

COMPLETE RESULTS OF MILITARY CENSUS GIVEN LAST NIGHT

"A very satisfactory report indeed. I feel that the thanks of this body should be extended to the gentlemen who had the military canvass in hand," said Mr. T. J. Kennedy, who occupied the chair at the regular meeting of the Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma Civilian Recruiting Association last night. "It is the most complete piece of work we have had since the Association was formed," he added. The report, which appears below, was adopted, and the committee, headed by Mr. C. V. Plummer was relieved of its duties. Mr. Plummer in acknowledging the vote of thanks, touched upon the minor difficulties his committee had experienced in doing the work, and himself acknowledged that the undertaking had been very productive of information. The compiled lists have been handed over to Lt.-Col. Rowland, he said.

The report:

"Your committee on the house to house census beg to report as follows:

"On January 13, 1916, your committee composed of C. V. Plummer, Maj. Jones, T. J. Kennedy, W. J. Thompson, J. D. H. Browne, J. E. Irving, Dr. McQuaid, H. B. Graham and Andrew Elliot, was appointed to organize and carry the scheme to its conclusion. The committee met on the 13th and appointed chairmen for the various polling subdivisions as follows: C. V. Plummer, Maj. Jones, J. D. H. Browne, J. T. Mackay, J. E. Irving, Andrew Elliot, T. E. Simpson, Thos. H. Magill, J. H. Stearns, Dr. McQuaid, Joseph Friedman and H. B. Graham, all of whom volunteered to look after the work. These chairmen got their own working committees arranged and all met on the 18th instant, and the campaign was fixed for the 20th and 21st. The campaign started on schedule time, but owing to illness of various gentlemen interested, certain delays occurred, and it was not till January 29th that the last return was handed in.

"The returns as compiled show as follows:

Single men of military age.....	604
Married men of military age....	1,102
Unfit for military service	104
Where none of military age	54
Where men were absent	13
Information doubtful	21
Called already	47
Over military age	468
Vacant houses	94
Foreigners	217
Information refused	7

"In my opinion the census can scarcely be said to be a thorough one, though fairly successful. The instructions on the cards were not always followed, as is shown by the returns, but this may have been due to misunderstanding, or through the canvassers being unaccustomed to such work.

"In making the compilations already shown, only those between 18 and 45 are counted as of military age, 46 and over being included as 'over age.' In subdivisions where some are reported 'unfit,' those cards which do not answer the question have been taken as 'fit.'

"Of course, only partial reports are in as to those already enlisted in the 51st 119th, and for overseas elsewhere.

"There can be nothing but commendation of those who so steadily stuck to the work, and who so readily undertook the canvass, and the thanks of this association, are due all the various workers in the different subdivisions.

"Arrangements have been made to have a canvass made in the same manner in Steelton, and we expect in a few days to have their report before us. Acting under the instructions of this association the cards have been turned over to Mr. Browne's committee, who will take the necessary steps to follow up and utilize the information gathered."

The attendance at the meeting was not large, and the business was quickly disposed of. Those present reported having interviewed Mr. W. J. Thompson, whose resignation as president of the association has been under consideration for some weeks. Mr. Kennedy remarked that Mr. Thompson's action was apparently taken in the belief that his recent illness would seriously handicap the working of the association, but this Mr. Kennedy felt would not be the case under the arrangements made to relieve Mr. Thompson until he could again actively take up the work. No action was taken on Mr. Thompson's resignation, in the hope that he can see his way clear to continue in office.

A military canvass, such as that just concluded in the Sault, will be undertaken in Steelton at once, reported Mr. Plummer. Mr. J. D. H. Browne reported verbally on the success of the meetings held at points outside the city, and on the one held at the Orpheum theatre Sunday night. Arrangements are being made to hold meetings at the Orpheum and King's theatres Sunday evening next.

No action was taken on the proposal of Mr. Godfrey, of the Citizens' Recruiting League, Toronto, to send Mr. Godfrey to the Sault to engage in recruiting work. A letter from the secretary will inform Mr. Godfrey that the Sault is not altogether prepared to undertake the work just now.