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SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION

The proposal of Sir Robert Borden to raise 100,000 men by selective conscription is one that should appeal to all reasonable men. We have thrown our whole national resources into what we know to be a righteous war provoked by diabolical rulers of a great but misguided people, Canada's shame would be beyond measure if we sacrifice our noble heroes now in France and Flanders by refusing to lift our hand to maintain or assist them there.

One hundred thousand men for Canada means 6,500 for Nova Scotia, about 325 men for Kings County, 42 for Kentville and 26 for Wolfville. These figures are not actual, but according to proportionate population. As a matter of fact towns like Kentville, Wolfville, Berwick and Canning, which contain about one fourth the population of the County would be expected to raise one half of the proportion for Kings County. The needs of extensive and intensive cultivation of the soil for increased production would prevent many young men from being taken from the county which is really all one farming district. This war is to be won on the soil as well as in the ranks and strong husky farmers must not be taken overseas, but trained for home defence and compelled to work the soil with all their energy.

So from the towns must go young men of military age who are doing work not necessary to keep back German oppression. From the stores and offices, factories, railway shops, must go forth young men to answer to the call of our County, and their places filled by women or men of non military age or incapacitated by physical disabilities.

The registration under this selective conscription would presumably be of all men of service age from 18 to 45 years. From these would be selected those of 20 to 30 years from which the necessary draft for overseas forces some even of this age might be exempted as being of more use in some other employment, others through physical disability, some as being the only and necessary support of dependents, keeping them at home, and some should be exempt because their families have already been represented at the front and perhaps been called to mourn the death, wounding or reported missing of a loved one.

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Heartbroken the mother was at the death of her husband, badly as she needed the assistance of her stalwart son she would not give her consent to his drawing back after he had enlisted. Justly proud was the young soldier having such a mother and her decision filled him with a great joy and strengthened him in his determination to do a man's part. In the fact that he has been spared to return, crippled though he is, all Nova Scotia rejoices. There are many mothers in Nova Scotia like Mrs. Blanchard who set their boys honor or as even more precious than their own love.

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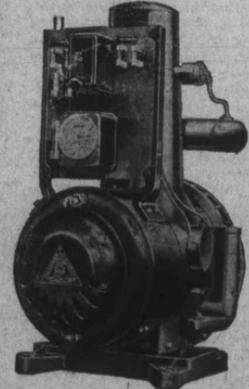
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