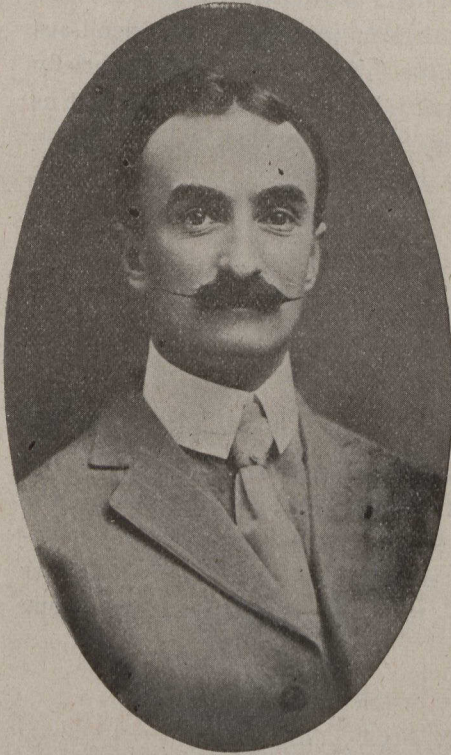


### Civilian Portraits.

On Saturday evening, March 1st a most enjoyable club dinner was held at the Civil Service Club, at which the guest of honour was the popular Junior M.P. for Ottawa, Dr. J. L. Chabot.



DR. J. L. CHABOT, M.P.  
*who addressed the Civil Service Club.  
at Ottawa.*

About 25 members sat down, with the president, Mr. E. A. Primeau, in the chair.

In response to the toast of his health Dr. Chabot made some extended remarks which fell on receptive ears. He declared himself unalterably in favor of the uplifting of the service; the matters of inequalities in the third division and superannuation would always receive his best consideration and endeavour.

Dr. Chabot stated that he consider-

ed that so long as a civil servant simply exercised the right of the franchise, without any activity in politics, he should not be prejudiced in any way, and would not be if he could prevent it. Promotion should rest on merit and seniority alone. This was the best way to build up a strong and self-respecting service. Dr. Chabot's words were much appreciated by all present.

At the request of those present, the genial doctor then rendered an excellent habitant selection.

### C.S. CLUB OF OTTAWA

Already 10 extra applications have been received in membership campaign, bringing the total up to 50 new members.

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The attendance at lunch is beginning to tax the capacity of the club dining room and tables will soon have to be set up in the large lounge room.

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The directors have issued invitations for a complimentary dinner to the various Deputy Ministers. It will take place on Saturday evening, Mar. 29th, at 7.30 o'clock. On account of the limited accommodation it will be necessary to confine the dinner to the directorate; and guests otherwise the event might have been made a general one.

### BENEFITS OF MERIT

In the report of the Civil Service Commission of the Federal service of the United States for the year ended June 30th, 1912, contrast is made with conditions which prevailed in the internal revenue service in 1896, when the merit system was first established, showing that in 16 years the total collections have increased 120 per cent. and the expenses but 26 per cent. The number of gallons gauged has increased by 128 per cent., while the cost of collection per \$100 has decreased 39 per cent. This commission has some 300,000 officers under its supervision.