

THE FIRST TO FALL.

Louis DeNoailles, translator on the staff of the House of Commons, was killed in battle on the River Ypres.

M. DeNoailles is the first Civil Servant to lose his life in the present war. When hostilities commenced he was summoned home to France to take his place as an officer in the army of his native land. After noble service in that part of the theatre of war where the fighting has been most desperate, he received the soldier's crown of martyrdom, falling at the head of his men, shot through the head.

News of M. DeNoailles' death came to friends in Ottawa via Bordeaux, and caused a profound sensation and deep grief in the circles of his acquaintance.

Deceased was but thirty-eight years of age and belonged to a family of aristocratic standing in France. On coming to Canada he became naturalized as a British subject, and for four years had been connected with the translation staff of the House of Commons. His marriage to a French lady had been arranged to take place at an early date when the outbreak of war caused its postponement.

COATS SUCCEEDS PARÉ.

R. H. Coats, editor of the "Labour Gazette," was unanimously selected to succeed Arthur Paré as President of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa at the annual convention on the evening of the 17th.

When the business of electing officers came before the meeting the name of Mr. Paré, who had most acceptably filled the chief office for two years, was promptly placed in nomination. The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. Paré, in which he stated that, because of serious illness in his family, it would be impossible for him to longer hold the presidency, and he declined re-election should his name be mentioned in that connection.

Secretary Walter Todd then paid a warm personal tribute to Mr. Paré, and later the meeting adopted a resolution ex-

pressing appreciation of his excellent services.

Mr. Todd placed in nomination the name of Mr. Coats, and seconders sprang up in all parts of the hall. No other name was heard, and Mr. Coates was declared elected with enthusiastic acclamation.

In accepting office, the new President recalled that he had attended the first meeting of the organization of the Association, had been elected to office then, prophesied a year of hard work for the



R. H. COATS,

Elected President Civil Service Association of Ottawa.

Association and its officers, and appealed for hearty and undivided support.

and had been in some office ever since. He When nominations for Vice-presidents were called for it was announced that W. J. Lynch, I.S.O., declined re-election, he being determined to devote himself to the advancement of the Civil Service Mutual