

Press" of a few weeks ago. The Civil Service page of that edition is well known to be contributed, and by a civil servant at that. Even so, the reference must have been a little outside the scope of the tri-partite agreement. Contrast this with the kindly, exuberant welcome of the rest of the Canadian press, and readers will begin to ask why the press of Ottawa should lag behind so far.

Nevertheless, we grow; we prosper. Loved at home, and respected abroad (forgive these prideful utterances!) we foresee for THE CIVILIAN a long career of usefulness, with just enough of trouble ahead to keep it from an unhealthy introspection. Imitation is the sincerest flattery, and we have attained even to the dignity of having an imitator, as witness that same Civil Service page of the Saturday "Free Press," which surely owes its being to our humble selves. Is not the good of the Civil Service of Canada a high goal for ambition? Is there not worthy work to be done in raising the tone and standard of the public service? In a word, ought not the Canadian Civil Service to have a periodical of its own? These interrogatories we ourselves have long since answered; and, if it were not ungentlemanly to be so rudely insistent, we would solicit replies from our coy brother-editors of Ottawa. Never mind; we love you just the same, and, really, there is plenty of *advertising* for both you and THE CIVILIAN. Live and let live is a good rule; but, above all, dear fellow-editors, let us "keep sweet." Here's a flowing bowl to our future good understanding, anyway!

THE SALARY QUESTION AGAIN —AND CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Montreal Star the other day did us the honour to quote, somewhat at length, from the article dealing with the salary question which ap-

peared in our last issue, and in which we had thought to have said our final say, in the way of exposition at least, on this absorbing topic. The *Star* said:

"Criticism of the new Civil Service bill by members of the Civil Service is a feature of the last issue of THE CIVILIAN, 'a fortnightly journal devoted to the interests of the Civil Service of Canada,' and edited by civil servants. The specific aspect dealt with is that of salaries and the views expressed bear out, in even stronger terms, the *Star's* advice of Saturday as to the attitude of the service. The cream of the article is in the last paragraph."

The *Star* then went on to quote the conclusions of the article to the general effect that although the new classification raised the maximums and minimums of the several classes, the clause of the bill providing for an automatic transfer of the old order to the new *en bloc* would not allow provision to be made on the score of cost of living and would perpetuate the old meaningless classification of the service under which there is no necessary correspondence between the nature of the duties performed and the salaries paid. The article ended by advocating an amendment of the bill whereby consideration might be made in the process of transfer both of the necessities of the civil servant and of merit, in the way recommended by the Royal Commission.

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We have re-stated, in this way, our position of a fortnight ago in order to emphasize such modifications as the events of the interval may have rendered necessary. Incidentally, we would wish also to correct the thorough-going impression conveyed by the *Star* that the bill does not largely commend itself to us.

During the two weeks' period that has elapsed since our last article, the interview of the Civil Service Association with Mr. Fisher and the second reading of the bill in the House