

the bronze button with the enamelled shield that marks the man honorably discharged from the army after being overseas. Then there are the celluloid buttons with big letters, "A.R." or "A.E." on them, followed by a number. These are issued to men who have volunteered to serve in any branch of the military service in which they could be useful, but who have been rejected. Wearers of these buttons are worthy of all honor.

Look out for the fellow who talks a lot about having tried to enlist but declares he was refused. If he hasn't a button there is likely a string to his story. There are bluffers who don't know a carburetor from a speedometer, yet try to get into the motor transport service; and fellows who can't look out of a fourth-storey window without being giddy want to be aviators! These are plain slackers.

When you hear a chap declare he was refused, ask him "Where's your button?"

Win the war.

Victory must be made certain this year.

Be sure that, when it's all over, you can truly say "I helped."

Seven million dollars received from the sale of war savings certificates indicates not a small measure of patriotic economy among Canadians. Bring in your \$21.50 to help roll up the eighth million.

The Civil Service Baseball League has suspended for the season. Last year it turned over its profits to the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association. This year, if President Reg. Sims will lead the boys out to the potato patch, they can roll up another nice little sum for a patriotic purpose. The blister from the hoe-handle is fully as enjoyable as that from the baseball bat. There are some tennis players, paddlers, lawn bowlers and others

who would make good potato bug catchers, too. If "four o'clock" is again the summer rule in the Service it means more opportunity for out-of-door work.

"THE LAST CLASS."

The following editorial, headed "The Civil Service," appeared in the *Montreal Gazette* of May 7th. It gives evidence of a serious, practical and sympathetic view of Civil Service affairs, and is a welcome change from the cursory and ill-informed articles on Service matters that too often appear in Canadian newspapers:

"The Finance Minister intimates that legislation will be had during the present session of Parliament increasing salaries of members of the lower grades of the inside service, and also of the outside service. One of the incomprehensible things in connection with the public service of Canada has long been the total lack of rule or reason in fixing salaries. Civil servants employed in the departments at Ottawa receive a statutory increase within their rank, that is from minimum to maximum of the class, while in some outside departments, notably the Customs service, increases have always been uncertain, haphazard and based on no pretence of principle. When war broke out announcement was made that no salary increases would be given civil servants other than those provided by statute, because of the financial burden thrown upon the country by participation in the struggle. Why not have treated all civil servants equally, and either continued meritorious increases to the outside service, or suspended statutory increases during the period of the war? Either course would have shown consistency and avoided the injustice perpetrated.

"However, it is satisfactory to learn that the Government has now given some attention to the subject. The great increase in the cost of living has borne hard on salaried officers in branches of the Service where no statutory provision for yearly increase exists. But it may be pointed out with regard to the Finance Minister's statement that the legislation will be confined to persons in the lower grades, that an official in a higher grade may have acquired a mode of living, and have such domestic and social claims upon his purse, that the prevailing high prices of all commodities will work quite as much hardship in his case as in that of the officer in a humbler grade. Unfortunatley for the good of the Civil Service, it is apparently about the last class of men in whom the