

MINISTER OF MILITIA PROVES THAT VOLUNTARY RECRUITING IS NOT DEAD.

In answer to a question in the House of Commons on June 11th, 1917, [See unrevised Hansard p. 2297] the Hon. Sir Edward Kemp gave the number of recruits obtained in Canada during the year, 1916 and 1917 up to the time Conscription was announced.

The following is an exact copy of the figures Sir Edward Kemp gave on that occasion:

1916. January.....	29,212.
1916. February.....	26,658.
1916. March.....	32,819.
1916. April.....	23,289.
1916. May.....	15,090.
1916. June.....	10,796.
1916. July.....	8,675.
1916. August.....	7,267.
1916. September.....	6,357.
1916. October.....	6,035.
1916. November.....	6,548.
1916. December.....	5,803.
1917. January.....	7,721.
1917. February.....	7,644.
1917. March.....	6,670.
1917. April.....	5,270.
1917. May.....	6,520.

And then Sir Robert Borden introduced conscription and voluntary recruiting stopped.

ADVICE FROM DISLOYAL ORGANS.

The Northcliffe press, which has been viciously attacking the British navy within the past few weeks, has turned its attention to Canadian politics and the London (England) *Daily Mail* has taken upon itself to inform Britishers in general that the election of Sir Wilfrid Laurier would mean the withdrawal of the Canadian army from the vital front at a critical time.

The *Daily Mail's* attitude is of a piece with the recent policy of the imperialistic Northcliffe press. This position has been so obviously calculated to shake public confidence in the British army and navy that on a very recent occasion a Liberal Member in the British house called the attention of the Government to these attacks and asked what steps the Administration intended to take in this matter under the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Act. Replying on behalf of the Government Hon. Mr. Macnamara stated that the *Daily Mail's* attacks had been noted, that they were calculated "seriously to embarrass the Government and the Admiralty" and that they were "strongly to be deprecated" for these reasons. Mr. Macnamara also stated that the *Daily Mail's* articles were so "obviously inspired by ignorance" as to be disregarded by intelligent readers and the public generally.

This is the unreliable, vicious and dangerously disloyal organ which attempts to lecture Canadians on patriotism and their duty to the Empire!

The difference between the war policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that of Henry Bourassa is that Sir Wilfrid is in the war to the end under the Voluntary System. Mr. Bourassa is against any participation

whatever in the war. Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Borden were allies in 1911.

HON. DR. REID LOOKS AFTER HIS OWN.

If the Borden Government remained in power for fifteen years stranger things might happen than to see the whole Government manned with members of the Hon. Dr. Reid's family. At present this family hold the following positions.

Hon. Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals with Sessional Indemnity and salary.....	\$9 700
General Mewburn, (brother-in-law) Minister of Militia.....	9 700
Major Labatt, (brother-in-law) Pension Board.....	5 000
Judge Dowsley, Cousin, County Court Judge.....	3 000
W. T. Reid, Brother, Preventative Officer.....	1 000

At Parrie, Ontario on Saturday November 24th the Union Government called a meeting of the Win-the-War Women of Barrie and announced that addresses would be delivered by officers of the Red Cross Society, Patriotic Society, Field Comforts, Women's Institute, Soldier's Aid and by Mr. W. A. Boys, K. C., (the Conservative Candidate).

Politics and Patriotic associations—that is mixing it up some.

HAS SIR WILFRID LAURIER MADE ANY RECRUITING SPEECHES?

We answer most emphatically, yes.

The supporters of the Borden Government are insidiously circulating the report that the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has taken no part in voluntary recruiting in the Province of Quebec or elsewhere. We would remind our opponents that on many occasions Sir Wilfrid Laurier has delivered recruiting speeches. The following is the list:

- At Toronto, September 10th, 1914:—Canadian Patriotic Fund.
- At Toronto, September 12th, 1914:—Canada and the War.
- At Ottawa, September 23rd, 1914:—Canada and the War.
- At Ottawa, September 28th, 1914:—Canadian Patriotic Fund.
- At Sohmer Park, Montreal, October 15th, 1914:—Recruiting meeting.
- At Montreal Reform Club, December 13th, 1914:—Canada at War.
- At Toronto, May 21st, 1915:—Liberal Club Federation.
- At Ottawa, July 16th, 1915:—Recruiting meeting.
- At St. Lin, Que., August 7th, 1915:—Canada and the War.
- At Sherbrooke, Que., August 12th, 1915:—Two mass meetings for recruiting.
- At Napanee, Ont., September 2nd, 1915:—Recruiting meeting.
- At Monument National, Montreal, Que., December 9th, 1915:—Patriotic meeting.
- At Monument National, Montreal, Que., June 3rd, 1916:—Recruiting Meeting.
- At Brome, Que., July 1st, 1916:—Red Cross rally.
- At St. Joseph Boulevard, Maisonneuve, Montreal, Sept., 27th, 1916:—Canada and the War.
- At London, Ont., October 11th, 1916:—Liberalism and its part in the War.

We ask our Conservative friends to name five recruiting meetings addressed by Sir Robert Borden in the Province of Quebec.