

XII.—Response to Public Appeals

By its response to frequent appeals for assistance, the Canadian public, many times since the war commenced, has shown its willingness to respond generously to every call made upon it. Those who subscribe to public appeals should always make certain that their contributions are addressed to an accredited person authorised to receive them.

XIII.—Grafting

Men who cheat their country by dishonesty in public work entrusted to them are dependent, like all business men, upon the public for their existence. Dishonesty in them would never appear were an acute public opinion developed which would make of every Canadian a fearless inspector and would make of a "grafter" an outcast with whom Canadians would neither deal nor associate.

We must each of us feel that to-day we are part of the Canadian Government, and that those who cheat the government cheat us. Every Canadian should feel that dishonesty in the furnishing of public supplies is a crime which becomes peculiarly abhorrent in time of war. Each of us must feel that cheating in a contract for war equipment is a hidden blow at one of our soldier brothers. The development of such a spirit would make it possible for crimes against the people to be punished as they deserve to be, and it would do much towards ensuring a sound and honest equipment to each one of our Canadian soliders.

XIV.—Women's Work

There are many things, such as the helping of soldiers' widows and children, that can often best be done by women. The war offers women many opportunities and places many duties upon them. More than any other single influence, they can make Canada's position secure. They could make thrift fashionable. Their disapproval could make public dishonesty a disadvantage to the "grafter" and their steadfastness will make certain that every call for men is answered.

XV.—Recruiting

Canada has already organised three divisions—two are at the front, and additional troops are going forward almost daily. The number of soldiers which Canada sends to the war will be limited only by the need for men. Although there have been rumors that the war will soon be over, they are unjustified, there is no ground for them. The British war office is preparing for three years of war; the general staff estimates that a total of 150,000 men will be required from Canada if the war should last for another year. Every call must be met so soon as it is made.