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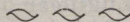
Communications on any subject of interest to the Civil Service are invited and will receive careful consideration.

Ottawa, Dec. 29, 1911

THE COMMISSION.

The Civil Service has heard with satisfaction of the appointment by the Government of a special commission of three to investigate the Service. First and above all, such action typifies the appreciation of the Government and of the people of the all-important part played by the Service in the conducting of the country's business. It is from lack of appreciation of this kind that the Service has chiefly suffered in the past. The Service remembers the good that came from the Courtney Commission of 1907, and has no fear whatever but that the brighter the light that is turned upon it the clearer will be displayed the great work it is doing and the general excellence of its men and methods. Imperfections and mismanagement may be discovered, but it will not be possible to lay them at the door of the Service, and we believe we will be able to say in cases where such may appear that had the

counsels of the Civil Service bodies been followed such mistakes would have been minimized in their effects. The Commission no doubt will seek to discover errors that may be laid upon the shoulders of the opposite political party, but it is satisfactory to notice that the chairman considers that the chief concern of their investigation is with the Service as a piece of working machinery. Until machinery of this kind is placed in the highest state of running efficiency imperfect results are invited. Herein at least the way would seem to be paved for that general reorganization and collocation of the work, until the which is completed the Service will not lose the slighted place it holds among the professions or present a field to which men of ability can offer their lives without looking back.



OTTAWA MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Citizen's League of Capital Ward has endorsed the candidature of Messrs. A. W. Ault and W. L. Reid, who are in the field for aldermanic honors this year. The president of this league is Auditor-General Fraser, while other prominent civil servants are actively connected with the executive work.

The question as to whether or not civil servants should take seats in the City Council has received much attention of late. Whatever be the view of the majority on this point, there can be no objection to their seeking to find suitable representatives to act in their stead in the work of municipal government. In this case a number of good civil servants are backing the candidature of two men from the business section of the city. Messrs. Ault and Reid are men who stand for the best ideals in civic affairs, and it is to the credit of the civil servants who are supporting them that they are ready to uphold the hands of men who are