

A question that arises in studying the recruiting returns is: What are the occupations of the enlisted men? While it has been impossible for the military authorities to prepare a greatly detailed classification, the following statement shows the seven classes into which the recruits secured up to February 15, 1916, have been mainly divided:

Classes.	Number Enlisted.	Percentage of Total Enlistments.
Professional men .....	16,153	6.14
Business men .....	6,530	2.48
Clerks .....	48,777	18.54
Manual labor .....	170,369	64.75
Farmers, including farm laborers.	14,200	5.40
Ranchers .....	2,844	1.08
Students .....	4,238	1.61
Total up to Feb. 15th .....	263,111	100.00

The above table shows that the rural districts of Canada did not, up to the date mentioned, make heavy sacrifices of men. Fourteen thousand two hundred, which it must be remembered, includes farm laborers, is only 5.4 per cent. of the total enlistments up to February 15, 1916. The great majority of those listed under the class "Farmers," were farm laborers, most of whom were of British birth. Comparatively few farmers or their sons have been taken from the land. The classes, "Business Men," "Clerks," and "Manual Labor," composed 85 per cent. of the enlistments up to February 15th. While it is true that these broad classes include all kinds of business and industry, it is certain that manufacturing has contributed by far the greatest total.

Another question which is asked is: Who are the recruits according to birth? The answer is given in the address delivered by Brigadier-General, the Honorable James Mason, in the Senate of Canada, on May 4th, 1916, and is contained in the following extract from his speech:

	Census of 1911, Total Males 18-45.	Enlisted.	Proportion of Number Enlisted to Total Number.	Proportion as to Total Enlistments.
Canadian-born				
(English) ....	667,000	85,000	About 13%	28½%
Canadian-born				
(French) .....	445,000	12,000	About 3%	4½%
(This includes French battalions and all French names of other battalions.)				
United Kingdom or				
British-born....	307,000	180,000	60%	61%
Foreign-born.....	306,000	18,000	6%	6%
Total enlistments to				
March 31, 1916. ....		295,000		