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The relations of the civil service to the Executive Government of the Dominion, the grave importance of its miscellaneous duties, its direct connection with the Honourable Ministers of the Cabinet, tend to confer on the service special respectability and dignity, and to attract to its high offices men pre-eminent in their professions, persons of culture and learning.

Judging from the reports of the numerous candidates who present themselves before the Board of Examiners of the civil service, and of the many applications to the Honourable Ministers for appointment to the lower grades and to the third and junior classes, it would seem that the service has great attractions to the young men and maidens of the cities, towns and counties throughout the Dominion.

Whilst the civil service may have its attractions for young men who have just completed their education at school or college, it has also its counter charms, so to speak, which are discovered only by those who have been for some years in the employ of the Government.

The Civil Service List, annually published, shows that men who had been appointed third or second class clerks, have been in the service ten, fifteen, twenty, and even thirty years without any advance; their stationary lot being, not the result of negligence or want of the requisite qualification, but of circumstances beyond their control. Other men who had been promoted, after years of delay, to the first class clerkship, have no hope of anything higher; they have reached the goal of their race in life and will be in a subservient position to the end of their days.

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