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Following the lead of the Civil Service in England, it is in contemplation to establish at Ottawa a special organ, through which matters affecting the Civil Service of Canada, both Dominion and Provincial, can be discussed and represented. It is thought that the present time is peculiarly opportune for such establishment. The general lines of the scheme are the following:—

1. Its attitude will be absolutely non-political, impartial, and free from any national or religious bias.
2. All subjects affecting either the inside or outside service will be treated with truth, fairness and discretion, and with reference purely to the principles they may involve.
3. It will at all times be borne in mind that the Civil Service is, to a great extent, the executive of the Government of the day, and it is hoped that this spirit will be met by corresponding consideration; thus tending to sympathetic and harmonious working, and to mutual respect. In this regard co-operation, not antagonism, is the object in view.
4. It will not furnish general news, nor deal with general questions.
5. Its characteristics will be courtesy in appeal, moderation in argument, reasonableness in request.
6. The issue will be fortnightly, and the subscription one dollar a year.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The aim of this REVIEW is to be of real value to all members and every department of the Canadian Civil Service. Correspondence, accompanied by the name of the writer, on any subject of general or special interest is therefore invited. It is not our aim to be the vehicle for airing personal wrongs or grudges, nor will letters of that character be at any time admitted. The REVIEW is ambitious, and in order to achieve success, the most severe abstinence from personalities and partizanship will be enforced. All letters should be addressed

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RETIRE OR RESIGN.

The first of March saw the promulgation in the Post Office Department of a circular dated the Sunday previous, and which leaves no doubt in the reader's mind as to what it means. It reads as follows:—

Post Office Department, Canada,

Ottawa, 26th February, 1893.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that an Order in Council has been passed bearing date the 6th instant, prohibiting all employees in the inside and outside service of the Post Office Department, and the Post-masters of incorporated towns, from seeking or accepting the municipal offices of Mayor, Alderman or School Trustee (Public or Separate).

Employees to whom this Order applies, who may now be filling any of the offices mentioned, may complete the term for which they were elected; but it

must be distinctly understood that they cannot enter on another term of office and remain in the service of this Department.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. D. LESUEUR, Sec'y.

This department was the only one in which such a circular has been distributed, though it seems rather hard to understand why this should be so. If there is any valid reason why a civil servant should not be allowed to become either a candidate for, or the occupant of any municipal office, surely such objection would apply to the whole service, and not to the Post Office Department alone. Why is this Order confined to this large and important department? Have the members of this branch been especially guilty of neglecting their work in order to canvas votes, or attend to their duties as aldermen or school trustees? If these offices unfit their holders for remaining in the department, why not extend the list of disqualifications so as to include offices in Masonic Lodges, the orders of Oddfellows, Foresters, and other societies, the work in connection with some of which vastly exceeds that of either an alderman or a school trustee? Such a proceeding would be perfectly logical, arguing from the only conceivable reason for the circular, but it would be such an interference with the liberty of the employees as to be impracticable. If Civil Servants are to be partially, or wholly disfranchised they ought to be made fully aware of the fact before they enter the service at all. Most men of mind regard as one of their precious privileges the opportunity of serving their day and generation. It is true that in some services no employee is allowed even to vote at an election. There are exceptions, but even there the candidate for employment in such services, is made aware of and accepts the deprivation before he accepts his appointment. As it is the issuing of such an order to one branch of the services only is viewed as harsh and unjust by men who have honestly discharged their duties.

WONDERFUL ENTHUSIASM.

Many members of the Civil Service are wondering at the sudden and quite unprecedented solicitude on their behalf exhibited by at least one newspaper in