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FOR THE NEW YEAR.

What is the supreme need of the movement towards better things for the civil service?

A good many will at once reply: a raise in salaries, superannuation, or some other boon of the powers that be.

The Civilian begs to differ. The crying need of the movement for better things is an awakening in the ranks of the service itself — an awakening to the consciousness that nothing comes without effort, that Providence itself helps only those who help themselves.

If we could once realize the truth that if this spirit of union were moved to assert itself all else would be added, the addition process would begin forthwith.

In simple English what the service needs most at the moment is men who will volunteer to take on some small duty for the common good.

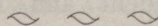
Let us particularize:

1. Take the question of class or local organization. It is ridiculous that in this day and age the number of these associations which are really effective throughout Canada could be counted on the fingers. Perhaps not on the fingers of one hand. Winnipeg, for example, has no association with its root in the service.

2. The Federation needs men. It is necessarily somewhat cumbersome and unwieldy, but it could give employment to many more than it can command at present.

3. The Civil Service Club needs support. Why can't you join it? Does the service intend to let this idea languish? If the club as at present does not suit you, lend your influence to make it what you want it.

We are all busy men,—but there are thousands of us. If in the new year, each of us gave a half an hour a month to work that would be for all, we would have a fund of energy to draw upon that would put us in the forefront as a class in the community.



AT IT AGAIN.

Our readers are invited to peruse on another page a fairly amusing sample of the heights to which a Canadian newspaper can rise when the subject is the civil service. It is from the *Kingston Standard*, and it purports to discuss the question of the garnishment of civil servants' salaries. In the course of a highly original explanation of the origin of this exemption, the *Standard* sets the service dead to rights as a characteristically thriftless, useless and unscrupulous fraternity. But the quaint statement is made at the close that the Kingston civil servants are a decent enough lot. In other words, in so far as the *Standard* knows anything about civil servants at first hand they are all right. We hate to seem to pluck any laurels from