

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

OTTAWA C. S. CLUB NOTES.

**Arrangements for the Investigation
—Text of the Order-in-Council.**

The Public Service Commission—this being the name by which the new commission to investigate the Civil Service is to be known — is about to enter upon its work, the preliminary organization having been about completed and offices taken. The secretary of the Commission is Mr. H. V. Rorke, of the Customs Department, who has been loaned by the Department for his present service. The offices are on the fourth floor of the Canada Life building, Sparks street. The suite includes a room for each commissioner, a room for the secretary, a board room and a room for stenographers and clerks. At the moment when *The Civilian* goes to press no authoritative information is available as to the plans to be followed, but it is hoped that before next issue the preparations will have progressed so far that an outline of the projected work may be given.

IN 1912.

Sure, it's grand for any bouchal to
have the mighty power
To cheer a myriad mortals in the
bright new year's first hour.
Grand? Sure, it's inspiring to
know your words of greeting
Will the eyes of countless thousands
of expectant ones be meeting.
Troth! If I had Aladdin's lamp, I'd
make of earth a heaven,
From which all pain and sorrow for-
ever would be driven;
But, faith! I've only wishes, tho'
honest one's, to give:
"May the world wonder at the
mighty luck y'll have!"

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Last Saturday evening an interesting ceremony took place in the Club parlors known as the 'winding of the clock.' This is the annual keying up of the beautiful timepiece presented last year by Mr. T. N. Doody of the Public Works Department. A large number of members were present, when the President, Mr. C. H. Parmalee proposed the health of the doner in felicitous terms. Mr. Doody replied with his usual modesty. Refreshments were served and three cheers given for the doner of the clock. Mr. Frank Crean, the well known explorer regaled those present with some of his choice anecdotess. As a raconteur, Mr. Crean ranks well up in the class of 'Bill' White of Pembroke and Mr. J. H. E. Secretan of Ottawa. This being 'leap year,' an extra turn was given to the clock for the 366 days.

In the bridge tournament Mr. F. J. Shannon of the Customs Department and Mr. Doody of the Public Works are now tied for first place, in the highest number of games won.

The following gentlemen have been elected members of the Club since the last issue of *The Civilian*:
Samuel Maher, Interior Dept.
Osmond E. LeRoy, Geological Survey.
Samuel Skinner, Public Works Dept.
Benj. F. Haanel, Mines Dept.

The following is the standing of the Club Billiard Handicap:

	Games Played.	Won.	Lost.
C. H. Parmelee	15	8	7
W. Rowan	13	7	6
F. J. Crean	5	1	4
A. Macmillan	12	3	9
C. H. Graham	13	9	4