

TRAITORS.

Editor, Citizen.—Webster defines a traitor as one who aids an enemy to injure or destroy the country. According to that definition we have a great number of traitors in our midst worse than Germans for those we can watch and if necessary confine. But there is an enemy, constantly at work, that is doing more harm than many German spies. It is killing and weakening, especially our young men who should be the defenders of our country in time of need. But when that time of need comes thousands have been killed and of those that are left one half are not fit to serve in the army.

It is many years since a German government commission reported that beer and whisky were the greatest enemy of the nation and the German Emperor has, for some time, been warning his troops that the great battles of the future would be won by the soberest nations. In this present war Russia, Germany and Norway have prohibited the manufacture and sale of intoxicants and England and France have curtailed their use to a considerable extent. Lord Kitchener forbade even presents of wine being sent to the soldiers and Lord Roberts pleaded with the people not to treat soldiers to intoxicants.

What is Canada going to do about this enemy that is destroying the nation? Are our rulers so scared of the liquor traffic that they will let it go on its murderous course unhindered? Will they let it go on weakening the vitality of our young men till it will be easy for a sober people to come and make slaves of our children?

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