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## EDUCATION AND THE SERVICE.

Education in Canada is a matter of provincial jurisdiction. One of the first results of the new method of recruiting the Dominion service by competitive examination will be to bring the educational systems of the several provinces into contrast. Sooner or later the problem of maintaining a proper distribution of the supply for the service as among the provinces will arise.

It has already arisen in Great Britain. Wales, it is said, is not contributing its quota to the supply of civil servants, in spite of the high educational standing of the Principality. The manner in which the situation is being met is interesting. A powerful Committee, with Sir Herbert Roberts as chairman, has been appointed to obtain the fullest possible information concerning service appointments, and communicate with Welsh secondary schools and colleges, which appear to have neglected this sphere of advancement

for their scholars. The first meeting will be held in October, the intervening time being employed in eliciting the views of Welsh educationists and collecting information as to civil service examinations, vacancies and appointments.

The civil service commissioners have in Canada assumed the task of advertising the educational necessities of the service among the large provincial institutions. Under present conditions, the attractions of the service may not prove particularly enticing in the face of the abundant opportunities offering in other fields. But it is to be hoped that the provinces will from the first see that in so far as training goes proper facilities are offered and proper encouragement given to those desirous of devoting their future to the service of the State.

## A DOMINION CUSTOMS APPRAISERS' ASSOCIATION.

The action of the Customs Appraisers and Assistant Appraisers of Toronto in organizing a Dominion Customs Appraisers' Association, as described in a special article elsewhere in the present issue, is to be very heartily commended. Organizations of this kind can achieve perhaps more than any other agency for the uplifting of the service. Certainly the more important ports throughout Canada should hasten to follow the example of Toronto, with a view ultimately to a Federation throughout Canada and a regular programme for the discussion of the many highly technical problems that belong to appraisement and the introduction of reforms of method as well as the betterment of material conditions. The Secretary, Mr. Robert Cuthbert, 211 Avenue Road, Toronto, will be glad to furnish further information to officials interested.