

firm. He stood his ground, but he did so without a word that could be construed as other than civil.

The M.P. should have known better. He was presented with a splendid example of how these men do their duty, and he should have appreciated it.

I remember another case. I was walking with W. F. Maclean, M.P., one summer evening, near the steps of the entrance leading to the vaults in the East Block. We sat down. That instant a Dominion policeman, who evidently had been watching us, suddenly appeared and in a perfectly courteous tone, intimated that we should have to remove from these precincts.

There was no demur from "W. F." He apologized for the trouble he had given, commended the policeman for his attention to his duties and passed on.

These little incidents are mentioned just to show what is expected of Dominion policemen. They have to be men of discrimination and intelligence, and as a force they have been brought up to a high pitch of excellence by Sir Percy Sherwood.

But a relic of barbarism still remains in connection with the conduct of the force. They have to work seven days of the week. Instances could be multiplied of the failure of the seven work day week. This war and the manufacture of munitions have proved its failure once again. The five and a half day week produced more work and better work, because the men were more efficient. The same applies to other walks of life.

Apart from the utility, however, there is the larger and broader question of the consideration of our common humanity. It is good for a man and for his family too that they should be together once a week. It is better still for a father and his boys that they should sport together one half of a week day in every week.

It is in the interests of the community that this should be so.

Old customs, of course, die hard, and in the public service they die hardest of all. But these days are bringing quick changes and no doubt this reform will come speedily now.

Watchmen and engineers on public buildings are in the same position as the policemen.

T. A. BROWNE'S PATRIOTIC WORK.

Of interest to civil servants generally, and especially to all those who have a heart interest in the welfare of the returned soldier, will be the announcement that **THE BELGIAN MOTHER**, an appealing and powerfully descriptive poem on the German invasion of Belgium, by Mr. T. A. Browne, of the Interior Department (which has been visualized in colors by Mr. Wm. Moule of the same Department) is to be placed on sale, together with a book of War Ballads by Mr. Browne, for the aid of the returned soldiers.

The entire proceeds of the sale will go to the aid of the soldiers, and, while assisting in a great cause, an artistic souvenir and a book of literary merit may be obtained.

THE HOME GARDEN.

Canada must produce more food-stuffs. We have much vacant land about our homes, which, if cultivated, would greatly add to the food supply. Very little work is necessary, and the returns more than compensate for the effort. By helping to provide the food for your own family you are releasing that much additional for the general good, and reducing the cost of living.

—*Conservation.*

Only the man with enough and to spare of it can scorn money sincerely.