

eration, the grounds for which may readily be shown. Canada cannot have the best possible service without the recognition and co-operation of the servants as a body. The servants cannot get recognition nor can there be co-operation while they remain individual units. There must be organization. Before ideas and suggestions can well be placed before the authorities, they must be carefully analysed, discussed and weighed. This requires gatherings small or large. It requires a means of communication and a proper journal is the best means for placing matters before the individual members of the service.

Before the ideal can be reached there will be organization on broad lines. Without a journal that organization cannot reach its highest degree of effectiveness, nor can it be easily maintained at all. Believing this and having high ideals for the public service in every department, we welcome THE CIVILIAN and wish for it smooth sailing and a long and prosperous voyage on the oft-times stormy sea of journalism. The Postal Current is glad to have an ally in its work of raising the standard of service and in advocating the utmost fairness to all.

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The Montreal Herald.

The latest addition to the ranks of Canadian periodicals is THE CIVILIAN, which takes its rise in the existing state of unrest in the civil service, and aims "to represent honorably and faithfully the public service of the Dominion of Canada." The extremely useful field which should lie before such a paper is obvious enough, and we imagine that almost all civil servants will hail the undertaking with satisfaction. Mr. Bourassa, however, will possibly note with sorrow that it is printed in English only. To the outsider the striking feature of the first number, just issued, and to be followed at fortnightly intervals, is its literary style. The paper emanates

from a board of four energetic young service men of Ottawa, whose names are not made public; but it is clear from its general readableness that pens which should be enlightening and entertaining the widest possible public, the public of the daily papers, are scratching away at Government reports which are doubtless necessary but are certainly not art. Subscriptions go to the Ottawa Printing Company, Mosgrove Street, Ottawa.

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The Ottawa Free Press.

As a demonstration of the growing solidarity of the Civil Service, the issue of a periodical devoted to the interests of civil servants may be taken as a significant event. THE CIVILIAN is entirely a private enterprise which has neither been initiated nor endorsed by the Civil Service Association; yet it may meet a long-felt need. It is in the hands of capable men. It came as a surprise to nearly everybody, the secret of its publication having been well kept by the four gentlemen who are its publishers. Its existence will depend very largely upon its merits as time proceeds.

TO MERCUTIO.

It's likely to be the deuce of a time.

From now till the time you tell.

And when "the cup of time is full"

Poor PUSH may be in hell.

It will matter very little to PUSH

What "the gods will say to PULL"

If he struggled through life empty inside

While the belly of PULL was full.

From what I know of gods,

They were a shady lot;

And just as apt to crown old PULL

And throw PUSH out as not.