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## THE NATIONAL DUTY.

*I do not believe for a moment that Germany will win, but I will take no chances. As we are now, Canada is the freest, most popularly governed country in the world. But we had to fight and wait a good many years to get all this freedom and liberty and democracy, and we should lose it all overnight with Germany as victor in this war, and so our struggles would not only begin over again, but as a German colony we would be set much further back than we were at the outset of the effort to get the liberty England finally granted. For Germany does not even know what constitutional government means. As for Quebec, that province would become another Poland. Imagine what changes would come to all her institutions under Prussian control.*

—T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General.

*"I am much impressed by what has just been said as to the part that woman—and especially Edith Cavell—has played in this dark and sombre page of history, and as long as there are women of the courage that Edith Cavell has shown, England will not fail, and the cause of the allies assuredly will not fail."*

—Hon. J. M. Beck.

## OUR BOYS

Previously reported:

Dead .....	43
Wounded .....	79
Prisoners .....	7

DEAD.

IVAN SMITH.

DON'T GROUCH,—FIGHT!

After nineteen months of waiting, the Ottawa Civil Service is given the opportunity that it called for in the early days of the war,—the opportunity to raise a distinctly Civil Service body of men for overseas service. Even now the long-sought privilege is not granted by the powers to which appeal was made, but is rather a bit of sharp recruiting-practice resorted to by the commander of a newly-authorized battalion who is anxious to build up his corps with the very best material he can get.

When volunteers were called for in those hectic days of August, 1914, the young men of the Civil Service did not wait for a Civil Service unit to be formed, but rushed to the recruiting offices in their hundreds and enlisted with any corps that wanted men and promised them a chance to fight.

Before the Second Division troops were called for, a survey of the Ottawa Service was taken and it was seen that there were still hundreds of young men who would answer a new call for recruits. At a mass meeting of civil servants it was proposed to at once embody these men in a Civil Service corps, but unexpected, and, to some, inexplicable opposition developed and the proposition was referred to a committee, the individual members of which were hostile to the scheme. Of course it was never reported upon.