

RECRUITING SLUMP DISTURBS CANADA

ONLY 500 UNDER FIRE

slump in recruiting throughout the Dominion, especially in the rural districts, and the fact is giving the military authorities no little concern.

third contingent of men failed to appear. The recruiting in the larger centres was sufficiently brisk to warrant the belief, Toronto and some of the western districts furnished the ordered number of men for their divisions but the returns from the rural districts and small towns in Ontario are decidedly discouraging.

In cities like London, Windsor, Chatham, Hamilton, Sarnia, Chazy, Woodstock, Sarnia, Stratford, Walkerton and Berlin not more than 35 per cent. of the needed quota of volunteers for the third contingent has thus been consigned to the limbo of an advertising campaign carried on by the newspapers. This falling off in recruiting is caustically commented upon in the press, and the *London Free Press* writes: "The time for Canadians to wake up." Pointing out that notwithstanding all their talk not more than 500 Canadians have yet been under the *three Globe* sign, the paper goes on to declare that in rural Ontario the recruiting for the

has been excellent, but scarcely one in four of the number required from smaller places has come forward. Do the young men of rural Canada understand that Belgians, Frenchmen, Russians and Serbs are fighting not only for the security of their own lands, but for the maintenance of Canadian liberty? We shall not do very much to destroy German militarism by singing 'Tipperary' at hockey matches."

before to the able bodied men who refuse to volunteer as soldiers. "I have seen a cowardly boy, the cheap sort who kneel at all sort of soldiering," and adds that it is "a beauty of conscription that it is the only way to get the best men in the service of their country but improve them."

The proposal is made that members of Parliament conduct recruiting campaigns in their constituencies, and it is even suggested that Sir Robert Borden should lead a recruiting party to the front in a call for volunteers. One reason advanced for the apparent apathy of the young men of the Dominion is the long absence of the first contingent at Salisbury Plain. It is believed that as soon as the first division is sent left to the front and the casualty lists begin to come in there will be a return to the enthusiasm for enlistment which characterized the first weeks of the war.

Hardness's Secretary Sentenced.

Willard B. Thompson, for nine years a most popular member of the House of William L. Hardness of Standard Oil Company at 12 Broadway, was sent to Sing Sing prison in General Sessions yesterday for a term of one year and six months and not more than four years and six months, having pleaded guilty to grand larceny.

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