

# World War I

## Life on the Home Front

Ch. 2 (p. 45-47)

# Paying for the War

- Canadian economy booming
  - Supplying war effort (very expensive: new technology, huge numbers of troops)
  - Goods go to Europe, prices rise in Canada, wages stay the same, profiteers happy, workers unhappy
- Rationing
  - Limiting consumption of food and supplies so more available for the soldiers
- Victory Bonds
  - Patriotic savings bonds sold to public to finance war
- Income Tax
  - “temporary” tax still not enough, money borrowed from other countries

# Changing Role of Women

- Took over many jobs left vacant by soldiers
  - Traditionally “male” jobs
  - Supported the country in time of need
- New responsibilities = New rights
  - Suffrage movement (Nellie McClung)
  - Manitoba first province to allow women to vote (1916)
  - British Columbia in 1917; federally in 1918

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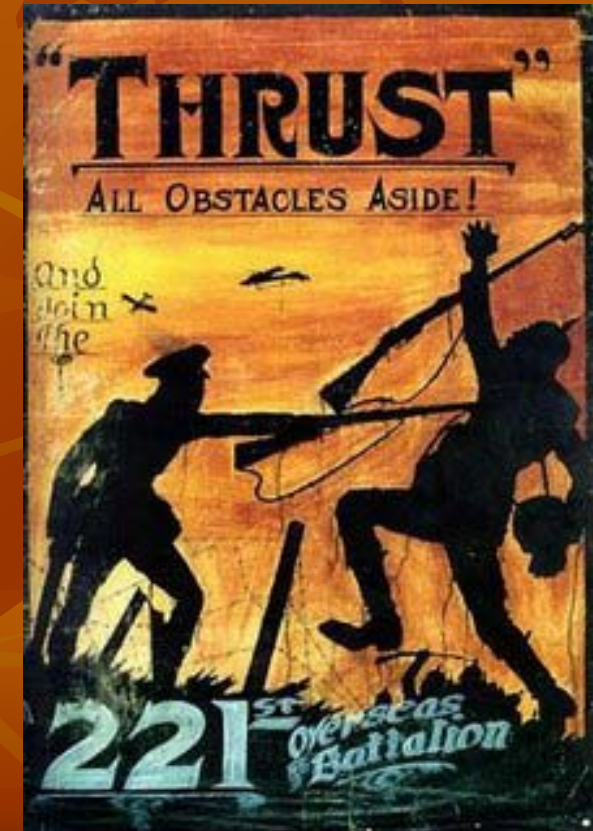
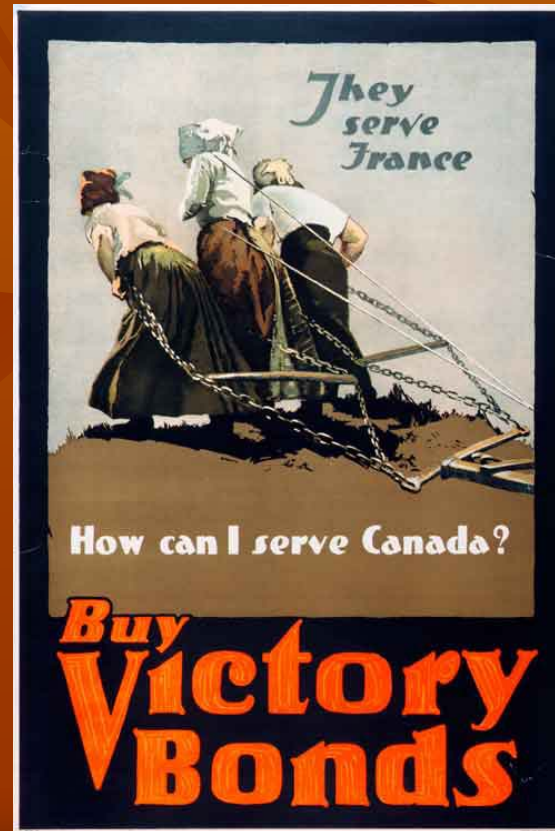


