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The Government are arranging through the Militia Department for the payment of Augmentation Pay to the men of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve. These payments will be made from 1st May next and will cover the period from the commencement of the war or from the date of enlistment, as the case might be. Full instructions as to claims, and regulations as to payments will be published within the next few days.

J. R. BENNETT,
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WEATHER FORECAST.

TORONTO, Noon.—Fresh East and North East winds, cool, unsettled showery to-day and Tuesday.

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Owing to the collapse in Russia, which allowed Germany to remove the main part of her Army from the Eastern to the Western front, the Allies have been severely handicapped in meeting the greatest offensive of the war.

There is an urgent call to all parts of the Empire for men. In the United Kingdom steps are being taken to conscript all men up to the age of 51 years. As a self-governing Dominion Newfoundland has been called upon to do her part in filling the gaps. We have been specially called upon by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to keep the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at its full war strength. Three hundred men (300) are required immediately and sixty (60) men additional per month. The need for these men is set forth in the despatch received Tuesday, April 9th, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which reads as follows:—

"April 9th.—Statement has been received from Army Council to the effect that the Newfoundland Regiment in France is now short of the authorized War Establishment by 170 men, and that the number of men under training in England is not sufficient to make up this deficit. Since very heavy fighting must be anticipated, at least 300 men will be required from Newfoundland as early as possible in order to bring the Battalion up to strength and an additional sixty men per month will be required to maintain it in the field."

H. M. Government trust that your Government will be able to supply these men. (Signed) LONG."

Conscription prevails throughout Canada and the United States, and Newfoundlanders in Canada are being conscripted.

Under the War Measures Act the Newfoundland Government have ordered:—

That no unmarried man between the ages of twenty and thirty-five, who is eligible for the Army or Navy, shall be permitted to leave the Dominion.

That no person who is eligible for the Army or Navy shall be allowed to leave the Dominion without a Passports.

Newfoundland must do its part, and cost what it will, the Regiment must be maintained. Our Regiment has performed deeds of valor equal to any in the history of the British Army. Its gallantry in the field has won the recognition of the King by the bestowal of the glorious prefix "ROYAL."

It has earned so many encomiums from the Commander in Chief, the Divisional and Brigade Generals, that we cannot allow it to be withdrawn from the scene of conflict.

It has placed the name of Newfoundland on the Honour Roll of the nations. It would be an eternal disgrace to allow the name to be erased from that Honour Roll by failing to keep the Regiment up to its full fighting strength.

An opportunity is now afforded the young men of the country to join the ranks.

On St. George's Day, the 23rd April, the Legislature will be convened, and immediate attention will be given to the consideration of the steps to be taken to maintain the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at full war strength.

In the meantime the need is urgent, and every effort should be made to answer the call from the Executive Governor and from the War Council, to enlist as many men as possible.

W. W. HALFYARD,
 Acting Colonial Secretary,
 Dept. of the Colonial Secretary,
 April 11, 1918.

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Under the provisions of the War Measures Act, His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order:—

1. That no unmarried man between the ages of 20 and 35 years, who is eligible for the Army or Navy, shall be permitted to leave this Dominion.

2. That no person who is eligible for the Army or Navy shall be allowed to leave the Dominion without a Passports.

For public information it is notified that persons holding Passports under will, in the event of their desiring to leave Newfoundland, require to present the said Passports at this office, without such visa they will not be permitted to leave the Dominion.

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