

should keep at least 600,000 men at the front. This is precisely double the figure which Lord Kitchener, on the 25th of August, indicated as the total to be reached by the month of February or March.

What are the available military resources of the United Kingdom?

Before the war broke out, the Regular Army stationed in the British Isles counted in round numbers 300,000 men; the Territorial, a trifle less. In his last speech in the House, on the 16th of November, Mr. Asquith declared that 700,000 new recruits had joined the Regulars, and 300,000, the Territorials. This would place the total land forces of the United Kingdom at nearly 1,600,000 men, out of which less than fifteen per cent are fighting at present on the battlefields of Europe.

The Ulster volunteers

Another significant figure is that of the Ulster volunteers who have joined the colours. On the 17th of September, according to the *Montreal Star's* special correspondent, only 5,070 had then enlisted. Their number is now estimated at ten to twelve thousand. In July last, Sir Edward Carson boasted of having at his disposal more than 100,000 men, enlisted, equipped and armed, ready to shoot at the British flag. In other words, out of 100,000 Ulstermen, willing to fight *against* Great-Britain, less than 15% have enlisted to fight *for* Great-Britain. It looks as if "devotion" to the Empire was still less conspicuous in 'loyal' Ulster than in 'disloyal' Quebec; — not to mention the fact that, according to the same source of information (*Montreal Star*), Sir Edward Carson was very reluctant in handing over his arms and ammunitions to the Imperial authorities.

If the financial outlay is taken into account, the lack of proportion between the effort of Great Britain and that of Canada is still greater. The wealthiest nation on earth pays to her soldiers, in war time, from one shilling six pence to two shillings per day; Canada, poor and heavily indebted as she is,

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