

party service alone.

"A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the civil service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of the examiners after competitive examination."

Sir Robert Borden is a great platform maker. He included planks composed of high sounding platitudinous political phrases and he was prolific in promises. Civil Service Reform sounded big but what is the outcome?

13,466 Employees Left the Service. 25,613 Appointed to Take Their Places.

No attempt has been made by the Government to reform the Civil Service. On the contrary the Civil Service has been demoralized by wholesale dismissals and needless appointments. The first three years the Borden Government was in office, 5,099 officers were dismissed, 7,994 resigned, (mostly forced resignations) and 373 deserted, making a total of 13,466 employees who left the Government service.

There have been 25,613 appointed to take the place of these 13,466.

That is not the whole story. For every one that got out two have been appointed to take his place, and these figures do not include one person who has been appointed in connection with the work of the War which number approximately 2,000. These are all over and above any appointments rendered necessary in other Departments for extra work arising out of the War.

Every one of these "War" appointments have been made through the patronage committee. Liberals and conservatives alike fight, in the Empire's struggle but when it comes to appointments to carry on the work of the War, only Tories need apply. How could one expect anything different in the Civil Service when we find one of their Ministers, the Hon. Mr. Blondin stating, "I would be the last man in the House of Commons to take up the defence of the Civil Service Commission."

SHELLS AND FUSES—For the full story regarding the Shell and Fuse Scandals see Pamphlet No. 49.

"Dash Away and Spend the Money"

All these extravagant expenditures reminds us of what Mr. Donald Matheson, Conservative member for Queens P.E.I. stated in the House of Commons on the address from the Throne in 1914.

"We do not want any reduction in debt, dash away and spend the money."