

If this excuse is good for Ontario, it should be excellent for Quebec, which has very little French immigration, and whose French population is largely rural, while in the cities there is much less unemployed labor than in the Western provinces.

Your own papers have admitted that as the reserve of foreign born recruits has been gradually exhausted, and could no more swell the ranks of your regiments, recruiting is found to be as hard as in Quebec, if not harder.

"It is true that there are slackers in Toronto". (The Sentinel, August 14th).

As far back as the spring of 1915, the *Mail* stated very plainly "that the military authorities were not satisfied with the small share of recruiting done in Toronto."

The same, Dec. 3rd, 1915: "There are thousands and thousands of young men, unmarried, physically fit, who ought to enlist, but who do not respond the call".

From the *Globe*: "Guelph, Nov. 28th.—A squad of five men under Capt. Hindson came in here on Friday night to recruit, and up till to-night they had secured but one recruit".

From the *Telegram*, Dec. 11th.—"It took three officers and twelve men three days' work in one Ontario rural district to get two recruits."

From the *Mail*, Dec. 12th.—"Deadly apathy", etc., etc.