

Instead of that we introduce the term for the express purpose of pointing a moral at one of Mr. Lemieux's political opponents. We would that the Hon. Dr. Reid might see invidiousness in the demonstration in honor of Mr. Pelletier. The Customs service may, at the present time, be likened to the Post Office service prior to the Pelletier regeneration. Not that more money is required but a more equitable adjustment,—fewer men and better service. The abuses of the "Preventive" system in itself places the Customs branch of the service on a lower level than the Post Office was prior to 1911. Dr. Reid did not invent the "Preventive" system, but we all hope and pray that he may consider the Pelletier presentation as an "invidious distinction" and endeavor to re-adjust his great revenue-getting department and thereby acquire the greatest honorable distinction for himself no less than for the King and country whose business he is administering.

THE OTTAWA CIVIL SERVICE CORPS.

The Militia Department is so busily engaged in consummating the many problems in connection with the contingents for foreign service that there is little likelihood of any action being taken in behalf of the 400 Ottawa Civil Servants who volunteered their services. The officers of the Federation have sent a communication to the Secretary of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa suggesting that, in the meantime, the machinery of the Inside Association be utilized in order to bring our 400 volunteers on the parade ground as two companies attached to one of the established units having "Home Guard" Companies in affiliation. It is desirable that some such action be taken so that the object of this co-operation on the part of these 400 patriotic Civil Ser-

vants of the Crown may not be wholly in vain.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One more Civil Servant has died for the Empire. Elsewhere in this issue particulars are given of the death of Chester S. Fraser, Assistant Inspector of Customs for Saskatchewan, while training, at Winnipeg, with a battalion of the Second Contingent. Though he died of disease in a hospital thousands of miles from the seat of war, he nevertheless died for his country as surely as do those who fall on the field of battle. A young, robust man, Mr. Fraser would probably have lived many years had he remained in easy safety, at his civil pursuits. But his country called him and he went,—and because he went he died. We place his name in honor among "Our Boys" who have suffered for us.

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The Civil Service Mutual Benefit Society is launching its campaign for membership this week. To the young men of the Service the Society's proposition should be argument enough without any urging to induce them to join.

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The Civilian has received a letter from a subscriber, four years in arrears, to the effect that he "told the messenger of ——— Department three years ago to notify *The Civilian* that he did not wish to take the magazine any longer." He considered this instruction to an official of the Department a clean quittance of liability to *The Civilian*, although he received a copy each fortnight thereafter. It is a cause for regret that this is no unusual occurrence; hundreds of dollars legally contracted for by Civil Servants being lost by *The Civilian* each year of its existence. Language both proper and improper might be directed against the conduct of those of our mess-mates who are guilty of