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## "TWO BLADES OF GRASS WHERE ONE GREW BEFORE."

THE CIVILIAN has endeavoured in this issue to give a complete account of the new Savings and Loan Society, not only by publishing the constitution in full, but by reporting the results of the organization meeting, and making such general comment as space would permit.

We confess to feeling on this occasion no little pride and gratification that a movement which THE CIVILIAN first inaugurated, and for which it has stood sponsor, should have become an accomplished fact. The idea was first proposed in THE CIVILIAN of May 22nd, and we have steadily advocated it ever since, incidentally furthering it in every way possible, as by calling the meeting of June 12th at which the committee was appointed, and by

affording facilities in the printing and other lines. Readers will acquit us, we think, of any charge of meanness in thus claiming our due. The great majority of the service have frankly recognized the spirit in which our work is carried on, and even the censorious will only say that we are seeking to show how much good may be accomplished by a civil service paper. That is a thing that we hope to demonstrate more and more fully in the time to come.

The new society is to be congratulated upon having secured the services of Mr. F. A. Acland, Secretary of the Department of Labour, as President. No better man could be chosen from the service for this office. His knowledge of economic and social subjects and his wide experience of men and affairs specially fit him for the responsible post. In Mr. Campeau, the Vice-President, the society gains the services of a man of integrity and ability, who knows the field of work thoroughly well. Mr. H. LeB. Ross, the Secretary, will approve himself a most efficient officer. He has been long identified with important movements in the service, and may be relied upon to bring to bear upon his work an excellent judgment and a desire for despatch of business needful in his important office.

Taking the Officers and Boards as a whole, it would be difficult to fill them to better advantage than they are now filled. Thus the society commences existence under the most favorable circumstances. Patronizing as some of us are, no one will think it needful to inform such executive bodies that they ought not to invest their funds in mining stock, or lend money to a broken-down spendthrift for a like purpose. The service knows that they know their business well enough to be spared the usual platitudes upon this subject. Problems they will have from time to time, but THE CIVILIAN believes in the men and in their fitness and sincerity.

If any considerable number of persons can be induced by means of this