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FRATERNITY.

One of the strange things in official life is the lack of interest that too often exists among government employees in the welfare of their associates. Why it should be so, no one appears to know; but it is a fact nevertheless, that in the government service, in the clerical grades at least, one will look in vain for the same *esprit de corps* that marks the relations of the workers in private employment. Perhaps this entirely unnecessary state of affairs is a survival of the old "spoils system," when every employee regarded every other worker as his natural (political) enemy, and one to be outwitted, out-generated and passed by, in the race for advancement or official preference.

But from whatever source it comes, it is time for its final passing. This is an age of fraternalism. No one class of government employees has any just grounds for antagonizing any other class; our

interests are mutual, and what one needs, we all need; our privileges and our opportunities are common, and whatever one secures will inure to the benefit of all. Whether you are a clerk or a letter carrier, an expert accountant or a messenger, an humble charwoman or the head of a department—whether your pay is \$500 or \$5,000, you all serve the same master. It is our duty to help ourselves and to help each other; to stand together in the work of doing well and efficiently the work for which we are paid, and to stand together in the task of securing fair and just treatment for all. We are brothers in the work; let us work together in that spirit.

LE FRANÇAIS DANS LE CIVILIAN.

Le *Civilian* a reçu depuis deux semaines beaucoup plus de cent abonnements nouveaux de membres du personnel du Bureau de Poste de Montréal. La plupart de ces nouveaux abonnés sont des gens dont la langue est le français, et ce très agréable incident nous remet en mémoire le désir, entretenu depuis longtemps, de montrer d'une façon tangible, dans ce journal, notre appréciation du fait que nous avons, de par la loi, au Canada, deux langues officielles parlées par deux grandes races sur le respect et le concours mutuels desquelles reposent tout le mécanisme du gouvernement et notre avenir comme nation. Nous comptons maintenant plusieurs centaines d'abonnés parmi nos compatriotes canadiens-français, et, bien que la difficulté soit grave, nous allons trouver immédiatement le moyen, pour au moins rendre hommage à nos abonnés français et justice à nous-mêmes, de publier, aussi régulièrement que possible, des articles dans cette langue si polie et si belle.