

War Appropriation

effort equal to that of 100,000,000—Mayor La Guardia declares Canadians are doing swell job." I should like to see this article sent by the dominion government to be published as an advertisement in all the newspapers of the United States so as to destroy prejudice and hatred and especially to dissipate ignorance as to Canada's war effort.

Here is a clipping from *L'Etoile* of Lowell, Massachusetts, of April 29, 1942, reading:

I will translate it:

Strange to say, the province of Quebec, which has voted three to one against conscription has until now given more volunteers for overseas than the province of Ontario, which voted five to one in favour of conscription.

Some very interesting information was given out by the Department of National War Services on April 4 showing the number of men who had enlisted voluntarily in Canada by provinces, and this information was published in all the newspapers of the country. The number enlisted in Quebec was 2,109, and in Ontario, 2,116. The article goes on to say:

Major-General LaFleche stated that since October, 1940, a total of 120,305 men called up by national war services had reported to the military training centres and had been found physically fit for training. The men came from provinces as follows:

Prince Edward Island	1,013
Nova Scotia	4,718
New Brunswick	4,567
Quebec	38,433
Ontario	37,252
Manitoba	8,331
Saskatchewan	9,424
Alberta	9,024
British Columbia	7,543

Total 120,305

Of the above, 35,881 were trained by French-speaking officers and instructors, which was a great progress on what had happened before. The number of men requisitioned by the Department of National Defence was 35,740. The surplus of 1,692 men was accounted for as follows: Nova Scotia, 119; New Brunswick, 225; Quebec, 1,146; Manitoba, 14; Saskatchewan, 285; Prince Edward Island supplied the exact number of men called for; Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia were respectively 53, 40 and 24 men short.

Mr. RALSTON: What are those figures?

Mr. POULIOT: What I have here is a publication of the Department of National Defence, and it was issued to the press.

Mr. RALSTON: The Department of National War Services.

[Mr. Pouliot.]

Mr. POULIOT: I presume, whether it came from the Department of National War Services or from the Department of National Defence, it must be accurate.

Mr. RALSTON: It was a press release issued by the Department of National War Services with regard to the number of men required to report. It did not suggest that they had enlisted.

Mr. POULIOT: This document was very well analysed by Mr. Gérard Filion, a well-known and brilliant Canadian journalist, when he spoke at a meeting at Tetreaultville on April 15. He said:

(Translation) We are ahead of the other provinces and yet we are being ridiculed.

This is evidenced by the fact that no other Canadian province has subscribed to the victory loans to the same extent as Quebec. Quebec has more soldiers in training notwithstanding the fact that Ontario has a comparatively larger population. The voluntary system of enlistment is no longer successful in the remainder of Canada; only in the province of Quebec are its results satisfactory. Every month men are called for training. Ontario is constantly lagging, while we always supply more than our quota of men.

As regards voluntary enlistments for overseas service, the maritime provinces have supplied about 200 men over their quota. Quebec has supplied 1,146 over its quota. And the district of London, Ontario, the hotbed of orangeism, was 20 per cent short.

I entirely agree with him, except with regard to London, Ontario, being a centre of Orangeism.

Recently we had a visit of an army train. The publication which relates to it and which was distributed among those who went there is printed only in English. Something insulting was done by one of the fellows on the train. When it was at Quebec city, and when he was asked for information in French and was told that the gentleman who was speaking was addressing him in French, that officer was told that he did not hear any foreign language. This was in the press, that when the train went to Quebec a good French-Canadian visited the train and asked in French for information, and that fellow—probably a bloke—said, "Well, I speak no foreign language. Speak English, or otherwise you are not entitled to an answer."

Mr. RALSTON: Is my hon. friend stating what someone told him? Is this what the gentleman informed him?

Mr. POULIOT: It is in the paper.

Mr. RALSTON: I am not talking about the paper.