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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

We are entering upon the most critical period of the war, and I voice the feeling at the front when I appeal to Canadians to support with the most earnest effort the proposals to partially mobilize the active militia of Canada. A splendid response to these proposals is vitally necessary in order that the full strength of our Dominion, in co-operation with the whole Empire, shall be thrown into the struggle with the least possible delay.

—Sir Robert Borden.

Production, finance and military resources are the things that determine in war. The man who assists in the discharge of our military operations renders by far a greater service to his country than the man who assists in production and from a financial standpoint. The man who comes forward with his life and blood is the deserving man and the man that counts and serves the country.

—Hon. Arthur Meighen.

OUR BOYS

Previously reported:

Dead	162
Wounded	226
Prisoners	14

DEAD

SYDNEY BISHOP.
DAVID BARRY.
LIEUT. A. B. IRVING.
ROBERT COOK.
Lieut.-Col. L. J. O. DUCHARME
A. J. DAILEY.

WOUNDED

LIEUT. A. B. MUDDIMAN.
W. M. MUSGROVE.
LIEUT. F. A. BUTLER.

THE TOUCHSTONE.

Complete subordination of all other interests to the supremely important task of war is something that few civilians are capable of, particularly when they reside in a country like Canada which, though at war, prospers exceedingly in a commercial sense, never hears the boom of a gun, fears not the invader's foot, rarely sees a wounded man and is but lightly touched by casualty lists. Reared in an atmosphere of security and educated chiefly to the purpose of money-getting, the average Canadian can hardly comprehend that peace is bought and maintained by war and that there is a claim upon his body and life that outweighs all self-interest. The claim to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness must be backed up by the sword until a much more advanced stage of world-civilization than that now existing is attained. The average Canadian now recognizes this situation, but in adapting himself to it he fails. His perspective is wrong. Instead of "National Duty," his foreground is filled with "Business as Usual." If his busi-