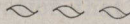


ular performer and so his name is not heralded abroad. But the complete absence of criticism of any of the work of his department is more eloquent praise than any number of flaring "write-ups" in the press could possibly be. No man in the civil service is more worthy to be honored, nor is there one more popular or more highly esteemed among his fellow-members of the civil service.



"TOO OTTAWANISH,"—AN APPEAL TO THE OUTSIDE SERVICE.

Once again comes the comment from friends of *The Civilian* that this journal gives too much attention to civil service affairs in Ottawa and too little attention to civil service affairs outside. "Too Ottawanish" is the way the criticism is put. What makes this criticism all the more effective, is the fact that it comes from the greatest city of Canada a place which, by reason of its nearness to Ottawa, might be supposed to be easily "covered"—as newspaper men say—by an Ottawa publication. This expression "too Ottawanish" is contained in a letter from a good friend, a practically helpful friend, in Montreal. In view of the circumstances, we come back once more to this theme which we have treated often before; and, if such a thing be possible, we should like what we now say to be more specific, more frank and certainly more effective than anything we have said on this subject before.

It is true, *The Civilian* has given more space to Ottawa affairs than they deserve, or rather, it has given less space to the affairs of the outside service than they deserve. Those who do the work of *The Civilian* are immersed in these Ottawa affairs and the facts as they arise almost record themselves in these columns. But we must depend upon those outside for knowledge of what

goes on outside. We do not criticize anybody nor find fault with anybody when we say that Mr. Garrett O'Connor, of the railway mail service, stands practically alone in the outside service as one who sends material for publication to *The Civilian*. In this very issue, Mr. O'Connor, speaking as a member of the civil service, calls *The Civilian* "Our family journal." This warms the editorial heart. Other marks of favor conferred upon *The Civilian* by members of the outside service lead us to believe, and to gratefully acknowledge, that there are many who also receive this as the "family journal." But Mr. O'Connor alone has spoken it in words or acted upon it in a way to help in filling our columns so as to prevent *The Civilian* from being "too Ottawanish."

Does anybody suppose that *The Civilian* is not alive to the importance of the outside service? We do not minimize the Ottawa portion of the service. But it is to the outside as the smaller part is to the greater part. Anybody must see that who does not change his glasses to look at the two things. Ottawa is the capital of Canada, and therefore great. But that which gives Ottawa its greatness, this glorious and growing country, is to Ottawa as the circle is to its centre.

But there is more than that; there is a difference in the very quality of the inside and of the outside service from *The Civilian* point of view. This journal ought to have more support from outside than from Ottawa, and it ought to be of more benefit to the outside service than to the service here in Ottawa. The reason for this is obvious. The civil service here in Ottawa has many ways of satisfying and expressing its spirit of unity and co-operation. The mere concentration of numbers yields many of the beneficial affects that are more fully to be gained by organization and a common medium of expression. The existence here of such organizations as a co-operative