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"For those who have fallen we shall not cease to mourn, for the cause to which they consecrated their lives we shall not cease to strive until it triumphs; we are supremely confident it will assuredly triumph, and for that great purpose we are inspired by unflinching determination to do our part."

—Sir Robert L. Borden, London, Eng.

"If anyone here has the mentality to say that this war is not our business, and that Canada is not vitally concerned, I can only say that it is not my mentality. It is a war of absolutism against liberty. If you have liberty at heart, how can any of you say it is not our business?"

—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, St. Lin, P.Q.

"For those who cannot go to the front remains the task of developing and conserving our resources, of providing for the dependents of those who are fighting for us, of caring for the widow and orphans of him who has given his life for his country. And it is for all of us to greatly resolve, by every means that in us lies, to pursue to the end this bitter conflict, that public law, national liberty and common humanity may not perish from the earth."

—Hon. W. T. White, Montreal, P.Q.

ABOUT OURSELVES.

Readers of *The Civilian* will note in the first editorial column of this number a departure from the ordinary inset quotation that has characterized it for some time. Before adopting this change considerable study was given towards its probable reception.

The quotation from Sir Robert Borden's Halifax platform has served as a reminder to the Premier and his colleagues the need of Civil Service Reform, and has also been significant of the desire of the members of the Civil Service of Canada to have the promises therein implemented.

In making the change we desire our readers everywhere to understand that *The Civilian* is in no sense relinquishing its long and patient campaign for better things for civil servants.

The outstanding fact in Canada today is "we are at war." Therefore it behooves all of us to unite in one purpose. This purpose is ably expressed by the greatest thinkers of the entente cordiale and the very essence of their remarks will from time to time be given this display.

Other columns of *The Civilian* have for the past year been filled with reports of the doings of the men and women of the Service. Patriotic Fund, Red Cross, Belgian Relief, Machine Gun, Field Kitchen, Motor Ambulance, all of these calls have been nobly responded to and will continue to receive support, as will the fund to supplement the Government's grant to disabled soldiers. The Roll of Honour, with over eleven hundred names to date, is eloquent of the willingness of many to make the supreme sacrifice on the altar of "My Country."

Having all of this in mind, we are therefore laying aside for a little the familiar plank, awaiting the time when having assisted in some mea-