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THE NATIONAL DUTY
Of course every man who receives one of the national service cards which are to be distributed broadcast through the post office will feel it incumbent on him to fill out and return the card. That is the least he can do in a great national crisis, whether he approves of the general inaction of the government or not. Canada is not organized for war, and she should have been so organized a long time since.

more than the mere setting aside of that proportion of income not required for comfortable living, it means the conservation of our industrial energy and man power so as that they may be applied to strengthening the pressure exerted on the enemy. Large as our exports have become, it is quite noticeable that our imports are also growing appreciably, and include many non-essentials. As long as our trade returns disclose such facts it is obvious that however desirous some of the people of Canada may be of doing their utmost for the Empire's cause, their wishes are not being realized. Some extravagances have been limited by legislation, but it would appear that further steps are necessary to enforce the necessity for economy on the people in order to organize effectively the nation's resources for war purposes.

A very interesting situation has been brought about by the resignation of Col. Stanfield, M.P., following that of his brother, Mr. Frank Stanfield, M.L.A. Sir Robert Borden might ignore the resignation of Frank Stanfield, but he cannot lightly skip around that of his friend, the chief whip of the Conservative party. Col. Stanfield is very emphatic, "I will stand no more from the minister of railways," he said last night to the Ottawa correspondent of the St. John Standard. And the same correspondent says the resignation has "caused a great political sensation at Ottawa," and "has rendered account of some kind on the part of the prime minister necessary."

The Montreal Financial Times says: "Vice-President T. H. Rieder of Canadian Consolidated Rubber is reported as having openly charged that prominent manufacturers of this country have falsified their profit declarations to evade taxation. The charge will not greatly astonish anybody accustomed to the prevalent attitude towards taxation. It becomes the business of the Dominion Government, as the taxing authority, to see that such falsification is discovered, and when discovered, is branded as shameful and criminal."

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"Look here," said the would-be follower of the bounds, "didn't you sell me this horse?" "Why, yes," said the dealer; "that's me."

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representatives of the military hospitals commission were in the city yesterday. It is understood that additional hospital space is needed in St. John. Every city in Canada is being given its share of the returned wounded men who are to be "made over," as it were, by that organization. Colors for 104th. London, Dec. 18.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—There will be a presentation of colors on Christmas day to the 104th Battalion of New Brunswick, in command of Lieut.-Col. George C. Taylor, M. P., by F. W. Saunter, agent-general for the province. Offices in P. O. Building. One of the offices on the upper floor of the new post office building is being taken over as the official headquarters of the director of the National Service for New Brunswick, Major L. P. D. Tilley. Leaders Coming.

An important announcement was made yesterday to the effect that the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, Canada's premier and R. B. Bennett, K. C., director general of National Service, would visit St. John at the first of the year, in connection with the work of the commission. Recruiting. The total number of recruits secured in the province last week was thirty-five. The county totals follow: St. John, 19; Carleton, 4; York, 7; Westmorland, 3; Queens and Sunbury, 1; Charlotte, 1; Northumberland, Victoria, Gloucester, Albert, Kings, Restigouche, Kent and Madawaska, none. Four recruits were secured in the city yesterday: William Forbes, Newcastle, Naval Service; Robert Warburton, England, Field Ambulance; David A. Ward, Scotland, Field Ambulance Depot; and Sydney Nichol, Moncton, 16th Battalion. Prisoner of War. J. T. Covey, New Cumberland, who was previously reported missing, is now unofficially reported a prisoner of war. Twice King Charles. Budapest, Saturday, Dec. 16, via Tuckerton, Dec. 18.—The question as to what the official title of the new emperor should be in Hungary, so as to avoid duplication of the titles of previous Kings Charles, was settled today with the announcement by Premier Tisza that the emperor will call himself at the coronation "Emperor Charles I. of Austria and King Charles IV. of Hungary and Bohemia."

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