

have the National Civil Service Reform League with state branches, all composed of men outside the service who are using all the arts of publicity to lead public opinion into proper channels on the subject of merit, superannuation, etc., and the influence is being felt.

Let us appeal to President Smith to revive and revivify the publicity committee of the federation. We are in a position to aid in such good work by furnishing literature which comes to "The Civilian" mail box in the shape of the periodicals published by the civil services in nearly all English speaking countries, certainly from the most important ones. All this means hard work but there is plenty of work in store for the Canadian service if ever we hope to achieve the divine maximum of individual happiness or the ideal state of governmental efficiency.

CIVIL SERVICE SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY.

This society is a voluntary co-operative thrift association organized and carried on by Civil Servants at Ottawa, solely for the benefit and convenience of its members. It has been in successful operation for nearly five years.

The following is the business statement for the month of February, 1913:—

RECEIPTS.

Shares purchased	135 66
Deposits made	184 16
Loans repaid	833 33
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	\$1,153 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Shares withdrawn	50 00
Deposits withdrawn	426 25
Loans made	964 96
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	\$1,441 21

Membership is open to any Civil Servant of good character. Application for membership should be made to the manager, Mr. F. S. James, Office of the Auditor-General, Room 107, Harris-Campbell Bldg. The manager may be seen at his office any day after 5 p.m., Saturdays and holidays excepted.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION.

The Vancouver branch of the Dominion Civil Servants' Association of British Columbia held an enthusiastic meeting in the customs long room on Monday evening. The attendance was large, there being present members of all the different branches of the Dominion civil service departments in the city. Mr. Trant of the post office staff, occupied the chair, with Mr. H. Cartwright of the customs department acting as secretary. This being the occasion of the sixth annual meeting of the local branch the most important business transacted was the election of officers, which resulted, after keen contest, as follows: President, Mr. Joseph E. Fagan; vice president, J. F. Murray; secretary, Norman J. DeGraves; treasurer, A. Brown; executive, H. D. Birmingham, T. Wootten, P. McAllister, W. J. Holland, James Scott, R. J. Herbert, F. G. Allan and J. E. Morgan. The Dominion Civil Servants' Association was formed several years ago and now has branches in different parts of the province, Vancouver being a sub-branch of British Columbia. The object of the association is to promote the welfare of all civil servants.

President Taft tells the following story. "Once," he says, "three ministers wanted to cross the Mississippi river to attend a revival at a place which boasted of no regular ferry. Two of them were of good physical proportions, while the third was a little spare man. They got a boatman to take them over, but in mid-stream a storm arose and the waves threatened to capsize the boat. "Brother," said one of the big men to the other, "I think we had better join in prayer." "Do you, though?" shouted the boatman. "Well, I say you don't! You two brothers, come here an' lend a hand at the oars—let the thin fellow pray!"