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Fair Play for the Civil Service.

The sensational details wired daily from Ottawa of the evidence given before the two committees, "Public Accounts" and "Privileges and Elections," continue to absorb public attention, leaving little public interest in the doings of Parliament. It is only human nature—unrefined—that the frailties and shortcomings of others should prove of engrossing interest; and in the case of public servants, and with the aroma of political partisanship pervading the committee rooms, it is but natural that special excitement should attach to the disclosures made. While it is evident that an organized understanding—we will not say conspiracy—has existed for many years to disobey that clause of the Civil Service Act denying compensation to permanent employees for extra work, it is difficult to understand on what grounds so many journals condemn wholesale and without qualification the entire Service, from the ministers down to the last joined clerk. By the evidence submitted so far, no *data* exists for such sweeping imputations. Can it be that because one prominent and widely circulated party organ condemns all without stint—and also without proof—that the lesser lights re-echo the cries of horror without forming any opinions of their own, and without the slightest consideration for the body of men they are attacking? Give the Civil Service fair play; as a class they have no right to be condemned before trial, and on the sole ground of infraction of the law by a few of their number. Papers making such unqualified assaults on a respectable and representative class, markedly lower themselves in the act, and temporarily sink to the level of sheets such as *Reynolds' Newspaper*, *Modern Society*, and others whose existence depends solely on the slanderous and sensational attacks they make on people far their superior in every sense. Unproven charges of wholesale bribery and corruption, and sweeping statements of the utter rottenness of the whole body of departmental clerks, will not add one subscriber to a paper's list, and will scarcely increase

its reputation as a fair and honourable journal among impartial readers. When all are found guilty then show charity by denunciatory articles of a vivid blood-and-thunder type; but until then, give the accused fair play.

England and the German Emperor.

The brilliant pageantry and hearty welcome which has signalized the visit of the Emperor William to Great Britain has been the most remarkable event of the week, and will, we trust, be long remembered by both nations. While the stately ceremonies of the Sovereign and of her government towards their host were due by courtesy towards the Queen's grandson and the monarch of the greatest nation of the continent, the warm and enthusiastic welcome spontaneously given him by the English people was no less unexpected than important. Jealousy between the two peoples has often found vent in their leading journals, and been even more markedly shown in mercantile relations and keen competition both for position and trade. This last visit of the young Kaiser shows, however—if outward demonstration means anything—that the brilliant manner in which he has ruled his nation since his accession, working for peace while thoroughly prepared for war, and his earnest devotion to all practicable amelioration of the condition of his subjects, has won the English heart and sympathy. As members of the same race, and bound closely together by unalterable ties, the empires of Germany and Great Britain could if necessary together form such a union, as would ensure the peace of the continent of Europe. But the recent renewal of the Triple Alliance welds together such an enormous mass of fighting material as to practically preclude the possibility of any great war for the next six years, unless Russia and France made common cause against the Alliance, in which case it is possible that events might make it necessary for Great Britain to take an active share in the general *mêlée*. It is, however, extremely improbable that such an ill-starred and incongruous union between the Great Republic and the Great Autocracy could take place; such elements would not fuse. England is to-day in the not unenviable position of being recognisedly favourable to the league of the three Powers without being in the slightest degree compromised by their actions or bound to follow and aid them in any war that may arise; while with them she is not of them. The Emperor's visit and his reception will undoubtedly have the effect of drawing still closer the two nations, yet without hampering England's action, present or future; and the effect of three such powerful nations as Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy, geographically dividing the continent, bound together by solemn treaty, and in close touch with an Empire possessing the greatest naval armament the world has yet seen, must have a most beneficial bearing on the peace of Europe for many years to come.

NOTE.

Prize Question Competition.

To accommodate many competitors who live at a great distance we have decided to extend the limit for replies until 31st August; any answers, therefore, received on or before that date will rank in the competition.

Note Extension of Time in PRIZE COMPETITION.

Literary Competition.

The Publishers of THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED offer the sum of \$130 in four prizes for short stories from Canadian writers—

1st prize.....	\$60
2nd ".....	40
3rd ".....	20
4th ".....	10

On the following conditions:

1st—All stories must be delivered at the office of THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED not later than 1st August next
2nd—Each story to contain not less than 5,000 words, and not to exceed 8,000 words.

3rd—All MS. sent in for this competition to become the property of THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED.

4th—Each story must contain a motto on top of first page, and be accompanied by a sealed envelope, inside of which is stated the name and address of the writer. The outside of envelope to bear motto used on story.

5th—MS. to be written in ink, and on one side of paper only.

6th—Stories on Canadian subjects are preferred.

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The Dominion Illustrated Prize Competition, 1891. QUESTIONS.

SIXTH SERIES.

- 31.—What artist is mentioned who studied portrait painting in Spain?
- 32.—Quote a criticism on American State Secretaries.
- 33.—Where is mention made of insects with strong jaws and healthy appetites?
- 34.—On what page is mentioned a lecture by Rev. Dean Carmichael, of Montreal?
- 35.—Who commanded a regiment raised in Canada in 1796?
- 36.—Quote a reference to the Lord Bishop of Niagara.

NOTE.—All the material necessary for correctly answering the above questions can be found in Nos. 131 to 156 of the "Dominion Illustrated," being the weekly issues for January, February, March, April, May and June.