

a cost, including electric elevators, of about £14,000.

"In 1905 the Society erected a building at 114-120 Flinders street, beyond Russell street, but experience showed that this site was inconvenient to the majority of Civil Servants, and quite out of the area of general public trade. It was, therefore, decided, about two years ago, to sell the premises formerly erected, and remove the business to a fine position opposite the Central Station giving the utmost facility to members of the Society, and, at the same time, definitely catering for general public trade."

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"The Society, like nearly all co-operative institutions, has had its period of difficulty, but with the removal to one of the best business sites in the city, and the adoption of methods that will commend themselves as fully to the purchasing public as to the members themselves, there is no apparent reason why success should not be immediately re-established.

"Stores bearing the name of the Civil Service are amongst the most prosperous in many cities throughout the Empire, though they all appear to have had their infantile troubles. The Sydney Civil Service stores, though over forty years in existence, still retains on its Board of Management a majority of Civil Servants, and is one of the most prosperous institutions in the Commonwealth. The Brisbane Civil Service stores has been increasing its trade and profits for many years past, and in Great Britain the great success of the Civil Service stores has given them a worldwide reputation."

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Co-operative Sales.

The sales at the Ottawa Civil Service Co-operative Supply Association continue to show a gratifying increase. For last month the increase was nearly one thousand dollars over

February of last year. The total sales for the eleven months of the fiscal period amount to \$49,220.19, an increase of \$3,088.91 over the same period last year. The sales for February were \$5,227.20. The fiscal year of the Association ends with the 31st of this month.

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Some serge and fancy worsteds, manufactured in the co-operative woollen mills of England, were ordered from the Co-operative Wholesale Society by one of the directors of the store and have recently come to hand. Cloth of very fine quality is turned out by these mills, judging by the samples submitted. It might be of advantage to those who can wait a sufficient time to select from samples to have the manager of the store secure samples of suitings and dress goods. A substantial saving can be effected in this way. The Association hopes eventually to stock woollens and dress goods.

Department of the Interior Rifle Association of Ottawa.

The annual distribution of prizes took place at the Civil Service Club, Ottawa, on the 17th Jan.

The Grand Aggregate Trophy, a large and beautifully designed silver cup, was won by Mr. W. R. Latimer.

The President's Trophy, a handsomely chased silver cup, was won by Mr. R. M. Easton.

Four water color drawings of English scenes, painted by Mr. J. H. Brigly in his best style and mounted in gilt frames, were presented by him.

Two of these were won by Mr. Wensley Thompson and two by Mr. J. H. Corry.

There were five possibles made during the season and spoons for these were presented by Capt. A. A. Pinard. The winners were: Messrs. D. R. Latimer, A. W. Joanes, A. A. Cohoon, E. Turcotte and J. H. Corry.

Spoons for highest weekly scores were won by the following: Messrs. A. McCracken, 1; W. R. Latimer, 3; J. M. Roberts, 2; E. Turcotte, 3; A. W. Joanes, 3; A. A. Cohoon, 3; D. A. Purdy, 2; A. E. Shore, 1; Wensley Thompson, 3; P. A. Wood, 1; C. A. E. Clendennin, 1; G. N. Clarke, 1; J. H. Corry, 3; A. J. Smith, 1.