

AS OTHER SEE US.

As Seen by a Member of Parliament.

To the Editors The CIVILIAN:

Dears Sirs,—I have read with very great interest the first number of The CIVILIAN. You have begun well and if the lines indicated by your editorial announcements are followed, deserve to succeed.

It is perhaps, not unnatural that the great majority of the tax-payers of this country should know little about the work performed by the splendid body of men and women composing the Canadian Civil Service. It will be your privilege to institute a campaign of education in this direction, and if you can demonstrate as well as promote the efficiency of the Service the result will be of assistance to those who are sometimes called to account for our votes on civil government estimates. To do this a journal such as The CIVILIAN is absolutely essential, and you should have the hearty support of every well-wisher of the Service,

Your faithfully,
A. J. S. COPP.

House of Commons,
May 12th, 1908.

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An organ of the civil service is a novelty, but that is the role to be filled by The CIVILIAN, a fortnightly journal, the first number of which has been issued at Ottawa. It is a serious, well-written publication, which presents the grievances of the civil servants with force and skill.—The Toronto Globe.

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The initial number of a new periodical, named The CIVILIAN, has just appeared. It is a fortnightly, published at Ottawa, and is devoted to the interests of the civil service of Canada. The first number is graced by a fine

new portrait of the prime minister. The literary matter embraces several special articles — Memorial to the Prime Minister, Report of the Civil Service Commission, Civil Service Athletics, Civil Service Association, Petition of Foremen in Government Printing Bureau. The editorials are excellent and the periodical will prove instructive and helpful to every citizen interested in Canadian civil service.—Toronto World.

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The Civil Service.

There is a popular delusion to the effect that a civil servant is a person creeping like snail unwilling to office, entering at the stroke of ten and wearily waiting for the stroke of four. Probably there are in this occupation, as in all others, men who take no interest in their work, and their lot is not to be envied, for work done without interest, hope, or enthusiasm is the hardest of all.

But it is clear that the business of the civil service of Canada, growing, as it does, with the growth of the Dominion, could not be done unless there were public officials of another kind, who are not only industrious, but enthusiastic. The civil servants of Canada have given many evidences of life, including the formation of an association and the publication of a fortnightly journal "The CIVILIAN." It is pointed out in this journal that the multiplying arts of society necessitate the extension of the work of government. The writer regards the civil servant as a necessary helper of the citizen, whose duty is to protect his rights, advance his interests, and promote his well-being. "With half a continent to fill and develop, with a rapidly increasing and intensely modern population to minister to, with duties multiplying so rapidly that they cannot be manned fast enough, the public service of Canada has opportunity so great and responsibility so heavy that the best of our people's leaders may well ardently desire to