

tion of the life they will lead in 1917 when 25,000 office-seekers are simultaneously hammering at their doors for positions in the federal departments, a fitting climax might be added to the many strong arguments already prepared for the purpose of defeating the measure.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Civilian made a promise some time ago to its readers in Montreal that it would publish any articles in French which could be obtained. We have attempted to make good our word given to our Montreal readers, but without success. We would now appeal to any of our friends who would kindly favour us with contributions written in the French language.

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The Civilian has during the past year or more published many valuable articles on the subject of Superannuation. Especially at the present time are we printing strong evidence in support of the case. We trust that the data furnished is being well noted by the committees of the service entrusted with this great responsibility. The committee of the Ottawa association is authorized by the federation to represent the whole service in this regard and it is to this committee we address this note. No point should be missed in driving home the final argument.

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The Civilian has recently endeavoured to make a special appeal on behalf of the condition of our friends in the Outside Post Office service. The members of that branch should study the merits of their claims to remedial treatment and make representations accordingly, by petition, to the fine body of men who represent them in the councils of the C. S. Federation of Canada.

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There are in Ottawa a number of beautiful parks paid for out of the public funds. Some of these parks contain ponds and miniature lakes deep enough to drown a child and without any protecting wall or fence. Many parents deny their children the pleasure of visiting the parks for fear of accident. One fence only has been erected on the Rideau Driveway to mark the scene of a drowning of a child. It is said the Commissioners do not approve of fences as an artistic effect. We would suggest that the said Commissioners make tombstones the prevail feature of their landscape architecture.

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The last *Civilian* had as its opening article a discussion of Superannuation from the standpoint of a contributive or a non-contributive basis. The continuation of this article will not appear in this issue as promised but will appear in our next.

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Our contributor "Vagrant" sets an example which we wish that others would follow. Having been sent off on government business, "Vagrant" remembers *The Civilian* and jots down incidents in his travels and sends them in. We invite our friends outside of Ottawa to send us items of general interest, whether such be edifying or simply amusing.

A knowledge of slang was the cause of a curious answer given by a child to a question. She was required to write a brief sketch of Queen Elizabeth. Her paper contained this sentence—"Elizabeth was so dishonest that she stole her soldiers' food." The teacher was puzzled. "Where did you get that notion?" she asked her pupil. "Why, that's what it says in the history!" The book was sent for and the passage was found. It read, "Elizabeth was so parsimonious that she even pinched her soldiers' rations!"