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THE CONVENTION.

The event of the fortnight in civil service circles has been the annual Convention of the Federation — the third of its kind. Not since the beginning of the organization movement in the service has a more successful meeting been carried out, and *The Civilian* gladly gives up the major portion of its space in this issue to the chronicling of its proceedings. Attempting as it does to deal in the main with questions that affect all civil servants alike, without distinction of class or locality, and with other questions from the viewpoint primarily of their relation to the common interest, the Federation has a great work to perform. It is a great pleasure to see it beginning to appreciate in real earnest its powers for good, and to see reflected as in the recent Convention the growing appreciation of the service at large of the benefits that are to flow from this most powerful of all our organizations.

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measurably successful is evidenced by the fact that we are receiving favourable recognition at the hands of the government, which is acknowledging the fairness of our claims to a greater extent than ever before.

After extended discussion of the various resolutions the following committees were named:

Organization—Greer, Mailloux, Pattison, Dyer and MacMillan.

Income Tax—Hon. J. F. Whear, Hon. A. T. Dunn, Dr. A. F. Freeland.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws presented the following report: "Your committee begs to recommend the following amendment to Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution: That the words 'annually in the month of March and' in lines 1 and 2 be struck out and the words 'at least once each year' be inserted in lieu thereof, and that the words 'other times' in line 3 be struck out and the word 'time' be inserted in lieu thereof," and on motion of Mr. Patching, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the report of the committee was received and adopted and the Constitution amended as suggested.

The Auditors reported that they had examined the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer and found them correct as reported to the Convention, and on motion of Mr. Mailloux, seconded by Mr. F. T. Pattison, the report was received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. F. T. Pattison, seconded by Mr. R. Patching, that the following gentlemen be selected as a nominating committee to select the Executive for the ensuing year: President J. A. Smith, Secretary R. H. Coats, J. F. Flynn, E. E. Stockton, W. F. Miller, J. A. Doyon, A. E. Morin.

The Secretary directed the attention of the Convention to the question of bringing the Outside service under the provisions of the amended Civil Service Act of 1908, and informed the delegates that some action should be taken so that the Outside service would have all the necessary information at their disposal when such a transfer were proposed. By motion of Mr. J. A. Doyon, seconded by Mr. E. E. Stockton, a special committee was appointed to consider the question of bringing the Outside service under the provisions of the amended Civil Service Act of 1908, and report to the next Convention.

The discussion on this motion was left over for the afternoon session, and the Convention adjourned for the interview with Hon. Mr. Fielding on Superannuation to meet at 1.30 p.m.