

is a loss of ambition with both the incentive and the opportunity to improve ones position. A technical expert given a government position may sometimes find the opportunity for more good work than he would find outside of it, but in all administrative and executive work there is a loss both of good work and of the power of training for it. Economy is one of the greatest principles in modern business and the government service is the last place to find economy, except in the matter of salaries in which the government is notoriously parsimonious. The atmosphere of endeavor is lacking one great stimulus in developing man's powers. The rewards for endeavor are lacking when the only principle of promotion that can be employed without undergoing the suspicion of political favoritism is length of service."

"From the national standpoint the withdrawal of men from citizenship becomes more dangerous by geometrical progression with the number withdrawn. We grant citizenship to many new comers, but ill qualified for it in our eagerness to broaden our political base and dangers to our public life are often feared on this account and not without justification. Surely then there is some lack of wisdom in taking away full citizenship from a great body of men already fully Canadianized by birth or by residence and probably rather superior to the general average of the country in education and intelligence." "There are positions in the civil service of Canada filled with distinction by distinguished men, men who are able to give the best of themselves to the work they are best suited to do. It would be ungracious to

speak of the public employees of the country without acknowledging the services of such men, or to criticise the civil service as a whole without stipulating that it is the system and not the men that is at fault. With every allowance the fact remains that in the government service a man is deprived of civil rights, of the opportunity and the incentive to do effective work, of the stimulus of ambition, of the chance of anything but the most meagre salary, and that as a rule the results in efficiency are just what might be expected."

We are forced to conclude that State Medicine would not be an improvement for the welfare of the public. It would not be for the advancement of the profession, nor would it be to the best interest of the State.

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