

**COMING EVENTS**  
**OWING TO THE STORM** destroying plate glass. Fire Sale delayed. Announcements later. Harwood's, 320 Colborne Street.

G. W. V. A.—Raffle to take place for Model Submarine in the Brant Theatre on Jan. 31st. Balance of tickets can be had at Percy's Store Members of A. R. Club, and Soldiers' Home.

**HOME NURSING CLASSES** will commence Thursday evening at 7.30 Women's Patriotic Rooms. Y. M. C. A. Dr. Barber lecturer.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** for Trades and Labor Council will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 8 p. m. All delegates are requested to attend.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**  
**FOR SALE**—Quantity second hand pine sheeting for sale. Bell 2475 A129

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
 Mrs. Kenneth Betts wishes to thank her many friends for kindnesses and sympathy shown in her recent sad bereavement.

**BORN**  
**WEBSTER**—On Monday, Jan. 14th to Mr. and Mrs. David L. Webster, 18 Leonard street, a daughter.

**DIED**  
**CROWE**—In Brantford on Monday, Jan. 14th. Aften Crowe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Crowe, aged 20 years. Funeral private on Thursday afternoon from her parents residence, Balfour street to Mt. Hope Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

**EDWARDS**—On Jan. 12th, 1918, William H. Edwards in his 49th year. Funeral will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 1918 from his late residence, 35 Walter street, at 2 p. m. to Gospel Tabernacle, where service will be held, thence to Mount Hope Cemetery, friends please accept this intimation.

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# ENORMOUS NEW DEMAND ON BRITISH MAN-POWER

## Nearly Half a Million Men For The Army to be Recruited at Once—The Empire Has so Far Enrolled 7,500,000 Fighting and Labor Battalion Forces, of Which 900,000 Were Raised by the Dominions—No Compulsion for Ireland Yet—Age Limit May be Raised or Lowered

London, Jan. 15.—Nearly half a million men from Great Britain are to be recruited into the British army at the earliest date possible, and it is probable that many more will be added to that number in the coming months. These will comprise the younger men, who up to the present have been occupied because of their employment in industries essential to the war services.

The Empire has enrolled 7,500,000 fighting and labor battalion forces during the war, according to the statement of the Minister, and now has more than four million enrolled, but needs more men to hold its own against the enemy until the American strength is available.

Recruits From Skilled Workers  
 This announcement was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, whose statement of the Government's man-power proposals was replete with interesting details of Britain's strength in the struggle into which she means to throw her full resources.

The Minister set forth the status and needs of the British fighting and uniting forces and the measures the Government is taking after agreement with most of the Labor leaders for recruitment from the classes of skilled workers who were promised exemption when conscription was adopted.

Three Big Possibilities.  
 Three possibilities for increasing the army, said the Minister, had been considered:

"First—Lowering of the military age. The Germans were taking boys of seventeen, but lowering the age below eighteen was contrary to natural instincts and economy unsound and the fighting value of the average youth of eighteen was not commensurate with his value in civil life.

"Second—Raising the age limit. Economically this was less objectionable. Austria-Hungary had raised the age to fifty-five years, while the British limit was practically forty-three. But the fighting value and staying power of a man of forty-five was less than of a man of twenty-five. The Government felt strongly that it would be contrary to national interests to raise the age limit, while there were notoriously large numbers of younger men fit for service.

No Compulsion for Ireland.  
 "Third—Compulsion for Ireland. The Government had considered this question carefully and was satisfied that the reason which excluded Ireland from the first conscription act had lost none of its potency.

"The Government had determined, however, to take a large number of young men engaged in essential industries and also to take steps to maintain the industries after the young men were withdrawn. More than one million men were now exempted on occupational grounds. The Government had divided the exempted laborers, roughly, into three classes. From the first it would take no men; from the second about half of the fit men and from the third class about one-third."

