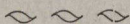


perform the duties of co-ordination. The duties involved are of the highest importance. May we offer a suggestion in this regard, viz., that the members of the cabinet without portfolio be constituted a permanent board to study the problems of the public service from the standpoint of co-relation and co-ordination. Some such board should study the public service continuously, day by day, and not spasmodically as in the past.



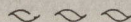
TWO GOOD ONES.

In the news columns of to-day's *Civilian* there will be found reference to two civil servants who are doing things. The one is in what is called, for want of a better name, the Outside Service. His name is A. B. Sowter. Mr. Sowter has been in the Customs service for many years, and wherever he has gone he has impressed upon his comrades, for the time being, his keen instinct for organized discussion of class interests. Moved about from port to port, Mr. Sowter has finally landed in Edmonton, and there has resulted a new civil service organization called the Northern Alberta Customs Association. The initiation of this new body is attributed to Mr. Sowter by his new confreres in the port of Edmonton. Well done, Mr. Sowter!

The name of the other civil servant whom we would post to-day on the roll of honour is Mr. H. R. Sims, who has been the indefatigable instigator of organized recreation in the Ottawa service during the past few years and who successfully ran off an athletic meet on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Mr. Sims is president of the service baseball league in Ottawa. The committee of this league met on Sept. 10th, wound up its baseball business in a meeting called during the lunch hour, and laid plans for an extensive programme of athletic events which was attended with remarkable success; and all the work of

preparation done in ten days. Well done, Mr. Sims and confreres!

Sowter and Sims are the kind of men the Canadian service needs; men who believe in fraternity, goodwill and a thorough understanding of the service, its possibilities, its weaknesses and its needs.



THE SOCIAL CLUB AT OTTAWA.

Some three years ago there was formed at Ottawa the Civil Service Club. The club originated in the idea that it was desirable to have a rendezvous where committees devoted to service interests could meet. The ambitions of the early promoters of the rendezvous idea developed this idea into the organization of a social club of some pretensions. As such it has had its vicissitudes of fortunes. The club has had to fight for its very existence. Not receiving the expected membership from the service, the club has not flourished to the full extent of its possibilities. Enemies have arisen where least expected, and the club has had to suffer the stigma of reproaches brought upon it by some of its thoughtless members.

At present the club is in the control of a splendid committee who are doing all that mortal men can do to put the club upon a plane comporting with the dignity of a great public service. The annual meeting of the club takes place on October 15th, when the report of the committee will be laid before the members. *The Civilian* congratulates the committee upon its uphill fight against great odds, and wishes every success to its endeavours to maintain an institution of inestimable value to service life in the Capital.



EDITORIAL NOTE.

The Poet "Low Rate" in the present issue indulges in a "Timon of Athens" tirade against the fair sex. If there be any of our lady readers