

CALL FROM NATIONAL SERVICE COM- MISSION QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

Cards Must be Filled in and Returned to Ottawa Next Week--Many Questions to be Answered--Many Ways of Serving the Nation Besides Going To the Front--Are You Ready to do Your Bit?

The National Service Commission has issued this call for co-operation: National Service Week, next week, is drawing very near and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which every one in Canada has an interest. The men are interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending them through the post office authorities. The women are interested because their co-operation is being invited, in seeing that their menfolk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brother at home have to reply to the various questions. To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year resolution for every man throughout the Dominion, and it has the advantage of being easy of fulfillment. It only means a few minutes' careful deliberation. The postmen in the cities get the hard work, for they have not only to deliver the cards, but they are responsible also for their proper return. Prompt mailing of the answers will make the postman's work very much easier.

National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind which will cause us to think of the needs of the country, to realize that the interests of the state have a greater claim on us than our self-interest. This applies to every one, from the highest in the land to the lowest. The Prince of Wales' motto, "I serve," may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire at this time.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and is properly understood, if the government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

The Questions.

The list of questions on each of the National Service cards to be sent out is as follows: The card is to be filled in by males between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five inclusive, and each question is to be answered plainly:

1. What is your full name?
2. How old are you?
3. Where do you live?
4. Name of city, town, village or post office?
5. In what country were you born.
6. In what country was your father born?
7. In what country was your mother born?
8. Were you born a British subject?
9. If not, are you naturalized?
10. How much time have you lost in last twelve months from sickness?
11. Have you full use of your arms?
12. Of your legs?
13. Of your sight?
14. Of your hearing?

IS OPPOSED TO NATIONAL RESOLUTION

Trades and Labor Council of Canada Has Not Changed It's Attitude.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The local trades and labor council passed a resolution two or three weeks ago expressing entire opposition to the proposed scheme of National Service, and it is on record that the Congress of Trades and Labor Councils of Canada passed a resolution to oppose anything that favored national registration.

"The instruction was specific, and we have no knowledge of any communications held with the different organizations connected with the Trades Congress giving them any instructions to change their position in the matter. Therefore, so far as we are concerned, nothing has happened to make the local council change their minds."

So declared T. Foster, president of the local trades and labor council this morning when asked as to the attitude of the labor men after the conference of the Ottawa executive council, which may give their reasons for being in favor of a proposition which was opposed by the Congress.

"Our position is still opposition to national registration," said Mr. Foster.

The man who tells a funny story usually enjoys it most.

15. Which are you, married, single or a widower?
16. How many persons besides yourself do you support?
17. What are you working at for a living?
18. Whom do you work for?
19. Have you a trade or profession?
20. If so, what?
21. Are you working now?
22. If not, why?
23. Would you be willing to change your present work for other necessary work at the same pay during the war?
24. Are you willing, if your railway fare is paid, to leave where you now live, and go to some other place in Canada to do such work?

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT GEORGE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH


The annual Christmas concert of the George Street Baptist Sunday School was held Wednesday night in the vestry of the church. It was largely attended and proved most enjoyable. The programme was as follows:

- Selection by the orchestra.
- Chorus—Wonderful Story.
- Recitation—Welcome, Everybody—Max Hunter.
- Exercise—A Suggestion—Three little girls.
- Recitation—Babe of Bethlehem—Mary Jones.
- Solo—Christmas Stars—Nellie Grant.
- Recitation—A Legend of a Fir Tree—Hazel Mills.
- Exercise—Pass the Light—Five girls.
- Recitation—A Christmas Custom—Bessie Boone.
- Duet—Norway and Sweden—Anna Day and Eva Lilly.
- Exercise—A Christmas Stocking—8 children.
- Solo—The Dawn of Christmas Day—Vera Jonah.
- Reading—Miss Hazel Wheeler.
- Instrumental Duet—Vera Jonah and Eldon Daggett.
- Exercise—Christmas Songs—6 girls.
- Recitation—Easy Christmas Shopping—Eldon Daggett.
- Dialogue and Duet—Santa's Troubles—Eva Lilly and Richard McDonald.
- Selection by the orchestra.
- Exercise—Christmas Offerings—Six girls.
- Duet—A Christmas Greeting—Florence Day and Violet Foster.
- Selection by the Orchestra and Offering.
- Dialogue—Squire Hawley's Christmas.
- Remarks by the pastor and presentation.
- Chorus—Sing for Jesus.
- Stripping of the Christmas tree.
- God Save the King.

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The Imperial Minister of Munitions has entrusted to the manufacturers of Canada and their work people, the production of an important percentage of the shells which will be used at the front. It is vital to the successful prosecution of the war that these munitions be delivered weekly as promised. The present delivery of shells (save in one size) is below the promised quantity, and the shortage has become so serious that it causes grave anxiety.

If we, who produce munitions at home, are to be worthy of the men who have gone to the front, we must set aside comfort and ease and personal gratification, and give undivided attention to munitions output.

From a personal knowledge of the need, and personal contact with the suffering and the heroism of the men in the trenches, I urge the munitions workers, whether in the steel plant, or in the factory, to devote themselves with increased energy and unstinted time to the task of additional output.

Neither the soldier nor the sailor will have his New Year's Day free from duty. I appeal to the men and to the women engaged in munitions production in Canada, to forego Saturday afternoon, the 30th instant, and Monday, New Year's Day, and to continue at their work. The sacrifice is small, but to those who make it will come the satisfaction of having discharged a clear obligation.

Yours truly,

J. H. Hatcher
Chairman.