

As of kindred interest with Superannuation we beg leave to renew our request of last year re Insurance, namely, that the government extend the amount to \$5,000 from \$2,000 as at present.

In conclusion, though certain of the above suggestions involve questions of Departmental regulations, the Federation believes that the more important require your assent as leader of the government. We think that all on examination will be found to make in their tendency for more efficient administration machinery for this great and growing country.

J. A. SMITH,
President.

R. H. COATS,
Secretary.

The Civilian in the House of its Friends.

In a certain Departmental Block at Ottawa *The Civilian* counts about 75% of the employees among its subscribers. This should satisfy us, and as a matter of fact does satisfy us. Still, with that yearning after completeness of achievement which characterizes all branches of this paper, we recently planned a campaign among the remaining 25%, resolved that it should not be fault of ours if any were depriving themselves of this paper. The result was encouraging. We whittled the non-subscribers down to about 20%. But perhaps the most profitable part of the harvest was the list of the unfavourable verdicts which our agent at our request collected and preserved. Here are twenty-six, an alphabet full, of them, barring a few repetitions. We show the class of the refuser in each case:

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| A and three others (II) — Has no use for it. | N (II) — Neglects Second Division. |
| B (III) — Run by a clique. | O (II) — Should be more aggressive. |
| C (Miss, III) — Brother subscribes. | P (Miss, III) — Too much advertising. |
| D (Mrs., III) — Too hard up. | Q (Miss, III) — Doesn't want it. |
| F (III) — Eyes too weak to read it. | R (III) — Thinks it does all it can, but not enough. |
| G (Messenger) — Does not like style or general get-up. | S (II) — Cannot take food out of family's mouth to pay for literature. |
| H (IB) — Does not approve of it; thinks it would have been better for service had it never appeared. | T (II) — Because it is the organ of the Association! |
| I (II) — Has too much reading matter now. | U (II) — Doesn't do any harm but certainly does no good. |
| J (II) — Does more harm than good. | V (III) — Not worth \$1.00. Would sooner subscribe for a magazine the family would read. |
| K (III) — No good to the Association. | W (II) — Writes up those who don't need it and ignores medium class. |
| L (IA) — Sees it at the office. | X (III) — Is no good. |
| One Deputy Minister, per private secretary — Does not wish for it. | Y (III) — Daughter subscribes. |
| M (III) — Toadies to the powers that be. | Z (II) — Is too dead. |

In addition to the above, a round dozen club with others to subscribe. Another dozen gave no objection. (These alone we count incorrigible.) One young lady cancelled her subscription because she is going to be married. We hereby place her free on the list for a year.

Though "too dead" sounds like rubbing it in, we are cheerful over the result. Most of the criticism is not damaging. We could do much better ourselves. Moreover, summing up, for every non-subscriber for reasons based on the imperfections of the paper we have on this showing about five who pay a dollar a year for it. We hope the latter have their reasons, too,—we are too modest to ask for them,—and that we shall more and more add to them.