

Scores for Saturday, the 27th Sept., 1913:

	500	600	200 Tl.
E. Turcotte .....	34	31	34—99
A. A. Cohoon .....	35	31	32—98
W. A. Purdy .....	30	28	32—90
J. M. Roberts .....	33	26	31—90
J. H. Corry .....	26	32	31—89
W. R. Latimer .....	29	29	29—87
W. Thompson .....	33	23	29—85
A. McCracken .....	27	28	28—83
J. H. Brigly .....	28	23	24—75
J. J. Carr .....	24	22	29—75

First class spoon, E. Turcotte.

Spoon for possible at 500 yards, A. A. Cohoon.

### Ladies' Rifle Association.

An enthusiastic meeting of ladies, chiefly in the civil service, was held in the lecture room of the Carnegie Library on the evening of Sept. 22nd. It was thought well to elect a gentleman as president, and Mr. Wensley Thompson of the Immigration Branch received that honour.

Mrs. Malcolm Brice was chosen as vice-president, and Miss E. A. Browne of the Immigration Branch as secretary. Application has been made for permission to use the drill hall, during the winter for practice, with the small rifle, and it is expected that the ladies will be able to shoot next summer with the regular rifle on the ranges, as is done in England.

Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes has evinced much interest in the movement. Already sixty members have joined the club.

### POLITICAL PATRONAGE.

When civil servants begin to protest against the manner in which their positions are held as rewards for political service it shows for one thing that the Civil Service Act is becoming a dead letter.

To quote only one sentence from last week's issue of the *Civilian*, the publication issued by the Civil Servants' Association at Ottawa, which says:—

“It is estimated by a most excellent authority that in Ottawa alone one-half of the \$6,000,000 expended in civil government could be saved to the Treasury by the introduction of business methods.”

The *Civilian* knows whereof it speaks, and has not the habit of sensational statement. Its editors are men, holding Government positions, who have seen administrations come and go and have watched the manner in which they have done their work. Patronage must make serious headway when men so well informed tell us that one-half of the civil government vote of six millions of dollars is wasted in Ottawa alone.

A lack of business methods—merely a euphemistic way of saying an excess of party patronage—is costing us dear in cash as in efficiency. Party differences in Canada have almost reached that dead level of a grab for patronage which for so many years disgraced the politics of the United States. If a political worker can produce the goods at election time he gets the reward, no matter whether or not he is fitted to do the work assigned him. Indeed, the party which does not help to hoist it into power is regarded as lacking in gratitude and as such to be condemned.

Against the holding out of government “plums” in the public service as reward for value received, protests innumerable have been made by those who, like the civil servants, have seen the system working at close range. And now the civil servants themselves have joined in the chorus of protest and in the demand for as high efficiency in Government service as is required elsewhere.

Whether or not their comment will receive from the Government the attention it certainly merits remains to be seen. If not now, then later, those who pay the bills are going to insist upon value for their money.—*Montreal Herald*.