

of Canada who are in the final analysis the masters of Professor Shortt as well as of the Outside Service, when he makes the assertion that this great body of public servants, who have such a close and intimate connection with the commercial life of Canada in their official capacity, as the collectors of the bulk of the revenue of this country, need have no knowledge of multiplication and division? I have yet to learn that the Professor had established a name for himself as a humourist or funny man, but if he has decided on the new role I would advise him to choose some other subject than the Outside Service as his theme, for he has cut a sorry figure on his initial appearance. Owing to the "low standard" which obtains in the Outside Service, I confess I am *short* on grasping the subtle humour of his "hog line", but there is hope even for the Outside Service man, for we "live and learn" and our porcine propensities might be developed with a higher standard of education along these lines set for us by Professor Shortt.

CIVIL SERVANTS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

The following further regulations regarding the pay and status of civil servants going to the front have been made effective by order-in-council:

(1) Civil pay or salary accruing from the Government to any officer or employee in the Civil Service of the Government during the period of his absence upon military service shall, if the Minister, or such officer as he may designate for the purpose, so direct, be paid to the dependents of the officer or employee on whose account the pay or salary is payable.

(2) No officer or employee in the Civil Service of the Government who shall hereafter enlist for service with the Expeditionary Forces shall re-

ceive any civil salary or pay for the period during which he is on service with the Expeditionary Forces unless he enlisted for such service with the consent of the head of his department.

(3) In the case of any officer or employee in the Civil Service of the Government who has heretofore enlisted for service with the Expeditionary Forces, consent of the head of the department to which he belongs to such enlistment shall not be deemed to be a condition to the payment of civil pay or salary during the period of the absence of such officer or employee while serving with the Expeditionary Forces.

(4) Officers and employees whose civil pay or salaries are permitted to be paid during military service shall upon the conclusion of the latter service be restored to their civil positions, if they remain qualified to discharge the duties appertaining to those positions.

(5) In any case of doubt as to the amount of civil pay which is subject to the provisions of this order the finding of the head of the department shall be final and not open to question.

(6) The pay or salaries of substitutes to perform the duties of officers or employees absent upon any military duty shall be chargeable to the War Appropriation.

DEATH OF COLONEL FARQUHAR.

In the death of Colonel Farquhar the Canadian Civil Service loses one of its most distinguished members, one who though only a brief time in Canada made a place for himself in the hearts of all those who had the honour and pleasure to know this gentleman of charm and efficiency. The simple unaffectedness of his manner and the celerity and sincerity of his purpose in performing the business of State were nobly epitom-