

FALLACIES

To the Editor of The Herald.

Sir,—It is a fallacy to assert that taking a referendum would delay sending reinforcements to the front. It is admitted that the Government has ample powers to call out and drill men. It is certain such men would not be ready to send overseas before a referendum could be taken.

It is a fallacy to assert voluntary recruiting has failed. Mr. A. Rives Hall, in your Tuesday's issue gave facts and figures exposing this fallacy.

It is a fallacy to regard meetings in the province of Quebec at which resolutions were passed demanding a referendum as non-conscriptionist. I am strongly in favor of selective conscription and if a referendum were taken would do my utmost in favor of conscription, and in case it passed would support its enforcement, but I am altogether against coercing men to serve overseas without a majority of the people authorizing conscription. It is a libel on the loyal Canadian people to suppose that conscription would not pass if submitted to the people by referendum.

It is a fallacy to suppose all provinces are not equally loyal. Because there is bitter feeling between the English-speaking people of Ontario and the French-speaking people of Quebec over a language question, it does not follow that both are not equally loyal to the Dominion and the Empire.