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A Midsummer Nosegay.

August is not the month of flowers, yet the *Civilian* is able to gather the following very pleasing bouquet — chiefly à propos of its New Cover.

The Toronto Star (reprinted by the *Ottawa Journal*):

“That the *Civilian* has a neat and suggestive cover is important into so much in itself as because it is a mark and symbol of progress. The *Civilian* now prints nearly 3,000 copies, an evidence that it is read not only by members of the Civil Service of the Dominion, but by others who are interested in public affairs. It would be well if this list of readers outside the service were enlarged. We all ought to be interested in the question of government, and good government depends largely upon the Civil Service.

“Elections are fought upon ‘issues,’ upon questions on which men differ, or on the relative merits of two sets of political leaders. But whoever may win, the work of administration goes on, and the setting up of a high standard of service is always important. This is the *Civilian*’s field, and the whole country is therefore interested in its success.”

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The Toronto Globe:

“The *Civilian*, which speaks for the Canadian civil service, has invited discussion on the vexed question of promotions. The four leading methods suggested are: by seniority,

by competitive examinations, by daily records of efficiency, and by the free selection of the promoting officer. Although promotion by pull is not suggested, it will doubtless receive consideration during the discussion. *The Civilian* plays an important part in keeping the service openly in touch with the daily press and the public.”

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The Montreal Star:

“The *Civilian*, the journal of the Civil Service of Canada, comes out this month with a new cover, elaborately executed by a member of the staff in the Surveyor-General’s office at Ottawa, Mr. W. J. Moule. The new design represents a flag-draped figure of Canada in the foreground, with the Canadian Houses of Parliament in the background, and the Dominion and departmental crests forming a border scheme of a most attractive conception.

“The journal is issued fortnightly, and is devoted to the interests of the Civil Service in Canada. The number of July 14th contains a number of interesting articles on subjects connected with the work of the civilians, and should appeal to all whose duties are under the direction of the heads of the Canadian Government’s many departments.”