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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

"To win the war with the decisive-
ness which will ensure lasting peace,
the Empire will require to put forth
its full collective power in men and
in money. From this viewpoint it is
our true policy to augment our finan-
cial strength by multiplying our pro-
ductive exertions and by exercising
rigid economy, which reduces to the
minimum all expenditures upon luxu-
ries and non-essentials. Only in this
way shall we be able to make good
the loss caused by the withdrawal of
so many of our workers from indus-
trial activities, repair the wastage of
the war, and find the funds for its
continuance. It cannot be too fre-
quently or too earnestly impressed up-
on our people that the heaviest bur-
dens of the conflict still lie before us,
and that industry and thrift are, for
those who remain at home, supreme
patriotic duties upon whose faithful
fulfilment our success, and consequent-
ly our national safety, may ultimate-
ly depend."

—Sir Thomas White, Minister of
Finance.

"War is not the greatest of human
evils; slavery is a worse evil than
war."

—Sir William Peterson.

OUR BOYS

Previously reported:

Dead	46
Wounded	81
Prisoners	7

DEAD.

F. E. CALDERON (April 3,
1916).

F. F. PICKARD.

P. W. NOVERRE (April 24,
1915).

WOUNDED.

ROBERT EDMUNDS (April 9,
1916).

LIEUT. T. H. PARKER.

"ABANDON HOPE."

There has been much comment
upon the recent incident in the Com-
mons when the matter of the low sala-
ries paid to messengers in the Civil
Service was introduced by Mr.
Ethier, of Two Mountains, and reply
was made by Hon. Robert Rogers.
A press report summarizes this re-
ply as follows:

Hon. Robert Rogers said he did not
think that under existing conditions mes-
sengers had very much to complain of.
It must be remembered that they were
not required at the present day to work
for such wages when they could earn
\$40 per month and board on Western
farms or make more if they enlisted.
When normal conditions returned, how-
ever, there would be force in Mr. Ethier's
argument and he quite agreed that any
man who was eligible for employ in the
Civil Service at all should receive more
than \$500 a year.

Calm consideration of Hon. Mr.
Rogers' statement leads to the
conclusion that he spoke hastily
and without careful weighing of his
words. It is difficult to believe that
so harsh a declaration expresses
the attitude of the Government on
this question or that Hon. Mr. Rog-