



Military Service Act, 1917

Explanatory Announcement by the Minister of Justice

THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT has received the assent of the Governor-General and is now part of the law of the land. It will be enforced accordingly, and the patriotism and good sense of the people can be relied upon to support it. Resistance to its enforcement, however by word or act must and will be repressed, as resistance to any other law in force must be.

Reinforcements under the Military Service Act immediately required

It is the intention of the Government immediately to exercise the power which the Act confers and to call out men for military service in order to provide reinforcements for the Canadian forces. This is necessary since the military authorities report that the reserves available or in sight for reinforcement will shortly be exhausted unless this step be taken.

First call limited to men between 20 and 34 who were unmarried or widowers without children on July 6, 1917

The present call will be limited to men not in the schedule of exemptions who were unmarried or widowers without children on 6th July, 1917, are at least twenty years of age, and were born on or since January 1st, 1883. Of this class all those will be entitled to conditional exemption whose services in their present occupations, agricultural, industrial or other, are essential in the national interest, and whose business or domestic responsibilities are such that serious hardship would ensue if their services be required. Conscientious scruples based upon a prohibition of combatant service by the articles of faith of the religious denomination to which men belong will also be respected. The men first required to serve will consequently be those who can be called upon with the least disturbance of the economic and social life of the country.

Civil Tribunals to deal with exemptions

Questions of exemption will be determined, not by the military authorities or by the Government, but by civil tribunals composed of representative men who are familiar with local conditions in the communities in which they serve, who will generally have personal knowledge of the economic and family reasons which those whose cases come before them have had for not volunteering their services and who will be able sympathetically to estimate the weight and importance of such reasons. Provincial Appellate Tribunals constituted from the existing judiciary of the respective provinces will be provided to correct mistakes made by Local Tribunals, and a Central Appeal Tribunal for the whole of Canada, selected from among the present Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, will be constituted in order that identical principles may be applied throughout the country. In this way every man may rest assured of the fair and full consideration of his circumstances and the national requirements both civil and military.

Proclamation will announce the day

A proclamation will issue calling out the bachelors and widowers referred to and fixing a day on or before which every man must report for service to the military authorities unless he has before that day made an application for exemption.

How to apply for exemption

Applications for exemption may be made by written notice on forms which will be available at every post office, and will be transmitted free of postage. They will not, however, be required to be made in this way, but may be presented by the applicants in person to the exemption tribunals. The cases of those who have given written notice in advance will take precedence, and appearance in person will therefore be likely to involve considerably more inconvenience and delay to the men concerned, so that it is recommended that advantage be generally taken of the facilities for written application.

Ottawa, September 11, 1917.

Exemption Tribunals in all parts of Canada

The local exemption tribunals will be constituted with the least delay possible, consistent with the selection of representative individuals to compose them, and the instruction of the members in their duties. There will be more than one thousand of such tribunals throughout Canada, each consisting of two members, one of whom will be nominated by a Joint Committee of Parliament, and the other by one of the Judges of the existing Courts. Every effort will be made by the wide distribution of tribunals, and by provision where necessary for their sitting in more than one place, to minimize the inconvenience to which men will be put in obtaining the disposition of their cases.

A Registrar will be appointed in each Province, who will be named in the proclamation and to whom enquiries may be addressed. Each Provincial Registrar will transmit to the appropriate tribunal the applications for exemption which have been submitted in advance of the sittings, and men who have sent these in will not be required to attend the tribunals until notified to do so. Other applicants should attend personally on the tribunal without notice.

How to report for service

Men who do not desire to claim exemption will report to the military authorities for service either by mail or in person at any time after the issue of the proclamation. Forms of report by mail will be found in all post offices, and, like applications for exemption, will be transmitted free of postage.

