

SYRIANS JOIN RANKS OF CANADA'S SOLDIERS

Eager to Serve With Side That Wipes Out Turkey

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**Syrian-Canadians Regard Unspeakable
Turk With Undying Hatred and
Want to Share in His Annihila-
tion.**

The advent of Turkey to the ranks of the belligerent nations in Europe has resulted in the active addition of the thousands of Syrians in Canada to the side of the allies, and the result is that they are offering their services in defence of the Dominion.

More than ordinary interest is being attached to the formation of a Syrian Home Guard company, which will probably number 200, and which, the organizers hope, will be permitted to become attached to the Home Guard forces, which have already received the recognition of the Militia Department.

Preliminary organization has already been completed, and the request for recognition will be forwarded to the proper authorities in the course of a day or two. A request for drill instructors will also be made.

Wipe Out Turkey.

Speaking to The Globe of the eagerness of the Syrian-Canadians to offer their services in defence of the land of their adoption, Mr. J. Aziz, a prominent Syrian importer, of 146 Wellington street west, explained that the despotic rule of Turkey over its subject races has aroused their undying hate, so that the thousands of Syrians now in the United States and Canada are eager to do all that is possible to make the elimination of the "unspeakable Turk" a reality.

"We are not Turks, and resent being called Turks," declared Mr. Aziz. "We Christians have been deprived of civil and religious rights in Syria, and will give all we own if by so doing it destroys Turkey. We Syrians fully appreciate the freedom with which we are permitted to live and trade in Canada, and interference with the Dominion and her trade means interference with us, and that is why we want to express our loyalty."

Syrians Give Generously.

Comparatively little is known of what the Syrians have given towards the many patriotic funds organized since the war commenced. The coffers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund have been materially enlarged since they were opened, and the various colony grants now total into the thousands, while, on the other hand, hundreds of homeless Belgians will feel the benefit this winter of the large quantities of blankets and clothes forwarded on the ship placed at the disposal of the Canadian Belgian Relief Fund by the British Admiralty.