Sir Auckland praised the spirit in which the Labor leaders have met the Government, but regretted that the Amalgamated Society of Engineers had remained outside the conference, adding, however, that the invitation was still open to the members of this society. He paid warm tribute to the work of the women, and declared that some of the young men among the million exempted workers apparently considered themselves a privileged class and threatened to hold up by strikes the building of armaments and ships.

"If they do," he exclaimed, "they will meet such a blast of hatred it will surprise them."

War's Central Problem.  
 Sir Auckland Geddes prefaced his remarks on the Government's man-power proposals by the declaration that nothing could be more misleading than the suggestion that the man-power problem could be solved

by a dramatic stroke. It was the central problem of the war," he said. "It means everything," he said, "the armies, munitions, food, light, heat and cold. At the moment the most anxious problem is not the supply of men for the army. But we have to take steps against the time when it will be—a time which, I believe, is not far distant."

Going into the details of the situation, the Minister said in part: "The plain facts do not support the statement that the armies are melting away for lack of recruits, and that recruiting has broken down."

"The Government has examined in detail the position of the allies on the Eastern front, and the results are not unsatisfactory. Excluding Russia and Roumania, the allies have a substantial superiority in fighting and ration strength over the central powers. From a statistical standpoint the strength of the enemy gives no cause for anxiety.

"The withdrawal of Russia means that not less than 1,600,000 men will be made available on the Western front. Notwithstanding Russia's defection, the resources of the allies and America are sufficient to assure victory, and nothing but a psychological catastrophe can save the Central powers.

"Every day the hitting force of Britain becomes of greater importance to the alliance. Russia no longer strikes for freedom; France has poured forth her strength in the struggle and cannot sustain the full burden indefinitely. America is not yet in the field, and months must elapse before she can advance with full stride; Italy has suffered grave misfortunes.

"On Britain and on the skill with which she handles her man-power in the months to come everything depends.

"At sea we must be supreme; in the air we must win supremacy, and on land we must do the best we can to fill the gap Russia has made until America can take her place. And all the time we have to keep our vital industries going."

While the enemy possessed the advantage of an interior position, with a good railway system, continued the Minister, they possessed no corresponding advantage in stability and solidarity of public opinion.

The Age Question.  
 Dismissing the age question he said that the Germans were using boys of eighteen on the Russian front and that Austria has raised the limit to fifty-five years. Analyzing the enemy's strength, he declared that the Germans would be able to withdraw 950,000 men from the Eastern front, and the Austrians would be able to release enough to make the total 1,600,000.

Sir Auckland assured the House that the Entente allies at the present time in numbers and morale, were on equal terms with the forces of the enemy at present opposed to them and what with needed reinforcements and what would be found during the year, could face any additional forces which the enemy could bring. When the full force of America came into play a superiority would be established which would be the sure herald of complete and final victory.

Enrolment of Exempted.  
 The naval personnel, said the Minister, had expanded during the war from 150,000 to 400,000. The army to-day had more than 4,000,000 men on the rolls. The combined air service had increased from 2,000 to 125,000. The total enrolment in the armed forces had been 7,500,000.

England had contributed 4,330,000.  
 Scotland, 620,000.  
 Wales, 280,000.  
 Ireland, 170,000.  
 The Dominions and Colonies, 900,000.

The remaining 1,000,000, composed of native fighting troops, labor corps, carriers and similar workers, were from India, Africa and other dependencies.

The Minister declared that it will be necessary to raise in this country at once from 420,000 to 450,000 men for the present, not change the minimum. More might be necessary during the coming year. He added that the Government had decided not to introduce conscription in Ireland for the present, nor change the military age limit in Great Britain and the colonies.

The Preferential Treatment.  
 The Government could not give preferential treatment to any organization. Many young men in essential industries, he said, had acted as though they held a privileged position. They must share the burden with the others and be replaced by older men.

