sweeping denunciation as traitors and poltroons is unjust, condemnable and an incentive to that very condition affected to be deplored."

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The adverse circumstances above referred to in connection with recruiting in Quebec may be summed up as follows:

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The placing of all the recruiting organization in the hands of English-speaking officers who did not understand the French-Canadian temper.