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THE FIGURES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, discloses number of Canadian Forces.

Canada's new War Minister, at a meeting on behalf of the Victory Loan held in Ottawa on November 14th, gave the following statistics, as of date Nov. 14th, 1917, as reported in the Morning Citizen, regarding the distribution of Canada's forces:

IN FRANCE.....	143,000
IN ENGLAND.....	116,000
IN CANADA.....	35,000
TOTAL CASUALTIES IN FRANCE AND ENGLAND.....	126,580

The figures speak for themselves particularly the 116,000 in England and 35,000 in Canada.

LANARK, ONTARIO, FARMERS PROTEST AGAINST WORK OF TRIBUNALS.

On November 15th under the auspices of the Farmers Club of Perth (Lanark County, Ontario) five hundred farmers paraded the streets of the town to protest against the Military Service Tribunals in depleting their farms of labourers.

The following resolution addressed to the Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, was passed unanimously:

"We, the united farmers of the County of Lanark surrounding the town of Perth, wish to protest against the manner in which the local tribunals are interpreting the Military Service Act, having regard to your recent speech in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, before the live stock breeders' conference, in which you declared that men necessary for production would in no case be taken from the farms.

"Before the tribunal in Perth during the four days' sitting approximately one hundred applications for exemption have been considered. About twenty have

been ordered for immediate service and about eight have been granted exemption of varying periods of from one to six months. About 75 per cent of the total applicants are farmers' sons. In view of the acute shortage of farm labor which the farmers of this district have to contend with, this matter is of serious moment to them, and we would ask you to use your utmost endeavour to have most specific and more definite instructions made in regard to the drafting of farm labour forwarded to this and other tribunals. And we would further ask that applicants who have been refused exemption at this tribunal be granted a further hearing at another tribunal."