

brought up and discussed. There was a consensus of opinion that it was of vital importance that the members of the service should be up and doing in order that the facts and considerations in regard to the salient features of this measure should be properly brought before the members of the House and the Press of the country. So strongly did the Federation feel on the subject that a representative committee was appointed for the purpose of endeavouring to accomplish these objects. *The Civilian* desires to co-operate with this committee in the endeavour to establish throughout the country, by means of an educative campaign, a sentiment in favour of the re-establishment of the principle of superannuation. In truth the first step has already been taken in this regard by the publication in *The Civilian* of May 20th of an article furnishing preliminary data for the foundation of an unanswerable argument in favour of the more outstanding features of the draft bill adopted by the unanimous vote of the Senate of Canada. To the information already gleaned we hope to add from time to time, and we earnestly solicit contributions on this subject from our subscribers.

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The service should endeavour to secure the co-operation and support of the leading journals throughout the Dominion and to convince the understanding and enlist the sympathy of every member of the House of Commons. This is the only method in which the end sought for can be attained. In this effort the individual members of the service can be of great assistance to the movement. Nearly everyone of them is personally acquainted with some member of the House, or has friends who enjoy such acquaintance. Now is the time to take action; right at this moment. Do not wait until the guns are booming to announce the opening of the House. If this opportunity is allowed to go by, the occa-

sion may never come again,—or at least not for many years.

We should feel much encouraged and strengthened for the work which we hope to do in this connection if we could receive from the members of the service assurances of their intention to help in this meritorious propaganda. And we would earnestly bespeak the aid and endorsement of the local press of Ottawa, which has on all questions affecting the civil service shown themselves in favour of any good movement which has merit behind it.

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We would particularly direct the attention of our readers to a circular letter printed in this number of *The Civilian*. It is being issued by a committee of the C. S. Federation appointed in connection with government insurance policy; the desire being to increase the number of policy-holders before the next sitting of Parliament so that the past dereliction of the service in regard to this generous measure may not be quoted against that body in connection with the Superannuation Bill referred to above.

It is impossible that this letter can be placed in the hands of the thousands of members of the service eligible to participate in its advantages. The publication of the letter to-day is in the hope that members of the service seeing it may be induced to write to the Insurance Department for particulars as to the best thing the members of the service at present have at their disposal.

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The foregoing treatment of the case of the service in the several matters of Finance, Pay, Superannuation and Insurance may smack too much of the materialistic and the sordid. But our theme to-day is the happiness of the service and a full stomach and a contented mind are at the bottom of such a condition. Too much prosperity has brought many a good man low. Opulence