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MINING MEN AND THE WAR

The war in Europe is bringing the sons of the Empire together. From all corners of the earth offers of assistance are showering on the Mother Country. Australasia, India, South Africa and Canada are sending men to assist in the fight for freedom. The struggle has just begun. Men and money, millions of men and hundreds of millions of dollars, will be needed to overcome the German hosts.

That a very large number of Canadians will enlist to fight wherever and whenever the War Office wants them is certain. It has been suggested that mining engineers would be of very considerable service to the Empire and that their special qualifications could be used to greater advantage by the formation of an engineering corps. Already many mining men have enlisted in the regular corps and others have offered their services.

In London the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy through President Dr. F. H. Hatch and Secretary Chas. McDermid have made a proposal that the members of the institution should form a volunteer corps to be placed at the disposal of the War Office for special home service. The War Office has not yet availed itself of the offer; but will doubtless do so if the necessity arises.

On behalf of the committee of the Mining and Metallurgical Club, Mr. Edgar Rickard, the president, has sent a letter to the Lady Mayoress, at the City of London branch of the British Red Cross Society, offering the premises of the club in response to her request for the loan of suitable halls and buildings within the city which may be utilized in case of necessity as temporary hospitals. The club's premises at No. 3, Londonwall buildings are extensive—they cover an area of about 6,000 square feet—and they include a complete kitchen outfit capable of cooking a couple of hundred meals a day.

Mining men in England are giving their services to their country in many ways, in addition to taking their places in the army. Canadians will not be slow to respond to an urgent call.

Lord Kitchener is reported to believe that the Empire has entered a struggle for life or death. We have every confidence in the War Secretary and in the Navy and Army, and believe that the result will be life for British liberty and death for German tyranny. The cost in lives and gold will be enormous; but the situation calls for destruction of the enemy at any price. Prompt response to Kitchener's calls will help keep down the cost. He is a good manager, the best in the world to-day.