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THE EDITORS,
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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

DEAD

LOUIS DE NOAILLES,

Killed at the Yser,
November, 1914.

PAUL HUMBERT,

Killed at Perthes-les-Hurlus,
Jan. 8, 1915.

A. NICHOLSON,

Killed Jan. 26, 1915.

CHESTER S. FRASER,

Died Feb. 5, 1915.

LIEUT.-COL. F. FARQUHAR

Killed Mch. 21.

WOUNDED

M. DORGAS,

At St. Feri, Sept. 18, 1914.

GEORGES P. HUGUET,

At Ville-sur-Turbe,
Sept. 25, 1914.

WILLIAM BARGE.

Lieut. A. G. McLENNAN,
At Ypres, April 23, 1915.

PRISONER

YVES RIOUX.

ONTARIO'S INCOME TAX.

A very large number of civil servants will be affected by the new special tax levied by the Province of Ontario. It is a flat impost of one mill on the dollar and covers practically all assessable values in the province, including some that now are free from taxation. Among these latter are the incomes of Dominion civil servants. This new impost is called a "war tax," and the name seems to carry great weight with the public. Everybody is contributing as much as he can afford toward the expenses of the war, and there is no reason why a levy that is made in good faith to meet war expenses should not be paid by civil servants and everybody else.