the people as to the proper status of Civil Service in this land of ours. Last March the executive of the Federation appointed a committee on "Publicity," which is at the present moment endeavouring to organize for its responsible task. Much may be done by the plan to be mapped out by this committee, which will endeavour to reach the people through the public press. The special number of The Civilian advertised on another page was devised for the very purpose of elevating public opinion in regard to the public service. By such means the hands of the Prime Minister and of Mr. White may be strengthened for the task of setting up higher ideals of our service.

The thoughts of all Civil Servants are no doubt bent upon the problems presented in the two Civil Service bills. Despite many temptations, the editors refrain from comment upon the bills at the present A great advantage has accrued to the service in the fact that ample time is at our disposal for the purpose of consideration and representation. The bills are not entirely satisfactory, but it is satisfactory to feel that Mr. White will be happy to receive and consider suggestions advanced by the service. Suggestions by way of amendment to the bills will be prepared in an organized way by joint committees of the Federation and the Ottawa Association.

The Editors of *The Civilian* printed a number of extra copies of the issue of June 12, containing the two bills and the debates thereupon. The Editors will be glad to mail a copy of this number complimentarily to any Civil Servant who desires a copy.

The Editors have been asked to issue a general invitation to all Civil

Servants to express an opinion on the Civil Service bills either as regards errors of omission or commission. Communications of this kind should be addressed to Mr. F. Grierson, Secretary C. S. Federation, Finance Department. Correspondents belonging to the Inside Service may address direct to Mr. Walter Todd, Secretary Ottawa Association. House of Commons.

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There are many Civil Servants in Canada; there are many societies of Civil Servants, some active, some not so active, and some affiliated with the Federation. To one and all, either the individual or the organization, the editors of The Civilian extend the invitation for news or views of any matters of personal or service interest. Especially is it desirable that The Civilian be supplied with reports of meetings, so that, east and west, all may be informed of the interest which servants of the Crown are taking in their status in the life of the Dominion.

This is both an invitation and an appeal, and applies specially to members of the Service outside of Ottawa, there being no other means at present by which *The Civilian* can do justice to our service friends outside the Capital.

MORE SURVEYORS HAVE TROUBLE.

Word has been received here that during the recent storm that wrought havoc to the fishermen on the Gaspe Coast a party from the Geological Survey, who are gathering specimens of wild birds, had their camp demolished and a collection of several hundred stuffed birds blown to the four winds of heaven. Fortunately, the greater number of the specimens were recovered.