

Developments along the lines of confraternity have been gradual among the civil servants of Ottawa. From gatherings of men discussing their official affairs sprang meetings and arrangements for their social benefit. The Civil Service Association was started and is now a most important influence. Ice and coal companies were formed, a Loan and Savings Corporation instituted, a concert here and there, a departmental banquet held now and again, all tended to increase the social intercourse among members of the service with the result — a Club of their own. This has now been accomplished. Premises were rented from the Government at 75 MacKenzie Avenue. At a meeting of the members the following officers were elected :—

Geo. S. Hutchinson, President ;

P. F. Marchand, 1st Vice-President ;

Controller Hinchey, 2nd “

Alban E. Chamberlain, Secretary ;

W. A. Fraser, Treasurer,

and a Board of Management consisting of

Messrs. J. Gobeil, J. W. Reid, F. Grierson, E. A. Primeau, Gustave Emond, G. H. Wattsford and Wensley Thompson.

Immediately preparations were made for furnishing, lighting, decorating, &c., with the result that the service now has a Club with a smoking and reading room fitted in a most pleasant manner, chess, card and writing rooms, a board room, cloak room, &c. The smoking and reading rooms are beautifully furnished in mission oak, velvet pile carpet and red rep curtains. The large easy chairs and lounges are especially comfortable. There is a large fire grate in each room, and over the mantel of one hangs the portrait of Sir Wilfrid, and over the other that of Mr. R. L. Borden. The Club only requires a visit to satisfy the most pessimistic that success is already assured. The membership now numbers over 300, including the highest officials and the most capable men in the service. The fee is \$10.00 per annum. To be a member of such a Club is privilege that is available to every member of the service, and a privilege that should certainly be exercised.

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