Early report advantageous

No man who reports for service will, although he may be medically examined and passed as fit, be required to go into camp or join a battalion until after a day fixed by the proclamation sufficiently late to permit of the disposition by the local tribunals of most, if not all, of the applications for exemption which may come before them. Thus no advantage will be gained by delaying or disadvantage incurred by prompt report for service on the part of those who do not intend to apply for exemption.

Facilities for immediate medical examination

Immediately upon the issue of the proclamation, medical boards will sit at every mobilization centre for the examination of men who report for service or who, subject to their right within the time limited to apply for exemption, desire to have their physical fitness determined in order to allay any doubt as to their physical condition, or to know definitely and in advance whether there is a possibility of their services being required. Certificates of physical unfitness issued by these Medical Boards will be accepted without any further investigation by exemption tribunals when they sit. Men found physically fit who have not reported for service may nevertheless apply for exemption on any of the prescribed grounds, including even their physical condition if dissatisfied with the Medical Board's conclusion.

Notice to join the colors

As reinforcements are required, notice to report to the nearest mobilization centre will be given from time to time to the men found liable and passed as fit for service. Disobedience of such notice will render the offender liable to punishment, but punishment for failure to report for military service, or to report subsequently for duty when called upon, will be imposed ordinarily by the civil magistrates; offenders, however, will remain liable for the performance of their military duties notwithstanding any civil punishment which may be imposed and will be liable to military punishment in cases in which civil proceedings are not taken.

Watch for the Proclamation

Notice of the day appointed for the making of a claim for exemption or for reporting for military service will be published as widely as possible, but, as no personal notice can be given until the individuals called out have so reported themselves or claimed exemption, men possibly concerned are warned to attend themselves with regard to the day fixed, since neglect may involve the loss by them of important privileges and rights.

CHAS. J. DOHERTY,

Minister of Justice.

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WINNER OR WASTER - Which are You?

On a recent occasion the Honorable the Minister of Finance for Canada, in addressing a representative Canadian audience, dealt with the urgency of everybody doing, even in the smallest way, their share towards aiding the Empire.

It is well to remember that every dollar thrown away extravagantly does one hundred per cent. more good to the enemy than one dollar saved by ourselves.

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Slandering the Soldiers.

A great deal of wrong is being done the Canadian soldiers by the loose or malicious talk of thoughtless or low-minded people—often by those who have failed to volunteer seek to discredit the army with a view to excusing themselves for shirking a duty.

There are those who can see only the evil side of life anywhere, and some who have visited the camps see only the drunkenness and the bad women who are about. Others see little or nothing of this. Much depends upon what one is looking for, or what his mind is constituted to receive and magnify.

The Bruce Battalion has come in for a great deal of slander originating with the base-minded. The question is frequently asked: "Why is the Bruce Battalion kept so long in England?" And some have answered by saying that there is so much disease among the men

that they never are fit to go to France.

This explanation cannot be other than the vapourings of the thoughtless scandal-monger. In the first place there were in England until recently, one hundred other battalions as well as the Bruce; and there is now about forty other Canadian battalions there. This is the Canadian Army reserve from which drafts are from time to time made to keep up the strength of the battalions at the front as they are worn down. So there is no reason for wonder that the Bruce Battalion is still in England.

There is no sense whatever in the explanation that the battalion is unfit for service because of the debauchery of the men. Why should this battalion, in many respects the best which ever left Canada, be so much worse than other battalions? That question does not need to be answered. Besides many of the men are known in their home localities to be sober clean-living fellows who

would stand up under temptation if any men would.

A certain amount of debauchery is inseparable from army camp life and ignorant persons, with eyes and ears for that only which is low, seeing this, come away to report that it is the whole thing.

Thoughtful people, with the good of the soldiers at heart will consider where this scandal talk comes from and value it accordingly. It would not be worth referring to, were it not that the long and otherwise unexplained stay of the Bruce Battalion in England helps to give the slander currency and causes many to suspect that there may be some truth in it.—Lucknow Sentinel.

A stitch in time may close the mouths of nine gossips.

