

## Conscription of Wealth

“The men at the front feel, and feel keenly, that while they are giving their all for Canada, men at home are making huge profits out of the war. In justice to the men at the front as well as to the cause for which they are fighting, we must require wealth to bear its full share of the burden. Men who are profiting by the war must make a full contribution to the cost of the war.

“In the official returns about 65 per cent. of the soldiers in the Canadian Army are given as manual labourers. The working men of Canada have invested their all (for a working man's whole capital is his capacity to work) for the defence of Canada and for the preservation of our liberties, and if we are to judge by the experience of Belgium, of Northern France, and of Serbia, they have done it also for the defence and preservation of the property of property-owners in Canada. We must realize that many of the men who have risked their lives will not be content after the war to resume the conditions under which they found themselves compelled to live before the war. They have saved our inheritance; they will expect a share in it. And we cannot be less just than to recognize their demands for new and better conditions.”

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NOTE:—All the speeches in this pamphlet, except “A Personal Statement,” and “Win the War” were delivered before the Government proposed either Conscription or Coalition.