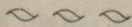


was worth it then. After i got Your Note sayin' you deklined to aekt in the matter i driv the Cow over to the Feller's place an' tole him he had won her.

"That's orl i got by howlin' meself Hoarse for you on pole day, an' months befoar. You not only hurt a man's Pride but you injur him in Bizness. I believe you think you'll get in agen. I don't. An' what I don't think is of moar Konsequence then you imajin. I beleave you take a pleshir in cuttin' your best frends, but wate till the clouds roll by an' they'll cut you—just behind the Ear, where the butcher cut the pig. Yure no man. An' i don't think yure much of a demecrat either. Go to hel. I lower meself ritin to a skunk, even tho I med him a member of Parlment."

This letter, better than any words of ours, illustrates the relationship between election scandals and ineffective public service, to which or other occasions we have endeavoured to draw attention. If further evidence on this subject be required let any reader pick up the Hansard of last session, and read the days of disgustings debate as to the ownership of the contents of the trough of partizan patronage, the system under which parliament thinks it can conduct the great business of a growing country.

With the unhappy lot of running or sitting members of parliaments, who consider civil service patronage a desirable instrument for gaining the votes of the intelligent electorate, *The Civilian* has nothing to do. But as regards the unhappy lot of the Canadian service, saddled as it is with all the worst features of patronage, *The Civilian* must utter its indignant protest. No civil servant's patriotism is enhanced by the knowledge that he or she lives and works under conditions such as are suggested by this Australian's letter. Every member of parliament is, and every civil servant may be, a victim of this condition. It is a fine system!!



THE SLEEPING GIANT.

The Civilian has received a letter, published to day, making reference to the duty of the C. S. Federation of Canada to assume a more aggressive

attitude in some of the many functions for which it was ordained. In another column will be found a programme suggested by *The Civilian* of London for the consideration of the newly established federation of Great Britain.

Our federation is our great representative body. We must stand or fall with it. With a membership scattered over the Dominion we look to it to lead the way. But as was recently remarked of the Presbyterian Church, the federation is a "sleeping giant." Our correspondent attempts to stick pins in him.

Let us look at the plan suggested for our kindred body in Great Britain. The first clause is as follows:—

"To associate and unite all the established and unestablished civil servants of the state by inducing them to become members of the federation."

Here is work of some importance for our association. From Ontario to the Rocky mountains no civil service organization holds membership in the federation. This is a matter for regret and we should continue to regret it until the deficiency is remedied. A powerfully organized federation is the only method for making a powerfully organized appeal to the government. This fundamental fact established, some hope may be entertained for the other items in an extensive programme. Of these perhaps the most important are, salaries adjustment, merit system for the Outside Service and a Federal Co-operative Act to enable the service to carry on co-operative business all over Canada. There are many other subjects meet for debate within the organization and for education without. Superannuation is not mentioned in this category as perhaps all that can be done for superannuation has been done.

At the last annual meeting in November the number of the executive was increased to twenty. Let any of those twenty officers who read these lines, ask himself the question, "how