

The Club.

The Civil Service Club is in the throes of struggling into being.

It has moved into commodious and new quarters during the Christmas week. The situation of these, immediate opposite the Supreme Court, leaves nothing to be desired. The building is a great improvement on the old one. So large and well appointed a club dwelling would have been impossible had it not been for the active and sacrificing interest of the Hon. Mr. Pugsley — a circumstance for which civil servants, whether clubmen or not, are duly appreciative.

The club has therefore reached the point where the support of the service must be declared, and *The Civilian* would like to address to each and every civil servant in Ottawa the personal question: Where do *you* stand on the Civil Service Club matter?

The answer to this must be a personal one. But we would ask:

(1) That every one in considering it remember that the point at issue now is the *idea* rather than the concrete form of the club. That the latter will be satisfactory can be taken for granted, because there are those in the movement who guarantee as much.

(2) That the time to answer is *now*. An ounce of help now will be worth a pound a year or so hence.

if conducted with every care is a source of danger.

Why not segregate the Government Laboratories in a fireproof building? The Government would then keep all the dangerous and smell-producing processes under one roof. It would also have all the technical experts in correspondence. No technical expert is an expert in all. Every department of technical work overlaps, and the expert in one needs advice from those in another. At present the departments are separate, consequently one department does not know the decisions given by another. Such should not be the case as it inevitably leads to contradiction, and loss of prestige to the Government.

As a suggestion: Place all the Government Laboratories in one fireproof building. Let each department be separate therein, so far as departmental work is concerned, but encourage full concordance in opin-

ions. This would mean a gain in time and efficiency, a board like the Customs board taking up all disputed questions once a month.

THE REGENERATION OF THE INDIFFERENT.

Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, from Ontario, has issued in pamphlet form his address on "The Problem of the Indifferent Farmer." The regeneration of the indifferent farmer, Mr. James estimates, would increase by many millions the annual assets of Canada.

The regeneration of the indifferent civil servant might not produce so large or immediate a return to the country. But from the standpoint of the individual civil servant, it would mean just as much as in the case of the farmer. And in the one case as in the other it depends a lot upon the intelligence of the individual.