

HELPING OURSELVES.

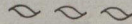
It seems to be a matter of consummate difficulty to get the government to take an interest in the service, which is all the more reason why the service should endeavour to help itself. There are no doubt, throughout the Canadian service, many ways in which we could help ourselves but fail to do so. Under a federal cooperative law which will come into operation one of these days, the service will buy its supplies by hundreds of car-loads and save thousands of dollars.

In the meantime let us draw attention to two institutions in Ottawa which, as sure as fate, are the forerunners of service wide financial and commercial enterprises, though at present their operations are confined to the capital. We refer to the co-operative store and the Savings and Loan Society. Regarding the former there is something like a stigma resting upon the Ottawa service in that it has been the patronage outside the service which has made it possible for the store to withstand the fluctuating fortunes of mercantile speculation. In this regard it may be suggestive, and if so it will be with relating, that the present writer, who is a member of the association and a debenture holder, is about to command the purchasing agencies for his household to give the store at least a large proportion of the necessary purchases. The more successes the service makes in its enterprises the more credit it will achieve.

Regarding the Savings and Loan Society we have a specific appeal to make which we address with confidence to those whom it may concern. This society is well officered by some of the most reliable men in the Ottawa service, and is doing a valiant work. The society needs funds. Now the title to this article recalls the fact that the Ottawa association and the Ottawa

athletic association long ago adopted the policy of depositing with the society, its surplus funds, the use of which has helped it to carry on its noble work.

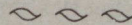
There are two other societies in Ottawa to whom we make the present appeal in the sincere hope that they also will join hands in the policy of "helping us to help ourselves." They are the C. S. Benevolent Society and the Post Office Benevolent Society, both fine old conservative institutions. Of the former Mr. A. G. Kingston, an honoured ex-president of the local association, is the president and Mr. W. J. Lynch, I.S.O., is the secretary. Of the latter Mr. F. O. O. Seguin is the president, and William J. Beatty the secretary. These gentlemen are all good civil servants, possessed of class consciousness, or they would not be occupying these positions. Let us earnestly appeal to these gentlemen to show their practical sympathy with the objects of the Savings and Loan Society by depositing with it their surplus funds, as has been done by the organizations mentioned. We feel sure this appeal will not be in vain.



EDITORIAL NOTES.



The Civil Service Commissioners, so it is said, have a proposition before them which is exciting widespread interest. If the facts are as stated and the Commissioners sign and seal the business, there is nothing left for the service but to cry, "Lord have mercy on every one of us."



The entire proceedings of the conference of C. S. Commissioners recently held in New York is to be published in book form. *The Civilian* has subscribed for a copy and in due course our readers will receive the benefit of its contents. The discussion of "a model civil service