

six to ten months of training in Canada, the 207th Battalion offers a special opportunity. There is every reason to expect that this unit will be in England before the end of January. It is not up to strength and can easily absorb a percentage of new recruits. The 207th has probably about seventy civil servants in its ranks and several of its officers are also from the Service. No doubt the officers would place new Civil Service recruits in platoons with other men from the Service. The battalion has about 700 men who are second to none for physique and intelligence and a very small percentage who would be classed as in any respect otherwise. It is one of the cleanest and best-behaved battalions that has been mobilized in Canada. There is a rare opportunity right now for another bunch of Ottawa boys who want to "do their bit" quickly, to join the 207th and get overseas in, perhaps, six weeks.

Casualties exceed enlistments. The number of Canadians in khaki, fit to fight, is actually diminishing. Young man, this is *your* business. What are you going to do about it?

New policies of the Government insurance for civil servants issued during the past year average \$3,000 in value. As the former maximum policy was \$2,000, this is evidence of the civil servants' practical appreciation of the Government's action in raising the limit to \$5,000.

The Ottawa Branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission will soon be out of funds. It has no fixed source of revenue and new methods of financing its work must soon be adopted. Meantime, it has some more buttons to sell. If you think you owe any debt of gratitude to the men who have gone to the front and come back in need of aid,—buy a button.

A Canadian Civil Service infantry officer went out on a "forlorn hope"

with a laugh on his lips. He didn't come back, but his name was read and spoken all 'round the world. A Canadian civil servant went up in an aeroplane to the assistance of a comrade and returned, successful and unhurt. A Canadian Civil Service driver in the Royal Field Artillery won the medal for Meritorious Service. Surely this is a game that *men* play at. Come on, "*sports*"!

The net salary of a civil servant at the maximum of the messenger class or sub-division "B" of the Third Division is \$760 per year. It is said that the purchasing power of a dollar is now about three-quarters of what it was a few years ago. That is to say, the salaries of these men and women will now command only \$570 worth of the necessities of life each year; yet they have to go to work in respectable clothing and are expected to subscribe to the Patriotic Fund and to buy a tag every time a "tag day" comes around. How would a "fair wages" clause fit into that contract between the Government and its employees known as "The Civil Service Act"?

WON MILITARY MEDAL.

Another Meritorious Service Medal has been won for the Canadian Civil Service by Driver F. W. Doyle, of the Royal Field Artillery.

Driver Doyle belongs to the London Emigration Office and is every inch a soldier. Before the war he was one of those patriotic and self-sacrificing young men who composed the British Territorial forces. These units went to France close on the heels of the old regular army and for two years have borne their part in the heaviest fighting. Driver Doyle has been at the front for two years and has never suffered any serious injury.

Of thirty-one Emigration men at the front, three have been killed and a number wounded.