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Chickens

Pair Brahma, light—A M Babb Barred Plymouth Rocks—M Bilger, Hy Miller; Partridge Rocks—A M Babb, C Kerstine; R I Red—A M Babb, 1st and 2nd; Indian game—A M Babb; Any other game—A M Babb; Any other Wyandottes—A M Babb; Black Spanish—B Goetz, Geo Kunkel; Black Minorcas—A M Babb, 1st and 2nd; S C Brown Leghorns—A M Babb, 1st and 2nd; S C White Leghorns—A M Babb; S S Hamburgs—A M Babb; Any other kind Bantams—A M Babb; Ancona Chicks—A M Babb; White Ducklings—J Douglas, H Douglas; Grey Gosslings—Geo Haines; White Gosslings—Jno Vollick; Paintail Pigeons—A M Babb, Hy Miller; Any other kind Pigeons—Jno Vollick, Peter Sauer.

Grain and Seeds.

Fall Wheat white—Geo Haines, Jno Schmidt, And Schmidt; Fall wheat, red—Jno Schmidt, And Schmidt; Sheaf fall wheat—And Schmidt, Jac Bilger, And Schmidt; Sheaf Barley—And Schmidt, J M Fischer, Jacob Bilger; Sheaf Oats—And Schmidt; White Oats—Andrew Schmidt, Geo Haines, Albert Taylor; Black Oats—And Schmidt, C Kerstine; Barley, 6 rowed—And Schmidt; Barley any kind—C Kerstine; Peas large—Geo Haines, C Kerstine; Peas small—B Goetz; Buckwheat—B Goetz; Timothy—And Schmidt, Jac Miller; Clover—Alb Taylor, Ig Grub; Flax—C Kerstine; Sweet Corn—And Schmidt, Geo Haines; Indian Corn—And Schmidt, Jac Bilger. Purvis Special.

Best bushel wheat—Geo Haines, Mrs. Jos Meyer, C Kerstine.

Roots

Potatoes, rose—And Schmidt, Alb Taylor, N Durrer; Potatoes, hebron—And Schmidt, Geo Haines; Potatoes, round white type—And Schmidt, Jac Bilger, Geo Reinhardt; Potatoes, long white—And Schmidt, Bilger; Potatoes, any other variety—And Schmidt, Louisa Pletsch, Jac Bilger; Potatoes, collection—Jac Bilger, And Schmidt; Turnips purple, tops—Geo Haines, Jno Vollick And Schmidt; Turnips, green tops—

Anth Weber, A Schmidt, C Kerstine; Greystone turnips—B Goetz, A Schmidt, Geo Haines; Yellow Aberdeen Turnips—And Schmidt, B Goetz; N Durrer; Mangolds, red—A Schmidt, Geo Haines; Mangolds, yellow—And Schmidt, Geo Haines; Feeding Sugar Beets—B Goetz; And Schmidt, Geo Haines; Silo corn—Hy Schnurr, Jno Vollick, N Durrer; Field Carrots—And Schmidt, Geo Haines, Jac Bilger; Table Carrots—G Helwig, B Goetz, A Schmidt; Beets—And Schmidt, Geo Haines; Klein sr; Parsnips—Ig Grub, A Schmidt; Radishes, summer—Geo Reinhardt; Grub; Radishes, black, winter—And Schmidt, Geo Haines; Collection of Field Roots—And Schmidt, A Weber.

