

shall be the most whole-hearted supporter of the inauguration of a new democratic campaign. There are those who possess the inborn initiative and capacity which can do without the ordinary educational avenues. They have existed at all times and they exist to day. They must be taken into account and provision made for them by special promotion. But these are nature's aristocrats, and the number of true aristocrats is always very small. We have to legislate for the ordinary man and woman, and we cannot do more than make provision for that equality of opportunity in the higher education of which I have spoken. The state will suffer badly if the level of its civil servants is lowered, and it will be lowered if the qualifications for all positions are lowered to the educational equipment possessed by a youth who has ceased his studies at 18."

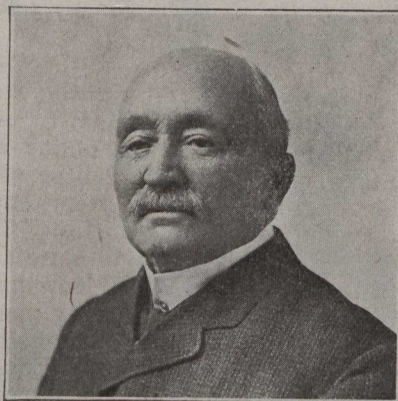
OUTSIDE SERVICE PORTRAITS.

No. XIX.

It is with pleasure that *The Civilian* resumes its Outside Service portraits gallery, and we are particularly pleased in being able to present in this issue the photograph of one of the best known and most popular officials in Canada. We refer to Mr. James Alfred Gouin, Ottawa's genial Postmaster. With the exception of Mr. H. W. Blackadar, Postmaster of Halifax, Mr. Gouin has been longer in office than any similar official in any Canadian city, so far as we are aware.

Mr. Gouin was born in the county of Yamaska, Quebec, in 1835, so that he has now reached the ripe age of 78. Nevertheless he is bright and chirpy, and at present is preparing for a fishing and hunting trip. He comes of French and English stock, his father having been Francis Gouin and his mother Lucienne Spicer. The Postmaster came to Ottawa in the

year 1863; consequently he has followed its growth ever since it was a small town. It is with pride that Mr. Gouin exhibits an elaborate menu card, engrossed on satin, of a banquet and ball given by the citizens of Ottawa to the delegates from the Maritime Provinces in 1864, when Confederation measures were in embryo. There are very few citizens of the capital now alive who were present at this function.



MR. GOUIN.

Mr. Gouin married Miss Adelaide Flindall, of Trenton, Ont., and there are two daughters of this union, one being Mrs. H. W. Bowie, wife of the popular Deputy Sergeant at Arms of the House of Commons, and the other Mrs. Jeffrey Chapleau. Mr. Gouin is a member of the Rideau Club and the Echo Beach Fishing Club.

In this connection it is interesting to note three Postmasters of Canadian cities who have reached mature years after long terms of office, viz. Mr. H. W. Blackadar, of Halifax, N.S., born in 1843 and appointed in 1874; Mr. Adam Brown of Hamilton, born in 1826 and appointed in 1891; and Mr. Gouin, born in 1835 and appointed in 1885. Mr. Brown, whose portrait has appeared in these columns is the 'doyen' of all the Postmasters, being now, being 87 years old: Mr. Gouin is 78 and Mr. Blackada 70.