

OTTAWA C. S. TENNIS CLUB.

To Former and Prospective Members of the Civil Service Tennis Club.

We have not forgotten about the tennis season; we have been working hard and have at last secured temporary quarters for our club. Our pipe dream for next year is splendid clay courts, cosy club house, etc., but this year we have to be content with the grounds formerly occupied by the Ottawa Ladies' College on Albert street where we have had five courts made. These will be ready for use on Saturday, June 19th.

The membership fees for this year are placed at \$2.00. Those joining the club this year will be counted as constituting charter members of our large club scheme and next year will only be required to pay the annual fees. All fees must be paid in advance and after July 1st membership tickets will be required to be shown at the entrance to the grounds. Balls may be secured at the nominal price of 35c. from janitor or officer in charge who shall be known by a distinguishing badge.

We ask your co-operation in making this branch of our recreation department a telling force in the life of our association. It is not late; there is still plenty of time for an enjoyable season, and next year you will be rewarded for your forethought. Membership is open to both men and women civil servants.

Join the club at once and have the advantage of every day. Send your membership fee to Miss M. T. Kealy, Dominion Lands Branch, Department of Interior, Langevin Block, treasurer of the club. The president is Miss G. Loughren, Finance Department.

(Sgd.) E. M. SHEARMAN,
Secretary.

NOT THE TANGO.

Mr. Borem: "Shall we talk or dance?"
Miss Weereigh: "I'm very tired. Let us dance."

EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVICE LAW EXTENSION.

All told 190,261 positions, including offices and places of employment, in the federal service, have been left under the spoils system, to be filled on the basis of politics, without regard to fitness. This figure from the last annual report of the United States Civil Service Commission, summarized last week in the Washington correspondence of Civil Service News, looms large. It shows what a big field is left for work on the part of all who believe in the extension of the merit system under the Civil Service law.

The total number of positions in the federal service is 482,721, and while almost 40 per cent. of them remain under the spoils system, over 60 per cent. are under the Civil Service law. The number of merit positions in the United States totals 292,460.

The benefits of the Civil Service law as shown in its operation with this great number of positions are outlined in the annual report of the merit commission. Among others are these: "A far superior class of employees has been secured"; "A higher standard of morals and habits within the public service has been attained"; "Public esteem of official life has been raised."

BEST FIGHTING DIET.

Froude believed that beef was the best diet for the fighting man. In "Henry VIII." he describes the English of the period as "a sturdy, high-hearted race, round in body and fierce in spirit, which, under the stimulus of those great shins of beef, their common diet, were the wonder of the age."

Carlyle, who read the passage in proof, wrote: "Modify a little—Frederick the Great was brought up on beer-sops; Robert Burns on oatmeal porridge; and Mahomet and the Caliphs conquered the world on barley meal."