

or of reproaching him with not having enlisted. In fact, the distinctive button which he wears to denote that he is a munition worker, is regarded as a badge of honor.

What I have stated is regard to the campaign for munition workers which began early in 1915, explains to a large extent the falling off in the number of men presenting themselves for enlistment under the voluntary system. If French-Canadians now engaged in the making of munitions were available for overseas service, there would not be the least difficulty in raising and organizing units, as was done during the first year of the war, when the French-Canadians, in large numbers, asked the privilege of their own accord, of enlisting for overseas service, but would not do more than they did, because the Government, as you know, only allowed a certain quota to Quebec.

I have drawn your attention to these few important facts, my dear Mr. Premier, in the hope that they will help to make clearer to you and to the Canadian public, the real situation in the Province of Quebec. With the latter object in view, I am furnishing a copy of this letter to the press, my desire being that it should be recognized that the Province of Quebec, in common with the other provinces of the Dominion, has done, and is doing, its share for the success of the cause we all have at heart.

I have the honor to remain, my dear Mr. Premier,

Yours very respectfully,

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