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## FRATERNAL FEDERATIONS.

In all probability the third annual convention of the Canadian C. S. Federation next month will take place on or about the same date at which a meeting having the object of forming a similar federation for the British Isles will be sitting in England. An exchange of greetings between the two would seem in order. With the Colonial Conference placing high on its list of subjects for discussion the interchange of civil servants between the various Dominions of the Empire and the Mother Country, the services themselves might well take an interest in the movement, to the extent at least of forming a bowing acquaintance.

## CIVIL SERVANTS IN MUNICIPAL LIFE.

Capital Ward, Ottawa, is to a large extent a civil servants' ward,

and so it is not surprising to see a number of the government officials identified with the Citizens' League just formed there. The president of the league is Auditor General Fraser and the secretary is Mr. Ide, of the Dept. of Agriculture. Messrs. Campbell and Drake, of the Forestry Branch, and Mr. Bill, of the Annuities' Branch, are on the executive committee. This organization has for its object the investigation of civic problems, the review of civic administration and other organized activities which may lead to good municipal government. It has already aided in the campaign for the re-organization of the Board of Health, and a meeting is to be called soon for the discussion of the question of government by commission. There is a field here for civil servants, who are to some extent debarred from municipal office, to aid in the betterment of the city.

## GARNISHEE.

Sir Allen Aylesworth's statement on the garnishee question has evoked many comments from the press, but *The Civilian* must admit that the mass makes sorry reading for one who is expecting intelligence. Almost without an exception they see nothing in it but a defense of a special privilege; incidentally, of course, the civil servant emerges, as by a sort of universal consent, as a dead beat and spendthrift. As *The Civilian* has often pointed out, the civil servant is not greatly concerned in the garnishment issue *per se*. Only, if we are to be treated as ordinary employees in this respect, then we must be treated like ordinary employees in other respects and be permitted to assign our salaries, bring suit against a department in cases of dispute, go on strike, as Sir Allen Aylesworth suggests, and in general treat the government as a private employer.