

# PREMIER BORDEN ISSUES APPEAL TO PEOPLE OF CANADA

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## To Organize Full Power of Nation in Terms of Human Energy

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Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Sir Robert Borden issued an appeal to the people of Canada last night for national service, in which he recalls Canada's past efforts in the war, notes the recent falling off in enlistment and calls for renewed efforts in arms and industry by the men and women of the nation. More than 370,000 men have enlisted, he says 258,000 have gone overseas and more than 140,000 are now in the battle line. During the first ten months of the present war the number sent forward will aggregate 141,000. From January 1st to April 15 this year, enlistments were nearly one thousand per day. Up to the present our forces have enlisted and organized more rapidly than the facilities of transportation and accommodation in Great Britain could be provided. During the past four months the number of enlistments has greatly decreased, and, having regard to future needs, the time has come for this appeal.

"It is the urgent duty of the Canadian people," he says, "to join with the Government in organizing the full power of the nation in terms of human energy. Under the responsibilities with which I am invested and in the name of the state which we are all bound to serve, it is my duty to appeal and I do now appeal most earnestly to the people of Canada that they assist and co-operate with the Government and the directors of National Service in an endeavor for this purpose. To the men of military age I make the appeal that they place themselves at the service of the State for military duty. To all others I make the appeal that they place themselves freely at the disposition of their country for such service as they are deemed best fit to perform. And to the women of Canada, whose spirit has been so splendid and so inspiring in this hour of devotion and sacrifice, I bid Godspeed in the manifold of beneficence in which they are now engaged and I pray them to aid still more in every field of national service for which they may feel themselves fitted. Let us never forget the solemn truth that the nation is not constituted of the living alone. There are