

**OUR BOYS**

Previously reported:

Dead . . . . .	282
Wounded . . . . .	401
Prisoners . . . . .	19

**DEAD**

CAPT. OSMUND E LEROY.  
CORP. F. G. FORD.  
CLARENCE LONG GIBSON.

**WOUNDED**

LIEUT. CHAS. A. HISLOP.  
CORP. W. D. WALLACE.  
LIEUT. W. J. WRIGHT.  
LIEUT. W. H. MILLER.  
ACT. MAJ. B. F. DAVIDSON.  
LORNE A. WINTERS.  
H. H. S. NUTTING.  
A. F. McEACHERN.

stroke of the pen is not going to transport them into a paradise of bliss where there will be no pre-election promises and no office seekers.

\* \* \*

In the first article in this issue will be found a sacred promise given to the Civil Service of Canada by the first citizen of the land upon a solemn occasion when the country is in the throes of an almost super-human death struggle. No one can doubt the sincerity of the Prime Minister. His frank and penitential confession of failure in the past to remove this shameful system "which has threatened the independence of Parliament" is pregnant with truth.

But it is questionable if the evil will be eradicated except in degree unless there is a severe reform of the electoral laws, such as: (1) publication in detail of the sources and amount of election contributions and payments; (2) confining legitimate election expenses to hire of halls, literature and transportation; (3) making it unlawful to canvass a voter personally, and confining the

education of the electorate to lectures and literature; (4) making it a criminal offence to promise public office or contract as a pre-election bribe; (5) that no member of Parliament shall be eligible for public office until five years from the date of his retirement from Parliament, and not then if there be a person in the government service fitted to perform the work required; (6) Proportional Representation, Initiation, Referendum and Recall; (7) that penalties for infraction of the electoral laws be increased, and in cases of giving or receiving bribes the death sentence be exacted.

\* \* \*

The guarantees of the Prime Minister are the greatest event in the history of civil servants of Canada. But man still has all the human frailties, and the parasites of Kaizer Patronage will feed on the liver of the Government, the moment the result of the election is declared, unless a stern example is made by means of a firing party at a muster reveille parade. Should the Prime Minister fail to forcibly carry out his design, for it will require force, there is yet the Reserve Force of the great C.E.F. party to be formed in Canada. If that new force in Canadian political life does not see purely and act swiftly, it will indeed have gone through its fiery ordeal in vain.

\* \* \*

In the meantime a new vista has opened for this magazine. Heretofore *The Civilian* has been hampered by the restrictions imposed upon all civil servants to speak out the truth, as we knew it meant suppression under the tyranny of Kaizer Patronage. How near we have been to the precipice we do not know. Such was the system. Such is no longer the system. *The Civilian* may now become the organ of the Civil Service in reality. Cases of injustice, of grievances may now be specifically brought to public notice through the columns