Cabbage, Winningstadt—Geo Reinhardt, Jonas Vollick; Drumhead cabbage—And Schmidt; Flat dutch cabbage—And Schmidt; Red cabbage—Geo Reinhardt, And Schmidt; Largest and best cabbage—Bert Schmaltz, Andrew Schmidt; Any other kind cabbage—And Schmidt, B Goetz; Cauliflower—And Schmidt; Celery—Geo Reinhardt, Ig Grub; Onions from sets—And Schmidt, Geo Reinhardt; Onions from seed—Geo Reinhardt, Ig Grub; Dutch sets—Jac Bilger, Jno Diebel; Potato onions—Jac Miller, B Goetz; Red Tomatoes—And Schmidt, Ig Grub; Yellow tomatoes—J L Tolton; Beans—Geo Reinhardt, Jac Bilger; Field squash—M Bilger, Jac Bilger; Table or marrow squash—M Bilger, Jonas Vollick; Pumpkin—M Bilger, Geo Haines; Collection of vegetables—And Schmidt, B Goetz.

Dairy Produce etc

Sauer Kraut—Geo Haines, Hy Miller; Collection of sealed fruit—Alb Knechtel, Jac Bilger; Crock of butter—Louis Steffler, Geo Haines; Tub butter—Jno Vollick; 5 lb roll of butter—Geo Haines, Hy Schnurr; Loaf of home-made bread—And Schmidt, B Goetz, Jno Vollick, Mrs D Weber; Honey comb—John Dietel; Honey extracted; Jno Diebel; Fancy honey—John Diebel; Maple sugar—Geo Haines, Ig Grub; Maple syrup—Geo Haines, Geo Reinhardt; Home made soap—Geo Reinhardt, Dr Doering; dairy butter special—Alb Taylor, Hy Schnurr; Fruit cake—H J Ernst, Mrs H Maurer, Geo Haines; Layer Cake—Mrs D Weber, Jac Bilger, Ig Grub; Plate cookies—M H Maurer, Geo Reinhardt, Geo Haines; Ginger cookies—Mrs H Maurer, Jac Miller, Jac Bilger; Oatmeal cakes—Mrs H Maurer, Geo Reinhardt, Hugh Douglas; Short Bread—Geo Reinhardt, Wm Taylor, Mrs D Weber; Buns—B Goetz; Peter Sauer, Ig Grub; Tea biscuits—C Kerstine, Stella Duffy, Jac Schmidt; Apple pie—Jac Miller, And Schmidt, Mrs H Maurer; Pumpkin pie—Jno Vollick, Wm Taylor, Geo Haines; Ginger bread—Alb Taylor, Geo Haines, Wm Taylor; Johnny cake—Alb Taylor, Jno Diebel, Wm Taylor; Coffee cake—B Goetz, Peter Sauer, Jac Miller; Dough nuts—Alb Taylor, Mrs D Weber, Jac Schmidt; Lemon pie—Jno Vollick, Mrs D Weber, Jac Bilger; Collection bakings—Jac Bilger.

Specials.

J W South special—Hy Schnurr; Western Canada Flour Mills Co. special—And Schmidt, Mrs D Weber; Wm Knechtel & Sons, Hanover, special—And Schmidt.

Fruit.

Apples, Dutchess—C Kerstine; Snow ... Jac Bilger, C Kerstine; Ribston—And Schmidt, Jonas Vollick; Wealthy—N Durrer, B Goetz; Talman Sweets—N Durrer, C Kerstine; Alexanders—C Kerstine, J M Fischer; Am. Russets—Geo Klein sr, A Taylor; Rox Russets—Jac Bilger, C Kerstine; Northern Spy—Jonas Vollick, C Kerstine; Ontario—J M Fischer; 20 oz Pippins—Jac Bilger; King—Jonas Vollick, Jac Bilger; Baldwin—N Durrer, J M Fischer; Mann—N Durrer, A Taylor; Any other winter—C Kerstine; Any other fall—Jonas Vollick, Pears Bartlett—J L Tolton; Any other winter pears—J L Tolton, N Durrer; Any other fall pears—Jno Diebel, And Schmidt; Lombard plums—Jac Bilger, Mrs H Maurer; Green or yellow plums—Geo Klein sr, Jno Diebel; Blue—Jno Vollick, And Schmidt; Red—W H Huck, J M Fischer.

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