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THE MERIT SYSTEM IN THE CRUCIBLE

Just as The Civilian goes to press information has been received to the effect that it is the intention of one of the Ottawa members of parliament to move a resolution in the House that the outside service be removed from the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission. Indications are not lacking also in certain sections of the subsidized press that the remnant of the old patronage-mongers are itching for a return of the spoils system.

These signs are authentic, and should give every civil servant food for careful thought, The fight to retain what has been gained during the last few years, after sacrifice and strenuous effort on behalf of the Service, promises to be renewed with fresh intensity during the next session of Parliament. There are those who would return to the patronage system, and their anxiety to do so is ill-concealed. The genuine believers in the merit system must gird their loins and be prepared for a renewal of the conflict if they wish to hold what has already been secured and obtain efficiency and fair-play in the service. A principle is at stake; purity in public service is being challenged; merit will be supplanted by incompetence if all real adherents of the ideal of worthiness in public office do not let their voices be heard. The Civilian has always stood for the merit system. It will continue to do so. It will carry on the fight for the great body of the civil servants of this country, and it believes that the great body of civil servants of this country are heart and soul for the merit system and the destruction of patronage.