

Since the beginning of the present session, a number of additional units have been authorized. The most important of these are:—

- 9 Infantry Battalions
- 5 Motorcycle Regiments
- A Forestry Corps
- Additional Coast Defence Units

These are not completely up to strength, but we are informed by Commanding Officers all over Canada that recruiting has been extremely successful.

My Colleague, Mr. Power, stated in the House on June 18 that the strength of the Canadian Army was a total of 90,743. Those figures were taken from the strength returns of June 14. On July 21 there were 31,607 troops outside of Canada and 101,965 in Canada or a total of 133,572. In five weeks, therefore, we have recruited over 42,000 men for active service, or the equivalent of over two and a half Divisions.

Just here I should like to say a word in connection with recruiting. The response which has been made by the young men of Canada has been almost overwhelming. I hear very frequently these days of men who are disappointed to find that the units which are being mobilized have been filled up. If they can find no place in the C.A.S.F. I urge them to join the N.P.A.M.

I know there are many who feel that we should go on—and on—and on—continuously mobilizing new units and enlisting personnel. It is said that if this is not done we will dampen the recruiting ardour of the young manhood of this country. Nothing could be easier than to give way to these representations, but I want the House and the country to feel that this matter has not been given haphazard consideration. We have at the present minute nearly 100,000 men in the C.A.S.F. in Canada. A large part of these will probably be here all winter. We will be training probably 50,000 or more of the N.P.A.M., and in addition, we will have in training during this winter, those members of the Militia who will be called for training, as I have described, at the rate of something like 30,000 per month.

Inactivity and monotonous training routine are bound to affect morale. There is a limit to the number of men which can be adequately and properly trained and employed. My advisers are strongly of the opinion that on the best forecast which can be made at the present time, it would be unwise to increase the number of men on the strength of the C.A.S.F. by further extended mobilization at this time. They think that it is much more important to complete the equipping and training of our Third and Fourth Divisions and develop them into first-class fighting formations, than by calling out additional military units until such time as they can be usefully