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## A Post Card to the Rescue!

The Canadian Courier of Toronto has decided to head what it hopes to make a vigorous movement for the extension of the "merit" system from the Inside to the entire civil service. It says:

"Every government is amenable to public opinion. When the present Dominion Government passed the Civil Service Act of three years ago, it was probably going in advance of public opinion in the Liberal Party. When Mr. R. L. Borden put civil service reform among the planks of his Halifax platform, he was undoubtedly in advance of his party. Sir Wilfrid Laurier knows what civil service reform has done for Great Britain and the United States; he will give the broadest measure of it to Canada, as soon as the people demand it.

"To-day the movement is blocked by those who love to deal in patronage and to whom "party pull" is as the breath in their nostrils. It is blocked by the long rows of lazy, unprogressive citizens who hope to drop into easy positions by hanging to the coat tails of some successful party politician. It is blocked also by the indifference of Canada's best citizens, who sit by their pleasant fire-sides warming their be-slipped feet and musing upon the incapacity of the public service."

The Courier therefore asks its readers to send it a post card which can be sent on to Ottawa showing that one at least is not indifferent to the country's needs? A thousand post cards are asked for, but ten thousand would be better. At the bottom of this page is The Courier's suggestion as to what the card should contain.

The Canadian Courier wants a thousand people to send it post cards as follows:

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G.,  
Ottawa.

Sir:

I am in favour of putting the Outside Civil Service under the Civil Service Commission, and hope that this great reform will not be long delayed.

Yours respectfully,

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Name.

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Place and Date.

These post cards will in due course be forwarded to Ottawa in one package. Send your card to-day. Address: "Editor, Canadian Courier, Toronto."