

Nowhere else has the Government such absolute knowledge of and power to reach the young men that it wants for the army.

The Public Service Committee of the National Service Board, after closely surveying the Service, made a report to the Government, accompanied by certain recommendations. Just what those recommendations were the members of the committee have not announced, but it may be recalled that a prominent member of the committee stated publicly that the Service was twenty per cent overmanned and it is a pretty safe bet that the committee favored a reduction of the Service in that proportion by the simple means of drafting every fifth man into the army.

Why that recommendation has not been carried into effect *The Civilian* is not informed. The inevitable introduction of conscription for the whole country may have been the reason. Anyhow, that report and the exhaustive statistics that accompany it are just what the military authorities will find most useful shortly.

It is said that there is a stampede to the recruiting offices. The slacker has received a jolt and is wide-awake at last. He doesn't want to be called "conscript," so he's going to enlist before compulsion becomes law. Morally he is a conscript, if not legally so.

Not all the boys enlisting now are in this class, however. There are a number who have been examined and passed for service for some time, but who were held up by delay or refusal of departmental leave. The Civil Service Siege Battery has several men in this class.

Conscription will end a lot of worry—and will also close *The Civilian's* Roll of Honor. No man who had to be compelled to fight for his country is going to have his name enrolled with those of our thirty-three hundred gallant volunteers if the "war editor" knows it. *The Civilian's* record is a roll of Honor.

WOMAN'S NEW POWER.

The women of Ontario were enfranchised on May 1st. Probably nowhere in the province is there another body of wage-earning women of the numbers and average education and ability such as is to be found in the Civil Service in Ottawa. These women, like the men of the Service, will be barred from public discussion of questions of purely party politics, but there are always matters of social and economic advancement demanding the serious attention of the intelligent electorate, and the women of the Service will have many opportunities to make their influence felt through the medium of the ballot-box.

SUNDAY WAR WORK.

"I have no hesitation in saying that in the need which these weeks present, men and women may, with a clear conscience, do field work on Sundays."

This was the answer of the Archbishop of Canterbury to an inquiry whether it would be proper to carry on farm work in England on Sundays during the seeding season. His Grace referred, in the opening paragraphs of his letter, to the inheritance of the British Sunday, which he desired to safeguard in every way, but he agreed that extraordinary needs require extraordinary measures to cope with them, and Sunday seeding has his approval.

The answer of the highest spiritual authority in the Church of England in this matter should go far to reassure some of those who have been disturbed in mind regarding the propriety of knitting or sewing for the soldiers on Sunday. Surely socks and hospital shirts are as urgent needs as wheat or potatoes!

BUTTONS AND BLUFFERS.

Look out for the buttons that mark the men worth while. First, there's