

National Service Week

"To Every Man His Work."

As we go to press with this issue (in the middle of December) there has come into the hands of the editor a letter, with enclosures, from Mr. R. B. Bennett, Ottawa, Director-General of National Service, and as our January number would not be published in time to enable us to do our little bit as the farthest west monthly magazine in joining in the appeal for prompt attention to the request of the Government in filling up the cards, we shall rather delay the date of publication of this number than miss having a timely reference to the subject.

There is one class of citizens—probably a large class—still outside H. M. Forces who will welcome this National Service census. We refer to those who, in one way or another, may have already offered themselves, and who would gladly give themselves for "active service" as they may be found best fitted, but whose position is qualified by their business or home obligations. There are men who can truthfully say that it would be easier to go than to stay, but whom duty and honour have kept fighting, against odds, in the business trenches at home—without any government support behind them.

We believe that every British subject in Canada "between the ages of 16 and 65 inclusive" will be ready to answer the questions asked on the National Service card, and that those awake to the privileges of British citizenship and the righteous cause for which the Empire and her Allies are fighting, will be happy to arrange to leave their "present work" for "other necessary work during the war."

The prolongation of the war itself should help to put Fitness first in the service of the State as well as in the Fighting Forces, and to eliminate "favoritism" and all that is represented by that hateful word "graft." Major Dr. John Pringle spoke of the soldiers being fed "not as officers and privates, but as MEN." That suggests a real Christian democracy. Historians of the future may write of British Empire citizens as a British writer wrote of the ancient Romans:

"The Britons were like brothers in the brave days of old!"

"To every man his work:" his work towards the defeat of Prussian Militarism. As we had noted for our editorial pages, even before Premier Borden and Mr. Bennett gave their rousing addresses in the West,—*"the War is the Empire's first business, and to that all else must be subordinated."* Who has not brains or brawn to offer in the National Service is to be pitied: who can serve in any capacity is to be envied and honoured.

*Down with Kaiserism*and "Kultur!"*

God Save the King,

and may He use the Empire and her Allies for His Righteous Purposes!

National Service Week & Week of Prayer Synchronize

Our remaining space permits of only a few lines being given to emphasizing the fact that very happily the National Service week and the Week of Prayer synchronize. Had capital or business income permitted, we should gladly have devoted a complete and larger number of this "Review" to the interests of each subject.