

is set out in a letter just received, as follows:

Fort Frances, May 31st, 1918.

The Civilian,

P. O. Box 484,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—

Enclosed please find money order to the amount of ten dollars, to cover ten subscriptions to *The Civilian* for members as listed below.

At a recent meeting of our association, the following motion appears on our books: "That the annual fee be three dollars, that to include a subscription to *The Civilian* for each member." We all feel that as *The Civilian* is the official organ of the Service, it should be in every member's hands, for it is great source of encouragement for everyone to peruse its bright and instructive pages.

With best wishes for continued success,

I am,

Yours truly,

E. D. TIERNEY,

Secy.-Treas. F. F. Customs Assn.

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A gentle reminder is hereby given to those who require a reminder regarding economy in the use of paper and other material. In Ottawa a civilian contractor takes away tons of paper at enormous profit to himself. The Government may see its way to make this profit as a measure of war economy. In the meantime every one of us would do well to bear in mind that scarcity, if not famine, in many commodities is imminent. Do not cast away your blotter before it is unfit for use. Set aside a place in your desk in which to store paper to be used for rough memoranda, etc., instead of using letter paper or scribbling pads. Try to economize. It all helps.

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The Civilian desires once more to applaud the energy and enterprise of the Woman's Branch of the C. S. Association of Ottawa. The Women's Branch has for many years edited a

department in these pages because the editors believe in the new spheres of influence now being filled by the women of the Service, and because they entertain a high appreciation of the war work being done which will be better and more fully done when the Halyon Club is in full operation. The Emergency Fund is an agency by which the men of the Service may endorse and encourage the ladies in their patriotic tasks. This fund is devoted to objects connected with the war and an accounting is made in the Women's Column. Members of the Ottawa Service are urged to keep up contributions to this fund.

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The Civilian doesn't like to make corrections—much less does it like to make mistakes—nevertheless, it takes pleasure in admitting one error and in making correction.

In December, 1916, *The Civilian* printed an unofficial report from France that "Bill" Hindle, a railway mail clerk of the Saskatoon district, had been killed. Whether "Bill" has just reached that *Civilian* or that *Civilian* has just reached "Bill" is not clear, but, anyhow, a note is received from "3rd Division Railhead, France," in which "Bill" states that the report of his death, like that of a famous person some years ago, is "much exaggerated." In fact "Bill" is "still alive and kicking," as he puts it, and he adds that there was "no harm done." So *The Civilian* is very glad to publish this correction.

By the way, *The Civilian* has, during the past three years, published reports of three hundred and thirty-six fatalities occurring to civil servants in the army, and this is only the second occasion on which such a report has been contradicted. Not too bad! What?

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The Civilian has received a number of unsigned letters. These cannot be published unless the authors supply their names, though not necessarily for publication.

"Carry on."