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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 acting 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 prevails 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 office would be subject to punishment by the criminal law.

OUR BOYS

Previously reported:

Dead	19
Wounded	37
Prisoners.	4

DEAD.

STANLEY M. COUCH.
SERGT. E. A. WILKINSON.
BARTRAND WILLIAM
GREENHALGH, May 24,
1915.

WOUNDED.

R. WALTER.
D. E. LOTHIAN.
BURDETTE HARMON.
L. R. P. STOCKWOOD.

IN HARD TIMES.

There is a spendthrift tendency in the human mind which shows itself in rather curious guise in the Civil Service in these days. The darkey who, having been unexpectedly rewarded with two dollars for a day's work, lay in the sun the next day consoled by the theory that he was putting in two days' work at a dollar a day, was the envy of his toiling companions. So we are apt to agree with those hard-times philosophers who regard a position in the Civil Service as a most advantageous thing for the person who holds it. In the fact of the hard times which has left many good men unemployed, has cut down the salaries of many others, and has driven still others to some queer shifts to eke out a living, the civil servant, with his steady work and steady pay is regarded as one to be congratulated and—but for the Commandment—envied.

If the civil servant's position were one to be held for a time and exchanged for a better should better be offered, this would be very well. But, as a matter of plain fact, the civil servant—with exceptions, of course, but