

## Correspondence.

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### Editor *Civilian*:

The activity of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa in promoting the welfare of its members, the Inside Service, by effective legislation, etc., merits the hearty approval of those concerned.

Unfortunately the Outside Service is not yet alive to the advantage of organization, excepting through the Civil Service Federation, which represents all branches as a whole, but does not, by the nature of its existence as a general body, occupy itself with the local problems of its various branches of the Service.

A splendid exception is made of the Dominion Postal Clerks' Association, which includes about thirty post offices, a delegation of whom was in Ottawa recently and had a number of very satisfactory conferences with the heads of the Department, which more than justified the existence of such an organization.

The Civil Service and Superannuation Bills are ready. They may come before the House any time this session, and the Inside Service interests are protected with many suggested amendments proposed by the excellent committee who have worked hard and burned much midnight oil. The Outside Service has done little if anything in the matter.

Mr. C. A. Halladay, Secretary of the Civil Service Federation, has a number of copies of the "Legislature Bulletin," being the full context of Bill 217, Amendments to the Civil Service Act with suggested amendments. Any association of the Outside Service, or an individual member thereof, may have a copy of this important document upon application. It is free—gratis—for nothing, and is well worthy of your serious consideration.

If your office, or association (I am addressing the Outside Service) is too dead, or stagnant, to take advantage of this offer officially, there is nothing to prevent any member of the Service, you or I, to write and procure a copy or two. Endeavor to have a little assistance from a couple or more of your fellow officers. Embody your ideas in a letter to Mr. Halladay, and when the sub-committee of Parliament on this Bill meets as promised before these Bills are finally disposed of, the suggestions of the individuals, the committees, or the associations, will have been collected, digested and prepared in such form as to present an intelligent argument on behalf of the long suffering Outside Service. In conclusion, a word to the wise, DO IT NOW.

### OUTSIDE SERVICE.

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Objections are made among clerks in the West of the means being taken by the Eastern civil servants of obtaining an increase in salary, at the expense of the Western civil servants, *i.e.*, as the Western civil servants receive \$15 a month on account of the higher cost of living, therefore the Eastern civil servants should also receive this amount at the present time.

If the Eastern servants get an increase, why not the Western ones, also?

The Commission into the high cost of living maintain that the West is still 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. higher than the East. Five years ago \$15 a month would not have paid for the difference in rent, leaving aside the many other expenses.

I believe all should get an increase in salary, but it is very unfair to use the means now being used by the Eastern civil servants.

E. G. IRONSIDE.

When the boys come home they will say to us, "As you have done to mine so have you done to me."