

REGISTRATION IN CANADA.  
IS NOW PROPOSED

Senator Mason Says the Time Has  
Come for Dominion to Take Count  
of Those Eligible for Service.

In the senate yesterday Senator Mason moved for a return of Canadians enlisted for overseas service. He said he desired to draw attention to the importance and the desirability of the government taking steps to find the resources of Canada in men fit for service at the front. At the beginning of the year the government wisely and patriotically made a call for 500,000 troops all told, being an addition of 250,000 men. In time the 500,000 would be raised, but that could only be done by the organization of the country's resources of men. On February 15 of this year over 249,000 men were enlisted for overseas service.

The Census Figures

The census of 1911 showed there were in Canada 1,737,000 men between the ages of 20 and 44, and of this number 734,000 were single, 775,000 married, 16,000 widowed and 12,500 unknown. Since the census, the figures had probably increased 8 per cent. In the first contingent of 42,000 only 12,500 were native born Canadians, and succeeding contingents had shown no better proportion—about 30 per cent. being native and the remaining 70 per cent. British born.

"There are now in round figures probably a million men in Canada of British or Canadian birth who, by reason of their age, are available for service, but some organized steps should be taken, I submit, as in the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, to find out how the country stands in relation to these men; who of them may be willing and who are not free for some one or more of the many reasons which may properly exist," said the senator.

It would not be as easy to raise the second 250,000 men as it had been to recruit the first 250,000. With 250,000 men at the front 5 per cent. monthly casualties would require 25,000 men a month or 300,000 men a year to keep the force up to strength. It was clear that the 500,000 could not be raised and kept up to strength under the present sys-

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tem of enlistment. Some new method must be resorted to and he doubted if as a preliminary Canada could do better than to try the registration system which proved so successful in England.

Senator Mason reviewed the English registration system and gave figures to show the results it had produced, disclosing 2,170,000 single men available for service there. In Australia and New Zealand action was taken similar to that in England.

The Census Statistics

Returning to the census of 1911, Senator Mason stated that there were 1,655,000 between the ages of 18 and 45; Canadian born numbered 973,621; British born, 285,858; foreign born, 278,852. There had been enlisted 73,935 Canadian born, 158,657 British born and 18,899 foreign born.

Native Born Canadians

The question arose where will the next 250,000 men come from. Certainly not from the British or foreign born, but from the native born Canadians, who, as a class, have not yet shown a disposition to do their full duty."

He was sure there was no lack of courage on the part of the young Canadian, but if they saw their duty they would do it as quickly as the men of Britain. If they understood the issue the million men of military age and British or Canadian birth remaining in Canada would come forward and help.

Need of Registration

The necessity of registration was becoming more evident every day. Lord Shaughnessy's speech was not so much an argument against recruiting as it was a plea for "organized recruiting based upon authoritative knowledge of industries, occupations and men available." Senator Mason quoted a letter from Brigadier General Wilson of Montreal stating that "some form of compulsion will be necessary in Montreal if recruiting does not take a turn for the better soon. There are thousands of young men in the city of Montreal who are not doing their duty."

Reverend Father Minehan of Toronto in a recent letter strongly urged a national inventory of resources in men. General Wilson and Lord Shaughnessy were not alone in their views. In Toronto, Hamilton, Stratford and Perth recruiting leagues had declared for modified conscription.