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NOTICE.

In regard to this issue of the Canadian Forestry Journal it may be stated that it has been decided to carry on the publication as a monthly. Further particulars will be given in the next issue.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

On all sides there is evidence of growing determination to separate politics from the civil service. In the Dominion in addition to the reports of Sir George Murray and the Special Commission, the Civil Service Association is pressing for the extension of Civil Service regulations to the outside services. There are similar movements in Ontario and Manitoba, and the newspapers of all political parties are asking for the change. By the very nature of things there is no department where the plan of appointment and promotion by test and merit is so necessary as in the forest service. Here by reason of the conditions under which the men work they are constantly thrown on their own resources to confront unexpected problems, and the best men are needed.

A MONUMENT TO A TREE.

Attention has just been called to a unique ceremony which took place last summer near Morrisburg, Dundas County, Ontario, Canada. On this occasion a monument was unveiled to an apple tree. The farmers of Dundas County raised the money by popular subscription and placed a marble stone close to the

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RANGER SCHOOLS.

In the City of Ottawa it has been found profitable to give the city firemen a course of instruction on chemicals, water pressure, building construction, etc. The lectures are held once a week and are supplemented by practical demonstrations. The men of the Ottawa fire brigade are all selected for efficiency and are supposed to know the essentials of their work. At the same time it is felt they will be vastly more efficient if given definite instruction by experts on certain parts of their work. In the same way it is the contention of the Canadian Forestry Association that forest rangers should be selected for efficiency in the first place, and that they should further be given specific instruction for a few weeks by men who can assist them by advising how to combat difficult situations that are likely to arise in the woods. If city firemen, who are always under the direction of chief and lieutenants, will be benefited by instruction, much more will the fireman who during a large part of the year has to work single handed many miles from his nearest neighbor.