

3. An oral test to judge of the candidate's general grasp of affairs and his facility in personal contacts.

The Department is represented in the tests. The last competition was held about two years ago. Some hundred young Canadians wrote in Canada, England and France, of whom some twenty made the written tests and ten or twelve the oral test. Of these successful candidates three have thus far been appointed.

I enclose a copy of the Civil Service Commission's notice of the last competition, and a set of the papers then set.

I do not know when the next competition will be held, as that will depend on governmental policy as to the expansion of the Service, or upon changes in the existing staff.

I understand you can speak French and Spanish. Could you give me particulars of your training in these languages, and the extent of your command of them, both as to writing and as to speaking.

If you will call in any time you are in Ottawa, I shall be glad to talk over the matter with you further.

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