

considered and cautiously taken. The government is, we feel, to be congratulated on the eminently satisfactory accomplishment of that part of its design which affects the inside service, and we trust that we may soon receive an equal share of the same benefits.

"We realize that much remains to be done before the whole of the outside service can be brought within the scope and under the provisions of the act of 1908; that until the necessary reclassification is effected an equitable readjustment of our salaries would present almost insuperable difficulties; and that a proper measure of relief for us will involve a great expenditure. But we realize, too, and that most painfully, that for some years we have suffered in the receipt of salaries wholly inadequate to meet the increased cost of living, and that the condition of many of those in the lower grades of the service has now become one of positive distress. Therefore, we pray that the amelioration our condition so urgently demands may be no longer delayed, but that you and your colleagues will provide for your faithful servants of the 'outside' by acting on the following suggestions which are most respectfully submitted."

[THE CIVILIAN regrets that it is unable to publish this memorial in full. The above came to us wholly by chance, and by way of the newspapers. Will some western friend supply the omission.—Eds.]

"THE CO-OPERATOR."

Some Echoes of the Current Canadian Movement.

Within the past month, two co-operative concerns at Toronto organ-

ized in 1908, have gone into liquidation. The first, the "Dominion Co-operative Association," seems to have been conceived in the spirit of keeping its membership aloof from its management, which is certainly far from co-operation. Its failure is ascribed to insufficient capital and lack of patronage. Three stores were started—on the face of it a perilous venture. A vigorous campaign carried on by the retailers, who canvassed the shareholders individually in its prejudice, also had its effect. The other, the Equitable Co-operative Association, likewise seems to have been co-operative in name only, being one of those frequent examples of joint-stockism which has done so much in this country to bewilder the popular mind on co-operation and its aims. Naturally there has been some jubilation in the strongholds of the retailers. The Canadian Grocer has executed a spirited *pas seul*, and the event is being used for what it may be worth in the general fight against co-operation. In this connection, the following letter from the President of the Brantford Co-operative Association, appearing in the Brantford Courier of March 22, may be of interest, as showing how the contest is going forward. Especially is it interesting in its concluding paragraph: "The Editor of the Courier:

"Sir,—One does not need the wisdom of a Sherlock Holmes to know that a 'Citizen who reads the Canadian Grocer,' and whose letter appeared in your columns recently, is in some way connected with or interested in the grocery trade, that grocers are not enamoured of the idea of a co-operative grocery, and that your indulgence in calling special attention to the failure of a society, co-operative in name but not in fact, was solicited because there happens to be a