

NATIONAL SERVICE BY THE PEOPLE OF NOVA SCOTIA

To the People of Nova Scotia:

The directors of National Service met at Ottawa recently and formulated schemes for carrying on their work. The duties of directors are in effect, to make themselves acquainted with industrial conditions in their respective districts, to consider what kinds of works are essential or non-essential to the country under war conditions to draw out and utilize all available labor so that the largest possible number of men may be freed for military service, and to decide when called upon, whether in the interest of the country, certain men should or should not enlist in the overseas forces of Canada.

As the basis of all effort to utilize our resources to best advantage, it is considered essential to take a census of the man power of the Dominion. The rough outlines of a scheme having that object in view were drawn up, and the director-general had conferences with the census and post office departments of the government.

The officials of these departments are now engaged in working out the details of a scheme which we hope will give us all necessary information within a reasonable time, and at much less cost than would be entailed by a regular census.

When that data is secured and classified, we should be in a position to know what man power we have, what proportion of it is essential to carry on the necessary business of the country, and what proportion may be considered available to enter the military and naval forces of Canada.

Another subject that occupied our attention was the utilization of women's labor during the war. It was believed that there are thousands of women in Canada who would gladly give their services temporarily for special kinds of work, provided they knew they were thereby releasing men for military duty. It was decided to encourage women to offer their services for such work as was suitable, and to induce employers to take advantage of such offers when opportunity arises.

With that object in view it was resolved to organize committees of women to be known as "Women's National Service boards," for the purpose of opening registers for female labor, of procuring employment for such women as offered their services, and for the supervision which would be necessary under new conditions.

It was also suggested that if considered desirable, advisory committees of prominent employers and others might be formed for the purpose of co-operation with the women's boards, and helping to secure employment for the women. The view was held that there is a large reserve of labor available if our women are asked to co-operate, and confidence was expressed that our employers would find it to be in their own interest as well as that of the country to encourage the work of the Women's National Service boards.

A number of other matters were discussed on which definite action will be taken later. Some of the directors were of the opinion that the duties of the board are too negative in scope, and that their usefulness would have been increased if authority of a more positive character had been granted to them. It was agreed, however, to exercise our present authority with the expectation that if it should prove advantageous, enlarged powers might be granted by the government.

To prevent misunderstanding it should be stated that under the regulations of the board, the work of recruiting is left entire-

ly in the hands of the military authorities, but it is the duty of the directors to co-operate with them and furnish all available information to enable them to procure the men required for military service.

The unlooked for change in the chairmanship of the board will cause some temporary delay in formulating its work, but it is expected that the directors will soon be in a position to go on with their work feeling confident that they have the full support not only of the government, but of the people of Canada.

The people of Nova Scotia have already given proof of their patriotism and self-sacrifice in devoting themselves to war work, but we can do still better by organizing our resources and co-ordinating our efforts.

The Board of National Service is a non-partisan body formed to meet the unprecedented conditions arising out of the war. It has before it a most difficult and complex task requiring the best thought of the ablest men in the country, and that task cannot be successfully accomplished unless the directors have the sympathy and co-operation of all classes of the community. I would especially appeal to the press to give us their hearty and united support, because on their attitude will largely depend the measure of our success.

The Premier of Canada has just issued an appeal calling upon every man and woman in the country to devote themselves to public service in some capacity during the crisis of the war. I feel confident that as far as our Province is concerned that appeal will not be made in vain. Those of our young men who have not yet answered the call to active service will feel impelled to reconsider their position, and those of us who have to remain at home will feel called upon to consider whether we are in our own way doing our full share of service and sacrifice. We have only to remember that all our efforts are consecrated to the task of supporting our noble boys who, for us, and for the honor of Canada, are daily enduring and dying in the trenches.

G. S. CAMPBELL, Director of National Service for Nova Scotia.

Hallifax, 25th October.

CAPTAIN CUTTEN TRANSFERRED

The Acadia Bulletin says:— Captain George B. Cutten has been transferred to the 246th Reserve Battalion as second in command. On account of injuries received during his Yale football experience, he has been rejected for overseas service. Capt. Henry R. Emerson, who went overseas with the 6th Mounted Rifles and afterwards served with the 5th M. R., has been appointed commander of D. Company, 219th O. S. H. Battalion, the position formerly occupied by Captain Cutten.

THE COLORED BATTALION.

The 2nd Construction Battalion (colored) is energetically recruiting in Ontario in the hope that it will soon be up to the required strength for overseas service. Already more than 500 recruits have been sworn in. About 400 of them were obtained in the Maritime Provinces, where the battalion had its headquarters at Truro, N. S. It is hoped to raise two companies in Ontario. The Western Provinces, will also be recruited. The commanding officer, Lieut. Col. Sutherland, and all of the commissioned officers of the unit, with the exception of the chaplain and the medical officer, are white. The non-commissioned officers are colored. Civil engineers and contractors could not be found among the colored men and as men with such training are necessary to command a construction battalion agitation to have the commissions kept among members of the colored race was dropped. The unit is particularly anxious to get handsmen.

Both Hughes and Wilson need the German-American and Irish American votes; but neither dares admit it, and the most destructive charge each can make against the other is that he is angling for them.

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