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SIR ROBERT BORDEN IN HALIFAX PLATFORM.

*A thorough and complete re-
formation of the laws relating
to the Civil Service should be
put into effect, so that future
appointments shall be made by
an independent commission act-
ing upon the report of examiners
after competitive examination.
I am convinced that we
shall perform a great public
duty by establishing in this
country that system which pre-
vails in Great Britain, under
which a member of Parliament
has practically no voice in or
control over any appointment to
the Civil Service.*

*To use the power of filling
positions in the public service as
a reward for party service and
without regard to the character
and capacity of the individual
selected is a gross breach of a
solemn public trust. A private
trustee so dishonouring his of-
fice would be subject to punish-
ment by the criminal law.*

OUR BOYS

DEAD

LOUIS DE NOAILLES,

Killed at the Yser,
November, 1914.

PAUL HUMBERT,

Killed at Perthes-les-Hurlus,
Jan. 8, 1915.

A. NICHOLSON,

Killed Jan. 26, 1915.

CHESTER S. FRASER,

Died Feby. 5, 1915.

WOUNDED

M. DORGAS,

At St. Feri, Sept. 18, 1914.

GEORGES P. HUGUET,

At Ville-sur-Turbe,
Sept. 25, 1914.

PRISONER

YVES RIOUX.

DISFRANCHISEMENT.

Nothing could be finer than the patriotic spirit in which the members of the Service have bowed to the decision of the Government that the two bills would not be introduced this session. We are in the way of hearing considerable expression of opinion on this subject and we have yet to hear the first discordant note from the members of the Service. It has remained for a Member of Parliament to commit the first breach of the unsigned contract of "no legislation." Sir Robert Borden in the Halifax Platform in 1907, and the Hon. Mr. White in the two bills 217 and 229 offered us bread; Mr. Andrew Broder in his bill No. 47 offers us a stone.

Bill No. 47 has been introduced into the House of Commons having for its object the disfranchisement of Civil Servants. The bill is not before us but the author of the bill has given out an interview to the Ottawa Jour-