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With the progress of the century, which one of her leaders has declared to be peculiarly her own, Canada is advancing with rapid and steady sweep to her appointed place as a leader among the nations of the world. Work done for Canada is work done for mankind.

The multiplying arts of society make it possible and necessary to extend, from time to time, the work of government. Every day the public servant becomes a more necessary helper of the citizen to protect his rights, advance his interests and promote his well-being; and every day the opportunities of the public servant to help in the work of his country and of the world grow greater.

With half a continent to fill and develop, with a rapidly increasing and intensely modern population to minister to, with duties multiplying so rapidly that they cannot be manned fast enough, the public service of Canada has opportunity so great and responsibility so heavy that the best of our people's leaders may well ardently desire to see the service so united, devoted and self-respecting that, in all things, from the greatest to the least, Canada shall be served as becomes her present position and her advancing greatness.

The modern means of uniting men in spirit and in purpose to cope with the affairs of the work-a-day world is The Press. To the eye of some future philosopher, mankind of to-day will present itself as grouped around world-movements that owe their power of propagation to printer's ink. That so great an interest, so extended an organization, as the public service of Canada should remain unrepresented in this field is in the long run impossible; for not to be represented would imply an insulation as complete as fatal.

For this high and honourable privilege of serving the servants of Canada, THE CIVILIAN presents itself as aspirant and candidate. We realize that our success as a journal will depend wholly upon our success in filling the place waiting to be filled by such a journal. As we are to be judged on our performance and by the great jury of the public service, under the eye of our master, the Canadian people, we make no predictions. We acknowledge in advance that if we fail it will be because we deserve to fail; but, on the other hand, we claim in advance the active support