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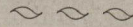
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OUR ANNIVERSARY.

It is five years ago to day since *The Civilian* first made its appearance. The service that we have been able to perform in that time must be judged upon its merits by each of our readers. On our part, we claim no immunity from short comings and error, but we yield to none in sincere desire to promote the general cause, to the extent of our all too feeble powers. We have argued in favour of the merit system, of a fair compensation for service, of a measure of superannuation, of the exclusion of political patronage and favouritism, of the administration of the service under a commission untrammelled by improper influences, and various other matters of greater or less importance. These things we consider good for the service. Further than that it is for the honour and glory of our Canada. The members of our service should be contented and happy; and the service itself so con-

stituted and administered that it shall be the pattern and the mould of form to all the other portions of the empire, to all the other nations of the earth. If we may contribute something to this noble cause, we shall, when the time comes, relinquish our task with joy.



A LITTLE PHILOSOPHY.

One of *The Civilian's* Ottawa canvassers brings a message to the "office" full of significance. Referring to the support given to *The Civilian* by the Ottawa service, being less than the expectations of the editors, a civil servant, philosophically inclined, remarked to him that such support suffered from limitations common to all communities of men and women. Such limitations, he said, were, physical, intellectual, and moral. This civil servant thought no complaint could be made if a member of the service declined his support on account of the meagreness of his purse. This would, he thought, account for a great deal of apparent indifference. As to the second reason, he stated, that no man could see beyond his understanding. *The Civilian* carries on a line of serious articles on civil service questions, which are too weighty for the intelligence of, and fail to arouse a responsive chord in, a certain element in the service. As to the moral state, our philosopher and friend referred to that state of loyalty to class, called esprit de corps. This, he said, was lacking in the Ottawa service. If it were otherwise, its possession would overcome many financial and intellectual difficulties. If this is so, *The Civilian* should be grateful to the remnant of wealth, intellectuality and morality of the Ottawa service which has consistently given its support during the past five years, and enabled the editors to cooperate in the many phases of civil service de-