

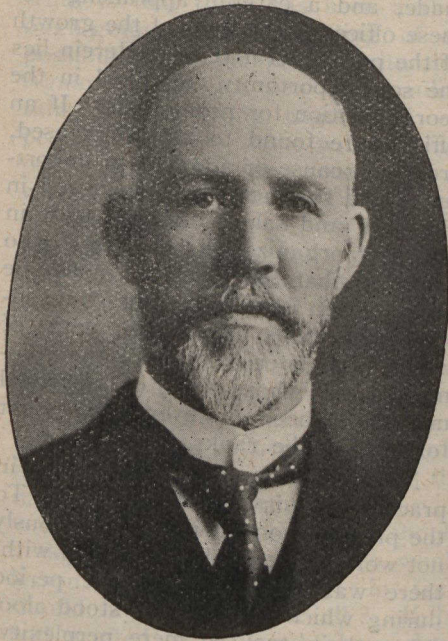
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The Gordian Knot.

The Re-organization impasse.—The question de jure and de facto.—To cut the Knot.

The reorganization hangs fire. What it is really to mean for the service is as dark a mystery as ever. The methods that are in the end to prevail, the interpretation that is finally to be given to the pertinent clauses of the Act, remain unknown. As usual in any matter of profound interest, there have been many rumours, most of them far from reassuring, especially in that they seem to show the lack of any new, definite or uniformly-guiding principle at work. It is high time, therefore, that civil

servants should make shift to obtain an insight into the real meaning of the situation. There is no tangle of the kind that cannot be unravelled by clear thinking, by calling things by their proper names, followed by proper action. The solution may not be forthcoming all at once, but the challenge of the present is too direct to warrant further delay in an honest attempt.

What, then, has happened to the reorganization? Has anything gone wrong with the machinery provided for the task or with those who are op-