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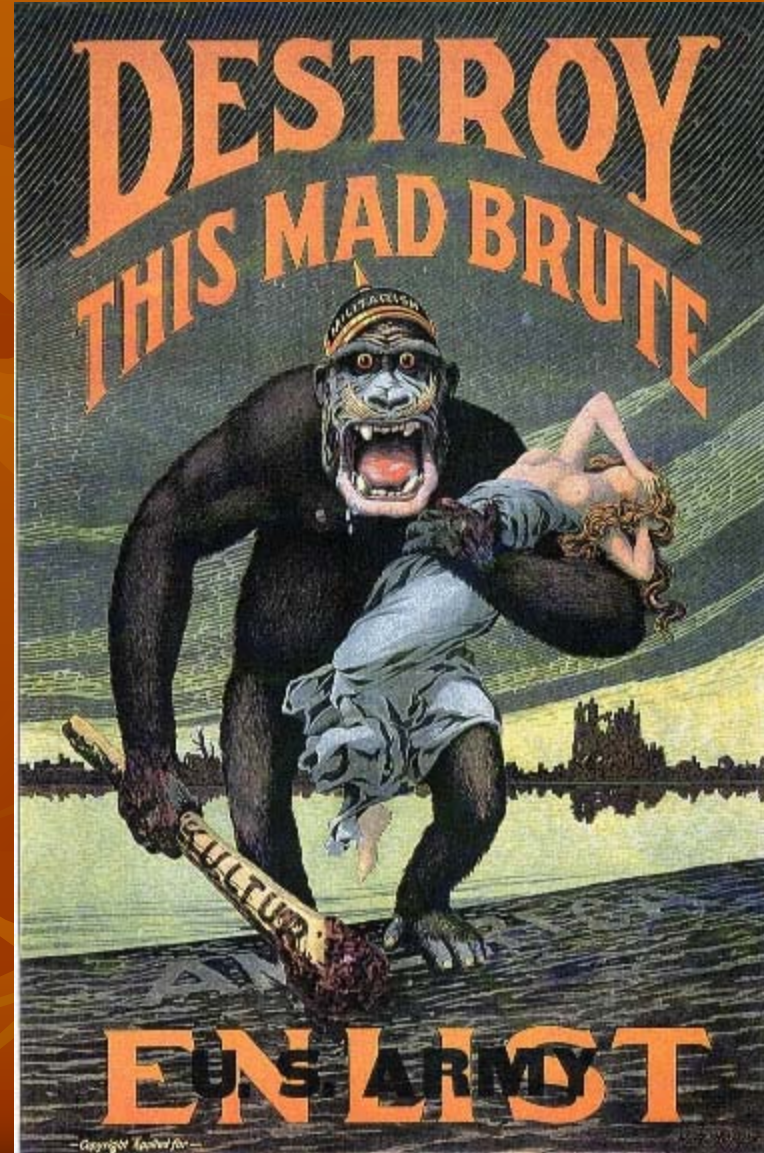
# Propaganda

- Propaganda – information presented in a certain way to spread particular beliefs and emotions (Examples: p. 45, 46)



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- War Measures Act + Propaganda = Absolute Control
- Posters, movies, magazines, radio, speeches, etc.
- Bent truth, sometimes outright lied (casualty numbers)
- Propaganda played on fear, patriotism, racism
- Led to prejudice/discrimination (Berlin, Ontario)
- Encouraged enlistment, economic support, rationing, etc.



# Halifax Disaster

- December 6, 1917
- Destruction of WWI came to Canada
- French ship, *Mont Blanc*, collided with another ship in Halifax harbour
- Carrying 2500 tons of dynamite and munitions
- Explosion and fires killed more than 2000 people; 9,000 wounded; 25,000 left homeless
- One of the worst disasters in Canadian history



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