

NATIONAL REGISTRATION

The National Service Commission is making an appeal for the voluntary registration of every man between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five. It is a call that no Canadian can afford to reject, because it is the first and indispensable step in bringing to bear all the resources of the country upon the great object of winning the war. At the back of our great natural resources, our immense area of fertile soil, our inexhaustible mineral wealth, our limitless forests, lies the man-power of the Dominion; and between our country with its great potential wealth and that enemy who would gladly seize it all as the spoil of successful war, stands the great host of the Allies, needing and consuming gigantic supplies of food, munitions and ships. How can Canada best help in the common cause? She can give her fighting men. She has giv-

en many and will give more. But, more important perhaps than fighting men, she can give her labour in producing food and shells and minerals and timber to help in sustaining and equipping the great armies of Britain, France and Russia. To perform this work effectively, she must bring her man-power to bear where it is needed most. The appeal made by the National Service Commission for enrolment of men is a direct appeal to our patriotism. Every man is needed, and perhaps every woman too, not only for fighting, not mainly for fighting, but for production of the things without which the greatest army of armed men is impotent. The response to the appeal should be prompt, unanimous and individual. The country expects it and it must not be disappointed. Our sons and brothers at the front demand it, they have a right to demand it, and their demand must be obeyed. Let every man fill out his registration card, as the expression of his willingness to do his utmost in the great war we are waging for our liberties and our civilization.