

selves; nevertheless, eighty per cent of the men in the ranks were Government employees. This is a much higher proportion than that of college men in some of the so-called "university" units.

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Three of the non-commissioned officers hold officers' certificates. One was previously overseas with an infantry unit. Technical men of the Topographical and Geological Surveys are a marked element in the personnel of the Draft and other professions are also represented. The gunners can muster an imposing array of university diplomas. This high average of education made it easy for the unit to pick up the technical features of heavy artillery work.

In physique the Draft had a record to be proud of. Five feet five inches was the minimum height fixed upon, and the recruits were so well above the height that the average for the unit is five feet eight inches. On the eve of their departure they established an unique record for physical fitness among overseas units. At the final rigid medical inspection by divisional officers *every man passed*.

Those who saw the Draft at drill or lectures invariably remarked upon the uniformly fine appearance of the men, their enthusiasm for their work and the rapidity with which they acquired proficiency.

The boys got a "send-off" worthy of them. Many thousands of friends and admirers crowded the Central station and cheered enthusiastically when the Draft swung by to music by the band of a British warship then visiting Ottawa after two years' hard service afloat. "Pack Up Your Troubles" brought a smile to many lips, and "Tipperary," of many tragic memories, a tear to many eyes as the unit entrained. As the sun dipped to the horizon the train drew out and away, bearing another gallant company of "our boys" to win honor for Canada and Canada's Civil Service on the hard-fought fields of France.

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### THE BILL PASSED.

Bill No. 68, "An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act," passed the several stages in the Senate before the adjournment of June 23rd and now awaits the Royal assent. The date of the final ceremony is, at the time of writing, uncertain.

The delay in making the bill law is rather disappointing to the Service, as it would appear from its provisions that statutory increases in the Second Division occurring on July 'st will not be affected. As the bill stands, only sections Nos. 4 and 5 are retroactive to April 1st, 1917. Those are the sections providing for the special \$100 increase in the Third Division and

Lower Grades and for increases to those receiving salaries below the new minimums of their classes.

The extension of the scope of the bill subsequent to the introduction of the original resolutions in the House was responsible for some apparent anomalies in its provisions, and it cannot be anticipated just how certain points will be decided by the departments charged with its interpretation.

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Lord Kitchener was the man who saved England.—*Admiral Meux*.

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Everything is free to the hand that can grasp it.—*Emerson*.