

"FOREWORD"

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As Directors of the National Service Board for British Columbia and the Yukon, I take a special interest in the encouragement of recruiting and I am very glad to contribute as requested a few lines as a "foreword" for your Recruiting appeal.

In modern warfare engineering plays a most important part. Its many various divisions are brought into requisition in connection with all branches of Army work such as, transport, communication, the making of munitions, gunnery, trench work and aeronautics. All great Generals are great engineers, whether in the professional sense or not. The Engineering Corps is seldom in the limelight, their work is not often spectacular, you do not read so much about them, they are not frequently mentioned in the despatches but their work is silent, unceasing, intelligent and intrepid. They pave the way, they keep up the pace, they make good the line of retreat, when retreat is necessary.

I am told by those in authority that the Canadian Engineers, in ability, in professional efficiency and in zeal and industry, are the equal of any Engineers of the Allied Corps. They possess not only brains but the physique, the dash, the courage and the resourcefulness that everywhere characterize the typical Canadian, and the organization they have already effected, the initiative they have displayed and the work they have already done are proof of their mettle and their capabilities.

It must be a matter of great satisfaction to your boys to know that throughout Canada no other body of men, in a professional way, have shown such a general disposition to enlist and serve their Country. On the other hand it is a matter of deep regret that in the Dominion there is a large class—an indiscriminate class, but physically very fit for duty—who have shown no disposition to serve and whose backwardness in serving in the greatest of all causes has brought into existence the National Service Board. We are all