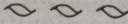


in the service itself are glorious. It helps the Ottawa service to forget for the moment the vicious alliance which the government permits between pot-hunters and section 21 and other loop holes in the Civil Service Act and the regulations of the Commission.



EDITORIAL NOTE.

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The Civilian is being honoured, and for some time past has been honoured, with many contributions and relevant press clippings from friends and sympathizers in the service; for the courtesy of which attention the editors are pleased and proud. It is necessary, however, to ask our friends to grant indulgence for delay in getting their matter into type; a delay that is due to the limitations of our space.

CO-OPERATIVE NOTES.

A Bit of Co-Operative History.

Before the co-operative sentiment in the Civil Service crystallized in the Ottawa store, several co-operative ventures had been carried on in the Inside Service. For several years, coal was bought on a co-operative basis. Butter was another commodity dealt in, and so was maple syrup. An ice business also flourished for a time. But these ventures, which were carried on by volunteers, could not be as effective as a permanently established business. This fact was recognized by the promoters of the Civil Service Federation, so a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. A. E. Caron, R. H. Coats and H. LeB. Ross, to look into the feasibility of a permanent co-operative store. This committee was added to as the study of the question proceeded, and, Mr. McNeill, after some difficulty, drafted a constitution satis-

factory to the provincial authorities, and a charter was granted by the Provincial Secretary's department. The incorporators named in the charter are, Messrs. A. E. Caron, A. McNeill, R. H. Coats, W. A. Fraser, John McLeish, F. C. T. O'Hara, R. A. Lewis, Walter Todd and Dr. P. H. Bryce, a group truly representative of the Inside Service. Some day a brass tablet may be erected to the memory of these civil service co-operative pioneers, when the store has found a permanent home.

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Is it not about time that civil servants in the large centres in Canada, should look into the co-operative movement and resolve to experience some of its benefits? Some of our leaders look forward to the time when a chain of stores will be found all over Canada, catered to by a central wholesale organization, which would reduce the cost of distribution to its lowest notch. There are two essentials to a co-operative enterprise, —faith and capital. This combination can accomplish anything. Faith would be exercised in the calling of a meeting, and the meeting would look after the capital.

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The English Co-operative Tholesale Society has sent the Ottawa store a handsome souvenir casket commemorating its golden jubilee. The casket contains samples of the goods produced by the Society, such as cocoa, mustard, tea, coffee, crackers, tobacco, shoe polish, woollen goods, etc. The exhibit is worth seeing.

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The sales for the month of November at the Ottawa store amount to \$5,373.40 as compared with \$4,977.11 for the same month last year, an increase of \$396.29. The sales for the eight months of the fiscal year are \$33,326.09, an increase of \$557.11 over the corresponding period 1912.