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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

"We are now in death grips with our enemies in a war which has upset all our preconceived theories regarding modern warfare. The question is, 'Are we going to be governed by German autocracy, or are we to be guided by British liberty and truth?' We as Canadians should stand together and consider no sacrifice too great to make, even to the shedding of our last drop of blood, that the principles for which the British Empire stands shall be vindicated. Nothing that is frivolous or useless should be indulged in by any one in the face of this great world-wide tragedy."

—Rev. R. L. T. Ballantyne.

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

—Sir William Peterson.

"The best and most noble thing any young man can do in these terrible times is to offer his manhood and services, and if needs be his life, in the cause of King and Country. The man who stands by and looks on while others struggle for liberty and give their lives for God, and home, and native land, has no right to call himself a Christian."

—Rev. C. A. Williams.

OUR BOYS

Previously reported:

Dead	45
Wounded	80
Prisoners	7

DEAD.

Lance-Corp. D. M. TRAPNELL

WOUNDED.

LIEUT. HUGH PETERS.

LIEUT. R. W. POWELL.

KILLED BY NEGLECT.

The persistent and reckless neglect with which civil servants treat all their own enterprises has been brought into prominence once more by the misfortune of the Co-operative Supply Association. When the announcement of the winding-up proceedings was made public, there arose from all sides a chorus of "I didn't know there was any trouble," "I can't understand it," "I wish I had attended the meetings," and similar wails—complaints which were confessions of guilt and which explained the whole difficulty. It was because the members and debenture holders would not attend meetings and were, in consequence, grossly ignorant of the state of the association's affairs that the concern came to grief.

A large attendance at the frequent general meetings of the association might not have resulted in any change in the direction of its affairs, for the officers and directors were as good as could have been secured, but it would have resulted in a stimulation of interest and support which was the necessity that the enterprise lacked. When such general meetings were held, those present seldom exceeded a score in number, and always they were "the same old