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## THE NATIONAL DUTY.

*Fifty years ago our fathers created this Dominion. To-day its free existence is in peril. Our responsibility and duty cannot be evaded. Victory is the supreme concern of the Canadian nation.*

—Sir Robert Borden.

*As Canadians we are proud of our progress, and devoted to our land and liberty, which we will preserve at any price.*

—Sir Wm. Hearst, K.C., Premier of Ontario.

*We stand with Canada and the Empire to win the war. All minor issues should stand rebuked in this time of supreme peril. May nothing divide us now.*

—A. E. Arseneault, Premier, Prince Edward Island.

*Every resource of British Columbia is now consecrated to winning the war. When peace comes all our natural wealth will be devoted to enrichment of Canada and the Empire.*

—H. C. Brewster, Premier.

*The men, the mines, the fisheries, the forests, the farms of Nova Scotia are all enrolled in willing service for our Empire.*

—G. H. Murray, Premier.

*Quebec fraternally greets its sister province with fervent wishes for her happiness, prosperity and peace . . . and prays for an early, victorious and lasting peace.*

—Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier.

## OUR BOYS

Previously reported:

Dead . . . . .	252
Wounded . . . . .	338
Prisoners . . . . .	18

### DEAD

R. J. McDUGALD.  
DONALD L. McKINNON.

### WOUNDED

PHILIP JOSEPH.  
LIEUT. J. E. LETENDRE.  
W. H. CHUGG.  
ED. B. GOSS.  
R. J. GREGORY.  
SERGT. C. S. PAYNTER.  
J. A. HEISLER.

## TEMPORARY RELIEF.

The session of Parliament that has just closed has been memorable, from the Civil Service point of view, for the number of votes of money for the increase of salaries of Government employees,—and equally remarkable for the parsimoniousness that characterizes the scale of expenditure under every one of those votes.

This condition is blamed on the state of war and enormous expenditure under which the Dominion is now laboring, but as a matter of fact it is due to the unfailing hostility of a certain element in the House of Commons to every proposition for Civil Service improvement. No party has a monopoly of the members who compose this element, nor are they a distinct group when any other subject is before the House. Any Minister of Finance, be he Liberal or Conservative, who proposes an increase of Civil Service salaries, is sure of vicious criticism from his own party as well as from the Opposition, and various Ministers come under the same sort of fire when explaining spe-