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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

In the history of every people there may come such a challenge to the spirit of its citizens as must be answered in service and devotion if the nation is to have an abiding place in the future. The events of this war bring that challenge to-day to the manhood of Canada.

—Sir Robert Borden.

Canada, if she chooses, can do her own war financing among her own people. That is to say it is within our power to be self-contained financially. If the people of Canada will continue to save money we shall finish the war with a greater part of our debt held by Canadians. This would constitute a very strong position which we should strive to our utmost to attain.

—Sir Thomas White.

The truth is, we need more tight-wads. We need more men, and women, too, who can say "No" to the foolish and unnecessary expenditure, and mean it. Courage to refuse to waste because others are unnecessarily extravagant indicates mental and moral backbone of the kind our forefathers possessed, but too infrequent in their descendants.

—Detroit Free Press.

THE WHOLE OR NONE.

The more that the problem of extending the merit system to the Outside Service is studied, the deeper becomes the conviction that either the whole of the Outside must be placed under the control of the Commission at once or the proposition left entirely in abeyance until it can be carried out on the widest possible lines.

To take in part of the Outside and leave the remainder under the spoils system would be to commit an injustice practically outweighing the good accomplished by the measure of reform. Such action would not abate the patronage evil—it would merely concentrate its baleful effects upon a smaller field.

For illustration: A typical constituency may now include public services describable under such general heads as postal clerks, railway mail clerks, letter carriers, customs and immigration. All these are now used, more or less, by the patronage-controlling power to provide rewards to importunate political workers. If the three postal services and the customs service were placed under the Commission and the immigration service left out, it would not lessen the patronage pressure in the least. It would merely concentrate it upon the remnant of prey remaining at the mercy of the spoilers.

If anything less than the *whole* Outside Service is placed under control of the Commission, Heaven help the men and the services that are not included!

OTTAWA CASUALTIES.

There is hardly a city in Canada where local casualties get so little attention from newspapers as they do in Ottawa.

Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg and other cities have papers that "write up" every one of their scores of casualties in appreciative style, but in Ottawa papers a mere