

charge came from your friend : and much less that your mother or daughter or little son should think of you as one not acting the manly part ?

A Soldier's death on the field of Battle were better far than a long-drawn-out life of ease under the stigma of that repellent word SHIRKER : the mere thought and memory of which you would loathe for the rest of your life.

Chronicling a Recruiting Rally of some centuries ago, the historian says :— "*All who entered did so of their own accord: there was no compulsion: but there was no turning back: the Shirker was to be shunned of all.*" That brief sentence takes us back more than seven centuries : it is a vivid picture of the man who was ostracised by his fellows. We seem able to see him right now—there !—in a sort of moral pillory, as you perceive, with the hateful word SHIRKER inscribed above him. Surely the breed does not exist among us in Canada !—East, or West ?

Some ties which though precious in themselves are not supreme, may have held back one and another. Now is the time to take the decisive step—"**FOR ALL WE HAVE AND ARE.**" The decisive step that for you means honour ; for your Country—Victory !

"He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one :"—figuratively that stands for prompt action, parting ungrudgingly even with necessary things in order to acquire the essential.

In closing I repeat the words which stand at the heading of this appeal :—

NO MATERIAL THINGS ARE NOW OF ANY MOMENT EXCEPT IN SO FAR AS WE CAN USE THEM TO ADD TO THE POWER OF THE STATE.

Never since the Nazarene walked by the shores of Galilee has there been a time when that mystical saying of His was so intensely applicable as now :—"*He that keepeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall keep it—unto—LIFE—ETERNAL.*"

May I leave you to make the great decision in the light of his words ?

Faithfully yours,

A CITIZEN.

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