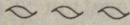


much thought have I contributed to the general cause, and in what manner have I given expression to my ideas."

The Civilian is the servant, and if necessary will be the slave, of the premier civil service body in Canada. It is our self-evident duty to point out that the federation is not living up to its duties or its responsibilities. There is work to be done. Let us be up and doing. "Will they play their part manfully?"



DR. LOW'S RETIREMENT.



As announced in the last issue of *The Civilian*, Albert P. Low, LL.D., D. Ap. Sc., has been superannuated. He was deputy minister of the Department of Mines, having attained that high position from a low beginning in the service, after more than a quarter of a century of faithful, efficient and unusually strenuous performance of public duty.

Dr. Low is one of a number of men of whom we in the civil service have every reason to be proud, because their performance of their duties has been such as not merely to earn public salaries but to win public gratitude and approval. Dr. Low joined the staff of the Geological Survey as a young man. It fell to his lot to conduct many explorations in the Great Northland. It is due in no small degree to his self-sacrificing and devoted efforts that parts of the country until then unknown have been traversed, mapped and made ready for the movement of civilizing influences which even now have been well begun. If the words "Unknown Region" or "Unexplored," which, in the maps of thirty years ago, covered a blank that could not be filled, are now replaced with the tracery of rivers, lakes, mountains and sea coast, which marks the first conquest of science over a new region, thanks are due in no small degree to Dr. Low. What those lines mean in the way of courage, perse-

verance, knowledge, and devotion to the demands of the Canadian people and the scientific world, can never be wholly known; it remains part of the great unknown romance which is suggested by such names as Jacques Cartier, Champlain, Hudson, and the hundreds of others to whose heroism we owe the opening, little by little, of this great realm which we call Canada. Nor is it any excess of flattery to mention Dr. Low's name in connection with those of the great explorers, for those who are best able to judge such labors agree that in all the qualities that go to make a great explorer Dr. Low is the equal of any other man of this generation.

By sheer ability and by right of attainments and efficiency, Dr. Low rose steadily in the service until he attained the highest position open to any man who makes the civil service his career, being appointed deputy minister seven years ago. But, unfortunately the same hardships and trials of exploration which had won for him his high position had also drained the strength of even an unusually virile physique, and, soon after his appointment Dr. Low found himself unable to perform the duties of his office. The government unwilling to forego the services of so efficient a man, and unwilling to deprive of office so deserving a public servant, effected a re-organization of the department leaving Dr. Low's place open so that he might return at any time when his health permitted. But as time went on it became manifest that Dr. Low's service to the country had been rendered in full measure, and that he would have to leave to others the labors and the honors of the future.

In retiring, Dr. Low carries with him the gratitude of the whole country for the splendid service he has rendered at such great cost to himself. It is hoped that complete rest and the opportunity to enjoy a life of ease and dignity will restore him to