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In the United States, the method of administering the civil service is a matter on which there is a strong public opinion. In the recent contest for the Governorship of New York, Mr. H. Stimson, the Republican candidate, thought it of importance to issue the following statement dealing, it will be observed, with the two subjects which are placed the foremost in the programme of the Canadian C. S. Federation:

"To my mind a provision for some equitable retirement system is most important to civil service employees. I heartily agree with President Taft that the time has arrived for dealing with the problem of superannuation in the civil service by a just, adequate and efficient retirement system. The absence of such a system inevitably results in the continuance in the service of employees beyond the period of their real usefulness. I regard such a measure in line with the progressive legislation of the day.

"I am heartily in favor of your demand that the merit system should be extended wherever it is found practicable. I do not see how anyone who has given thought to the subject can well differ with this demand. My own experience in connection with the New York Custom House has made me more than ever a determined believer in the merit system to every practicable extent in the public service."

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