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PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS
IN CIVIL SERVICE.

Motion:

That, in the opinion of this House, in all future appointments to the Civil Service of Canada, preference should be given to those properly qualified candidates who have served with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in the present war.—Mr. Middlebro, 642.

Alguire, D. O. (Stormont)—649.

In this country there are those who have a certain say also who shall be appointed to some of the smaller positions that do not come under the Civil Service Act, and I think it would be proper for us to make it clearly understood that those positions should be filled by returned soldiers who were capable of filling them, 649-50.

Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert (Prime Minister)—650.

The subject engaged the attention of the Government some months ago, and on the 27th of November last an Order in Council was passed, and immediately after the opening of the House it was laid on the Table. Order in Council quoted, 650. We must give earnest consideration to everything that is reasonably possible to be done for the men who have been in any way disabled by reason of their military service, 651.

Boulay, H. (Rimouski)—650.

Thinks appointments should go only to deserving individuals, 650.

Burnham, J. H. (Peterborough)—649.

A soldier should be sent forth to war on the understanding that he will be allowed sufficient to properly provide for his family while he is away; and if he dies in the service of his country he should be assured—not by the promises of the people, which are often written in water, but by a guarantee at the time of his enlistment—that when he enlists his life is insured, and that his future, and the future of his family is also assured, 649.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Renfrew South)—647-8.

The men who have been asked to go to the front should not only have our best wishes and heartiest support but, what to them is more important: they ought to know that their families shall not want for any necessity while they are at the war, 647-8.

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PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS
IN CIVIL SERVICE—*Con.**Middlebro, W. S.* (Gray North)—642.

One naturally looks about for precedents in bringing up a resolution of this kind, but if there were none, the tremendous sacrifices and the general upheaval of the traditional order of things consequent upon the present struggle, would be sufficient justification for us to create a precedent, 643. Quotations in support and comments thereon, 643-4. We cannot do anything for those who have fallen, but we can do something for their relatives; we can do something for those who are willing to offer their lives in defence of their country by providing that upon their return they shall be given a preference in the matter of appointments to the Civil Service if they shall be able to perform the duties of a civil servant, 646.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Edmonton)—648.

Suggests an amplification of the idea, 648-9.

PRICE OF CODFISH IN PORTUGAL.

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I accept the explanation of the hon. gentleman that he had not read the evidence. I assumed, of course, that before he complained of the evidence and based an attack on the integrity of a judge upon it, he would have read it. I now quite accept his explanation, and understand better than ever why he made that attack, 153.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—151.

Claims an injustice was done him by Solicitor General in his remarks in regard to Shells and Davidson Commission, 151-3.