

Work for the Federation.

Outside Division Salaries.

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

In your issue of June 13th you invite contributions from the Outside Division.

In the same issue an account is given of an interview with the Prime Minister with the representatives of the Inside service asking for relief by increases in salaries and maximums, etc., quoting figures to show that the cost of living has increased 14% within the past two years.

As a member of the Outside service, I accept your cordial invitation to furnish an item of interest to your readers by referring to the reasonable request of the members of the Inside service, and contrasting their condition, bad as it is, with that of the Outside service, which is unspeakably worse.

When the flat increase of \$150 was granted the Inside service in 1908, to cope with the higher cost of the necessities of life, it was generally understood (at least it was the opinion of several members of the House) that the Outside service at once would receive a similar increase. Fond delusion! No sooner had the adjustment of salaries been completed than the matter of superannuation was taken up, organized by the Inside division, and supported by the Federation. There was some dissatisfaction among the associations of the Outside service that their just claims for increased salaries were not pressed and the prospect of further increases to the Inside division will not tend to smooth matters.

Now, Mr. Editor, if the Inside service finds it hard to live and pay the butcher, baker and candlestick-maker, what can be said of the unfortunates of the Outside service who did not get the increase in 1908 and have the additional burden of the 14% extra cost of living in the meantime?

Would it not be reasonable to expect the whole service to press the long-delayed and just claims of the Outside service who have after all to live, eat, educate and clothe their children practically under the same conditions as the gentlemen of the Inside division?

Let us hear some suggestions on this vital topic from those interested.

Sincerely yours,

OUTSIDE SERVICE.

Ottawa, Aug. 25th, 1913.

PITMAN CENTENARY.

The actual alterations made in the Pitman system of shorthand on the occasion of the centenary of the birth of the inventor are not very radical, but they all tend to its simplification and improvement, and will, it is stated, add very much to the ease of acquisition of the subject for future learners, and also very materially

lighten the labours of teachers. The whole of the work has been rewritten and entirely reset, and new exercises have been compiled throughout the book. In short, we are informed that no effort has been spared to make the centenary edition of "Pitman's Shorthand Instructor" a worthy souvenir of the centenary of the birth of the inventor of the easiest, most legible, and most rapid system of shorthand which the world has seen.