

### "DO YOUR BIT."

The Dominion's civil servants have contributed in various ways within their means and powers to the great cause for which our Empire has pledged its resources. Contributions to patriotic funds and enlistments for active service, when the record is more complete, will indicate that civil servants have not been recreant in their duties. One of the patriotic measures initiated by civil servants with the object of asserting their readiness to serve has not yet come to a state of practical development. Last year 400 civil servants in the Ottawa departments placed their services at the disposal of the Government for military purposes. It seems certain now that the Militia Department will be unable to organize this corps. It has been suggested by a number of enthusiastic members of the service that rather than allow such a worthy movement to succumb, the 400 volunteers be invited to form a company in one of the local corps. If this idea is not feasible, it is to be hoped that these 400 good men and others who had not signed the lists will join one of the companies of the Guards or 43rd Regiments. It is understood that both those regiments are very much under strength, the 43rd particularly so. The reason given for the falling off in enlistment is said to be due to the fact that there are to be no pay and no shooting at the ranges during the current year. But surely there are

scores and hundreds of men in the King's Civil Service who will fill up the gaps in the ranks of these regiments and preserve the British principle of voluntary training from falling into disrepute.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a poem entitled "Do Your Bit." Here is an opportunity for those of us who are feeling the poignancy of these times, whose spirits are stirred to the boiling point by the stories of blood and disaster reaching us in every day's dispatches. Let us fill up these regiments and show that the spirit is willing to perform whatever duty our nation calls upon us to do.

The scourge of Hell has been let loose upon mankind,—in the raping of matrons and virgins in Europe and the drowning of innocent women and children upon the adjacent seas. If the United States become embroiled in the war there may be a million Germans, all fully armed and ready to fall over the border into Canada. Let every man in Canada ask himself what he can do that he has not done. There may be regiments elsewhere than in Ottawa not wholly up to strength. Let us go out and fill these ranks to overflowing. The Government may need us any day, for surely no man knoweth what a day may bring forth.

At times we are told that the instinct of co-operation, appreciation and esprit de corps in the Civil Service is nil and then at other times inci-

## News Wanted.

"The Civilian" wants news of civil servants who may suffer death or wounds or be taken prisoner while on active military service. Readers will please send reports of any such occurrences, or clippings from local newspapers, giving details, as soon as information is available.