

Society of Mechanical Engineers, at a meeting of that body in New Orleans in April, 1916:

"Clause D. In war as now waged the industrial force has become quite as important as the fighting army. Skilled mechanics in all lines of production work must be kept from enlistment in the regular army and must be retained in the factories, mills and mines for the production of munitions. It is essential, therefore, that the names of these skilled workmen be listed and that the men themselves be enrolled in the industrial reserve. Explanations and instructions as to the detail of such organization will be submitted at a later date. A button or other distinguishing mark will be supplied by the government in the event of war to skilled workmen enrolled in the industrial reserve, and such enrolment will be considered to carry with it honors equal to enrolment in the fighting army. A government card will be issued to each man enlisted."

Action of Council.

Following the organization of the Munitions Section, the following memorandum on the subject of Recruiting was presented to the Executive Council in March last:

"A communication has been received from the newly organized Munitions Section, asking the Association to affirm and actively support a resolution it has adopted on the subject of recruiting. This communication raises a subject upon which, in the opinion of your Executive Committee, it is desirable to have a full and frank discussion, and to that end the following review has been prepared, outlining the situation as it affects manufacturing industry.

"Canada has set out to raise, equip and maintain an army of 500,000 men. We may or may not doubt her ability to raise such an army, but if she accomplishes it by enrolling every eligible man who offers his services, regardless of the part he plays in our scheme of economic production, she will certainly make needless sacrifices in attaining her object, sacrifices that by their very uselessness will weaken the cause they are intended to serve, instead of strengthening it.

"Indiscriminate recruiting may have been a good enough policy for Canada when she had in view the raising of an army of only 100,000, but that same policy is fraught with real danger now that she is attempting to raise an army of 500,000. It would be idle to belittle the need for more men at the front, but it would be criminal negligence not to make sure of leaving at home those who could be depended upon to keep the men at the front clothed and fed and supplied with bullets.

"Every Canadian should be doing something to help win this war. The more it becomes prolonged the more urgent