

The Honourable Mr. Fisher in a recent letter to the Association laid particular stress upon the urgency of the question of sanitation. An extreme case of this kind, however, should only need to have attention called to it to have the remedy applied. Dr. Coulter is home and there is no more important business awaiting his attention than the misfortunes of his staff in the basement of the Langevin block.

### THE AGE LIMIT FOR NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

The following exchange of memoranda between the Civil Service Commissioners and the Department of Justice will be of general interest:

#### Memorandum for the Deputy Minister of Justice.

"The Civil Service Commissioners find that it will be necessary to hold special competitive examinations from time to time for certain positions in the public service. These competitions are to be held under Section 13 of the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908.

"Section 14 of the said Act provides, inter alia, that candidates admitted to such examinations shall be not more than 35 years of age. The point has been raised as to whether the age limit referred to applies to those already in the service who desire to compete in these examinations. At the present time there is an examination pending for a certain position in one department, and a number of employees of other departments have applied to be admitted as candidates, but in most cases the age of those ap-

plying exceeds thirty-five years. The Commissioners would be pleased to have a ruling as to whether an employee of one department or of another branch of his own department shall be admitted to the examination (the examination being held under the provisions of Section 13 of the Civil Service Act, 1908) without reference to the age limit fixed by the statute.

"Ottawa, 22nd March, 1909.

"(Sgd.) W. FORAN,

"Secretary to the Commission."

#### Memorandum for the Secretary, Civil Service Commissioners.

"In reply to your memorandum of 22nd instant, I am not aware of any exception in favour of those already in the service to the rule laid down by section 14 of the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908, that no person shall be admitted to the examination provided for by section 13 who is more than thirty-five years of age.

"(Sgd.) E. L. NEWCOMBE,

"Deputy Minister of Justice."

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