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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

*Remember that other Canadian
mothers have sons in the trenches,
that other Canadian sisters have bro-
thers on the firing line, that members
of their families are as dear to them
as are yours to you.*

—Sir Robert Borden.

*Failure means that the light of free-
dom will go out. Failure means that
civilization would perish from the
earth.*

—Hon. W. H. Hearst.

*Better the thrust of an unbroken
army than a broken faith.*

—Lloyd George.

*I would rather be a hero's widow
than a coward's wife.*

—A Soldier's Widow, mother of ten.

*The young and strong men of to-
day are merely asked to do as much
for their children and their homes as
was done for them by their sires.*

—Hon. David MacKeen.

*The war will end when its object
has been attained under God; it will
never end until we achieve the object.*

—Lincoln (quoted by Lloyd George).

*"If fate claims the best, it is not
unjust. The less noble who survive
will thereby be made better. . . .
Nothing is lost. . . . The true death
would be to live in a conquered coun-
try.*

—A French Soldier.

THE MELTING POT.

Patronage may be likened to a
Kaizer, because it is cruel and un-
just, or to an ogre, because it feeds
on human beings. The reasons why
the abuses of appointments and pro-
motions by patronage have been en-
dured may be now profitably re-
viewed at this juncture. It has been
an unwritten law of the land that a
civil servant may not have any re-
course against the Government in
case he suffers a grievance. He was
told he could not take his case before
the bar of public opinion—the press
—as by so doing he was supplying
ammunition to the Opposition, and
this could not be tolerated for the
comparatively insignificant object of
attaining justice. A civil servant has
been dismissed by Order-in-Council
without cause and he could not bring
a case against his employer in the
civil courts either for damages or ex-
planation. And so it comes that the
Kaizer Patronage has been allowed to
flourish in the land; Canada thus
being a Democracy only in form.

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Under arbitrary government, the
tyrant and a small select coterie dole
out the patronage of public office.
But perhaps it is not realized that
under a Democracy the Patronage
System has its thousands of tyrants.
Here is the system: In every con-
stituency, in every ward and town-
ship, there are professional politicians
during election time. These are re-
warded for their services, not usually
by money, but by pelf, i.e., public of-
fice or by promises of same. They
in turn become indebted to others for
services rendered to the party ma-
chine. After the election the success-
ful party takes office and is besieged
by hordes of claimants for public of-
fice and they must be satisfied or how
will the next election be won? This
brief review of a cold fact is for the
purpose of reminding the forthcom-
ing Federation convention that a