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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

Previously reported:

Dead.....	18
Wounded	35
Prisoners.....	4

DEAD.

H. W. RAGBOURN.

WOUNDED.

A. B. TURNER.

W. A. WELLS.

SPOILS VERSUS CO-OPERATION

Since the war for the independence of mankind began last August the members of the Civil Service of Canada have not been wholly indifferent to its responsibilities. The "war editor" of *The Civilian*, who pursues every fleeting shadow of an act done by one of our members, tells us that the record of enlistment for the Expeditionary Forces will total 1,000 men. Contributions to the federal Patriotic Fund, direct, are in excess of \$100,000 and suggestions are being heard in favour of another day's pay. Besides this, thousands of dollars are being contributed monthly all over Canada to local Patriotic Funds of every kind and description. As a personal reference it may be mentioned that *The Civilian* has given much of its space and will gladly devote all its pages to a prosecution of the national cause.

There is still a greater thing than all this, and it is the fine spirit displayed by all members of the service whether as individuals or as organizations. The civil servant on his side has declared a truce against making any proposals or advances that might distract our Government in the pursuance of its tasks. Now let us consider for a moment how this consideration and co-operation has been reciprocated, not by the Government in fact, but by some of its representatives.