

RECRUITING RECORDS OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES

New Brunswick Makes Better Showing in Proportion to Population Than Nova Scotia But Cape Breton Has Best Record for Any One Section

(Staff Correspondence of Toronto News) St. John, N. B., Nov. 30.—Approximately 18,000 men have been recruited from the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and recruiting is proceeding at the rate of 400 men a week. The work is in efficient hands, and increasing efforts are being made with increasing satisfaction.

These provinces have an aggregate population of less than 1,000,000 and the recruiting ratio to date will be slightly under 2 per cent.

New Brunswick claims to have recruited about 8,000, this being the estimate of Capt. Tilley, recruiting officer for that Province. In Nova Scotia, splendid work is being done by Lieut. W. B. A. Ritchie, Sir Robert Borden's law partner. He has been in charge of recruiting only since Sept. 1. Prior to that time the records do not appear to have been very carefully kept. At least, they were not available at Lieut. Ritchie's office.

From the first part of September until the middle of November the figures are:

In Nova Scotia	
Sept. 4 to Oct. 6	1,117
Oct. 6 to Nov. 6	695
Nov. 6 to Nov. 18 (week)	150
In New Brunswick	
Sept. 4 to Oct. 6	867
Oct. 6 to Nov. 6	758
Nov. 6 to Nov. 18 (week)	818
Prince Edward Island	
Sept. 4 to Oct. 6	102
Oct. 6 to Nov. 6	128
Nov. 6 to Nov. 18 (week)	28

In the last two months Capt. Tilley reports enlistments of 1,771 in Nova Scotia, and 1,560 in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia had a population, according to the census of 1911, of 492,888, as compared with 851,889 for the sister Province.

It will be seen that at first Nova Scotia was easily ahead in the response of its men to the empire's call, but a very vigorous and successful campaign recently has resulted in giving New Brunswick a better showing.

Halifax and St. John.

One feature of the returns is the comparison between recruiting in Halifax and St. John. The census returns of 1911 gave Halifax a population of 46,619, and St. John one of 42,511. The assessment departments of the two cities now

estimate their population at 50,000 for Halifax and 47,000 for St. John.

From Sept. 4 to Oct. 6 Halifax recruited 864, while 205 enlisted in St. John. St. John had a decided advantage for the period Oct. 6 to Nov. 6, when 422 were recruited in St. John, against 104 in the sister city. For the two months Halifax had 898 and St. John 727.

Cape Breton's Showing.

The best showing for the maritime provinces has been in Cape Breton county, which has a record probably unsurpassed by any section of the dominion. This county, with a population not in excess of 80,000, has given more than 8,000 men. Some estimates run as high as 8,600. There are two remarkable facts about the figures for Cape Breton. The first of these is that 27 per cent. of the recruits are married men—and from this the deduction is drawn by many of the people in the county that a large number of young unmarried men are not responding as they should. The second feature is the remarkably high proportion of Canadians.

Of the 1,300 men recruited in Cape Breton county by Captain Rev. E. Watkinson, native Canadian, are in the lead—the percentage being upwards of sixty. They are followed by Newfoundlanders, English, Scotch and other nationalities. The religions of the recruits show the greater percentage of Roman Catholics, Presbyterian, next, Church of England, Methodist, and other denominations. The single men enlisted represent over 70 per cent, and the married men 27 per cent, as follows:

Nationality	Per Cent.
Canadians	67
Newfoundlanders	13.9
English	11.5
Scotch	6.4
Other Nationalities	2.2
Religious denominations	Per Cent.
Roman Catholic	47.9
Presbyterian	27.5
Church of England	14.4
Methodist	6.3
Other denominations	4.8
Married men	27.0
Single men	73.0
Widowers	1.7

There is an interesting explanation of the number of Newfoundland men. Many of them enlisted in the 1st Newfoundland Regiment for the year. They were assigned to garrison duty in England and Scotland, and upon the expiration of their year of service they returned home. Newfoundland does not pay a separation allowance and consequently many of these men, after a short visit to their homes have enlisted in Cape Breton. More of them are going to join Numbers of Newfoundland men who have not received their service are enlisting in the Canadian ranks.

Within Cape Breton county, Sydney Mines, Florence and Glace Bay—the mining districts, in general—have a magnificent record. Sydney Mines has given more men than Sydney and indeed more than any other municipality in Nova Scotia with the single exception of Halifax. The town of Glace Bay has recruited twice as many men as has Sydney, it is reported indeed, both within Sydney and in other parts of the county there is some criticism of the large number of young men without ties who are said to be holding back.

Would Leave at Once

The thorough work of Captain Florence since his appointment as the recruiting officer for the county, was demonstrated in a striking manner on September 10 last, when reinforcements were called for the Royal Canadian Regiment, then enroute to England. Scarcely had the ship with the regiment on board left Canadian shores when the recruiting officer received a telegram asking for 100 men for the R. C. R., for overseas service. The men were wanted at once. Captain Florence immediately went to the barracks—and the recruits who were then on parade were addressed by him. He read the telegram calling for men for the regiment, and the recruited men stepped out prepared to leave at once for "somewhere in France" or anywhere.

