

I suggest that our Association think this matter over before next session.

Since writing the above, my attention has been called to sub-section 4 of Section 40, which has been added since I read the bill and which reads as follows: "Such reports, if adverse or unfavorable, shall be shown to the person respecting whom they are made."

I cannot see how this clause invalidates any of my arguments against inaugurating this system of reports. The foundation of all British justice is that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty, whereas this clause puts a civil servant in a position of the accused before French law, which holds that the accused is guilty until he proves his innocence. It is one thing to charge a man with mis-doing and another thing to prove it, and a civil servant charged by a Chief with mis-doing is at a distinct disadvantage as compared to a Chief, who may influence all the parties, who, if they were free, would testify on behalf of the accused. If fact, the Section as a whole makes little, mean conspiracies an easy and comfortable way of injuring an enemy.

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Government Life Insurance.

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

You never did better work than in making plain and easy the way of civil servants to the attainment of the great advantages offered them by the system of life insurance which the government has established for its employees. Please do not think, however, that the object can be attained with one call to civil servants to claim the privilege that is offered them. The inertia of a great body is extremely hard to overcome. But the end in view is worth hard work. Stick to it.

A. C. CAMPBELL.

Ottawa, 14th March.

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To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

Some flash artists have been doing the rounds of the Government offices taking photos, which souvenirs they presented to the clerks at 50 cents

per. We are not criticizing the pictures; they were good. Neither are we criticizing the artists; they were polite. But the after effects from the "flash" was like unto the noxious effluvia arising from a tin of poorly embalmed corned beef, and had the motor car stink pot skinned a thousand ways. But all is over now, and once more we are inhaling our own atmosphere peculiar to these unventilated offices, unadulterated and undefiled by foreign smells. Oh perfect bliss! Oh peace divine!

SUFFERER.

Ottawa, March 21st, 1910.

Athletics.

Ten Pins in Ottawa.

By the time this issue reaches its readers the C. S. Bowling League will be nearing the finals, and it will be well worth while to journey to the O.A.A.C. alleys at 4 p.m. Saturday, the 26th, if you are at all interested. For this very game — Bureau vs. Mint — may settle the hopes for the championship of Billy Hill's sextet from St. Patrick street, and again it may not. If we examine the team average, we find that the Mint leads by thirty pins, but the Bureau have been reinforced by the veteran O'Connor, who signalled his return to the boards last Saturday by a slashing 571. Though getting away to a wretched start, he soon "pulled together" and finished high, and therein lies the secret of the Bureau's success. They don't know when they're beaten. Bouse Hutton, Harry Edwards, et al. have secured front row seats.

The team standing and averages to March 19th follow:—

	W.	L.	To play	Average
Interior I.	18	2	5	2980.7
Mint	19	2	3	2669.8
Bureau	19	3	2	2930.4
Pub. Wks. & Rys..	17	4	3	2875.7
Statistics.....	16	6	2	2915.4