Sir Auckland raised the spirit shown by the Labor leaders in the negotiations with the Government. Efforts were being made by pacifists

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to stir up strife in munition factories, and young men were threatening to hold up the output of ships and airplanes in order to force the Government to send the wounded back to the front and drag out their fathers, and stop the leave of the men at the front.

"I believe that if they do they will meet such a blast of hatred it will surprise them," he declared.

National Service Demands.  
 The men who have acted as directors of recruiting, continued the Minister, would in the future be regional directors of national service. The Government departments had arranged for their requirements, amounting to ninety thousand men, to be supplied through the labor exchanges. Prospective demands for labor at the munitions plants and under the Admiralty amounted to 439,000 men and 119,000 women.

The appeal for labor for shipyards had met with a gratifying response; more than 5,000 men had presented themselves in the past month, and 2,100 had started to work. Altogether, during December, 40,000 vacancies for men and 36,000 for women had been filled.

Opportunities for the increased use of the services of allied and neutral aliens were being arranged. Enemy aliens who had not been interned. It is the intention to extend schoolboy labor in the harvest fields. The number of women engaged in munition work had increased from 227,000 in 1914 to 815,000 last year.

750,000 Women Employed.  
 "Owing to the way women have come forward," said the Minister, "there has been no great difficulty in obtaining sufficient numbers for the work for which they are required. Nearly three-quarters of a million women have been placed in employment of one kind or another in the last eleven months. But it is clear that a great further call will be made on women of all classes."

Sir Auckland appealed particularly

to two classes—first, men with private means, who, with little inconvenience and sacrifice small compared with those made by the younger men in the army, could easily leave their homes for work in the shipyards, munitions factories, or at timber on the farms; second, manual laborers over the military age, employed on non-essential work, who should volunteer for public work, as the younger men had done for the army.

His plans for national service were only to guide all men and women into channels where the energy of the nation was most needed.

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Printers and Beavers' roll Wednesday, January 16th.

### Bowling

President J. H. Kellett of the Brantford Tennis League is making arrangements for a game with a five-man team from Toronto for Thursday night, January 17th. The team is one of the strongest in Canada and will represent Toronto at the National Bowling Tournament at Cincinnati this spring. The lineup of the Toronto and Brantford



**IRENE DELOREY.**  
 Dainty lyric soprano, who sings at the Brant Theatre this week, after a 21 weeks' engagement at the Lyric Theatre, Hamilton.

### ACTIVITY ALSO CANADIAN

#### Infantry Commences Raids in Four

By Courier Leased Wire  
 Canadian headquarters via London, Jan. 13.—Willison, special correspondent (The Canadian Press)—Closed with unusual infatigability along the Canadian front Wednesday's raid when parties captured two machine guns, and other materiel have been five raids on the Canadians having enemy's lines twice, which has made three attempts positions. Early Saturday after we had broken in and captured two prisoners each. Two of the never succeeded in reaching the third penetration, but was driven out immediately, leaving a bad prisoner in our hands. The fine feature of the raid, splendid defence put up by our sentry groups of three, gave the alarm and took takers until only one was wounded.

Last night after a slight artillery barrage, we raid enemy lines again, but the left his battered trenches stood before our attack. Night our patrols have been "No man's Land" but the men have been few, the tiring as a rule at first of parties. One patrolling party officer and three men, captured in five yards of a much at enemy group through bombs. After the party tired into an empty house back for more. For ten whole line woke up to all of minor engagements, the enemy having opened up artillery and trench mortars, our artillery and Lewis gun. The uproar lasted for ten during which time our patrolling the cries of the enemy. While the line has been there is no cessation in entertainments or concerts men, or in educational work carried on at the University Ridge. In agriculture, business, applied science and physics has been held nightly, some in school, others in a tent in shattered village and in a brewery.

During the last ten days reading rooms have been thanks to the generosity operation of the Y. M. C. has lent books and tents equipment. Applications university under graduates or dentists for courses in advance

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