

In this task the Civil Service Commissioners are increasingly conscious of the important national responsibility that has been given them. But we have also been accorded an unusual opportunity. We hope that the timing may prove propitious and that our efforts may evoke a larger public interest in the Civil Service. "Civil Service Reform" in 1958, though perhaps not so urgent and compelling a battle cry as in those earlier days when raised against patronage and corruption, is still I believe a cause above party in which all Canadians have a close concern. Its course over the next few years may well be influenced to no small extent by public appreciation of the important national issues involved.

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