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"NO POLITICS."

THE CIVILIAN is much indebted to Mr. Roe, of the staff of the Royal Mint, for the good counsel contained in his most interesting article, published in the last number. Mr. Roe advises THE CIVILIAN to refrain from trenching upon matters political, and no well-wisher of this journal would have it otherwise. One of the first resolutions come to, decisively and without hesitation, by the Board of Editors was to the like effect, and we venture to think that even the most inveterate smeller-out of offences cannot accuse us of having transgressed in this respect in our first five issues. As earnest of our conviction that the welfare of THE CIVILIAN depends upon an adherence to this policy, we have only to state that, besides the question of propriety, the Editors have

had burned into them during their comparatively brief residence in Ottawa how ungovernable a fire they would be kindling on their own hearth-stone were they to give the slightest cause for an appeal to party passions. Thus would fail the very purpose which they had set before them in inaugurating THE CIVILIAN. For if civil servants are to become, and remain, united for purposes of the splendid work that can be done only through union, it is essential that they travel upon a firm highway, broad enough to include them all.

We trust, however, that THE CIVILIAN will always be accorded the freedom of debating any question which directly concerns the Civil Service of Canada. Less than that would mean an impaired usefulness; more than that, license.

While upon this subject, we desire to thank the Service on behalf of THE CIVILIAN for the hearty support which they are according it. That support is more sincere and more widespread than we had dared to hope for; but we believe that the straightforwardness of our purpose, rather than any special ability in the field of journalism, justifies the result. THE CIVILIAN aims to be the organ of the Civil Service. In that sense, it is the property of the Service—theirs to shape to their uses, always remembering that we must never discredit ourselves in the eyes of the people of Canada. Let us have the benefit of every good thought, of every well-counselled plan, to the end that the Service may come to that faith in itself, which only needs the touch-stone of a common purpose to be awakened into full life. We solicit your aid, then,—not merely as subscribers, but as active participants, in making THE CIVILIAN all that it ought to be.

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The Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of