

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

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A SOLDIER'S APPEAL.

To the Editor of The Globe: I have received the following letter from a Canadian soldier who went overseas with the First Contingent and is still fighting:

"We are, or were, hoping that if the end does not come this year Canada would give all the First Contingent men and those who had arrived in England before Jan. 1, 1915, and put in a reasonable time in France, a leave to Canada. Australia is giving six months to all her men who have been overseas at any place, Egypt included, 1,000 days, but then Australia always does look after her men. Canada doesn't seem to care. They take us in and hand us over to the by no means too tender mercies of the Imperial Government, and then seem to think they are finished with us. But we were hoping that we might get, say, a month clear in Canada, after all these months, or even two or three weeks, but I am told there is no chance. Lots of men do get it who have not been out anything like as long as we have, but unless you have the pull there is no chance. There are only about 8,000 of the old regiments left now, I believe, and they have lots of spare men they could relieve us with, but I very much doubt that anything will be done unless some one takes it up, for, of course, we can do nothing, but it would be very welcome, and more so as there seems little or no chance of our getting back home for at least another fifteen months, or more likely eighteen or twenty months."

This letter should awaken Canadian people to a sense of their duty to the men at the front.

Soldiers' Friend.

WOMAN ORGANISTS.

To the Editor of The Globe: Will you please say why the churches of all denominations continue to hire men of military age, without encumbrance, as organist and choir director?

I am a woman organist and directress, but it is difficult for me and other women in the same profession to get even a trial, as we are told they prefer a man, and frequently a man in another profession, with a mere smattering of music, is chosen ahead of a woman with a course taking many years, and degrees and excellent references.

It is a great injustice when all the men members of my family are at the front fighting to keep these men in their comfortable jobs.

Win-the-war.

THE NATURALIZED VOTE.

To the Editor of The Globe: Re your editorial in the issue of the 21st inst., you will find quite a number of people who do not agree with your views on this subject.

I admit that under normal conditions it would be morally wrong to deprive the alien of his vote, but—and here is the point—we are not living in normal times. You know as well as most people that we are at war with an enemy who has thrown overboard all morality, and is fighting with every kind of lawful and unlawful weapon, and is prepared to take advantage of any weakness on our part.

You should know by now that a German is always a German, and, although you will find here and there Germans who take their stand with us, yet the greater majority do not.

It is positively certain that in the general election ahead of us it will be found that the majority of aliens (from enemy States) will vote for the party who are for peace at any price; in other words, a German peace; and it would be simply folly to take a chance that they would vote for the "win-the-war" party.

Moreover, Canada is a British possession, and it is the duty of everyone of British stock to take common-sense steps to keep it so.

In depriving alien voters of the means of doing harm we are doing just what the Germans would do if the situation were reversed, that is supposing they permitted any alien enemy to be at large.

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