Recruited in One Day

The recruiting of the 38th Field Battery, C. F. A., C. E. F., now in winter quarters at Fredericton barracks, which was accomplished by Major Crowe, in one day, can hardly be equalled in any part of the Dominion of Canada. Major Crowe, who had offered himself for service, at the time the old 17th were to be sent across the Atlantic, and assured the department that another battery of artillery could be secured in Sydney, received orders from Ottawa during the latter part of July to recruit a battery for overseas service, and to proceed to Kingston, Ont., to qualify for its temporary command.

During the major's absence at the Royal School of Artillery, the names of young men desirous of enlisting with the new Field Battery were received by Anthony MacMullin, a Sydney newspaper man. On the return of Major Crowe to begin recruiting the 38th battery, he handed the names of men desirous of enlisting numbering over 200. Of these Mr. MacMullin secured 148, the equivalent of one battery, plus ten per cent. over strength. Major Crowe began the recruiting of the new battery on Friday, September 10 and by Saturday noon the 38th was a few over strength—and awaiting equipment so that the unit could get into camp. Mr. MacMullin assures the recruiting officers that another battery or even two batteries could be mobilized in Cape Breton with as little difficulty as the 38th was raised, for artillery is a most popular branch of the army with the Cape Breton boys.

First for the Front

During the day and night following the announcement in Sydney that the 17th was to be recruited, no less than thirty-eight men of Sydney, North Sydney and Sydney Mines, called upon Mr. MacMullin and gave in their names, each expressing the hope that they were not too late to get in the latter roll. The men enlisted were from the best classes in civil life, office men

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When war was declared there were two militia units on the island—on the 17th Field Battery, C. F. A., and the 94th Regiment. These were ordered to mobilize immediately in Sydney, and the 17th Battery at once volunteered for service overseas as a unit, and recruited in a very short time. This was on the part of Lieut. Col. Harvey G. McLeod, for his command to the minister of militia was accepted and the battery was ordered to recruit to war strength. The 17th Battery, now the 6th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, enjoys the distinction of being the first unit of the Canadian militia to be ordered to war service at the front.

Lieut. Col. Allan, commanding officer of the 106th Nova Scotia Rifles, has been conducting a vigorous campaign during the past few days in Cape Breton county, with splendid results.

Three New Regiments.

In New Brunswick, Captain L. P. D. Tilley is using all available returned soldiers at recruiting meetings throughout the province. The formation of three new regiments is well under way. They will be known as the 140th, 115th and 102nd. For the 104th which is almost up to strength a company of commercial travelers is being recruited. Commercial travelers are welcomed from any part of the maritime provinces, but of the seventy already enlisted, the great majority are from New Brunswick. The various counties in the province are being placed on a permanent recruiting basis for the winter and the work will be carried on very largely through the local communities. This winter soldiers will be stationed at Sussex, Fredericton, Woodstock and St. John. The 104th is now at Sussex. The scheme of billeting the soldiers in their home town in the case of municipalities which recruit at least twenty-five men has not been adopted in the maritime provinces. Captain Tilley is well pleased with the way the men of New Brunswick are responding to the appeal, although he is an advocate of conscription. He discredited any comparison of recruiting figures for the maritime provinces and the Canadian west on the ground that the proportion of young men in the west to the total population is three times the proportion in the east.

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Church of England, 279.
Presbyterian, 241.
Baptist, 160.
Methodist, 189.
Greek church, 18.
Congregational, 9.
Salvation Army, 4.
Church of Christ, 8.
Lutheran, 2.
Universalist, 1.
Other, 1.

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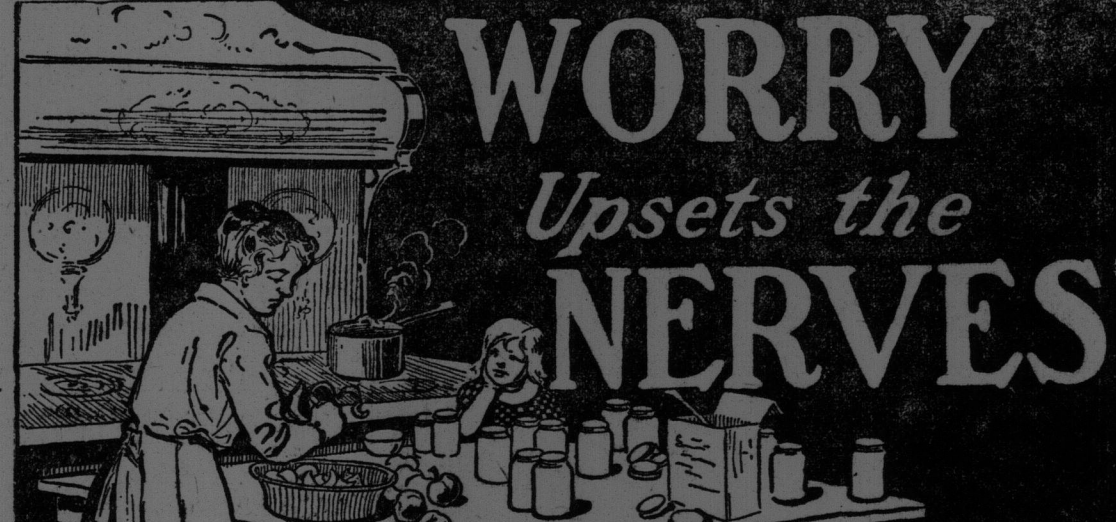
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