

THE FEDERATION CONVENTION.

The most successful convention in the history of the civil service was that of the Civil Service Federation held last week in Ottawa, being the fifth of its kind. One other convention, namely the third, surpassed it in point of attendance, but at none has the amount of business transacted or the general enthusiasm displayed been greater.

The most important incident was the drawing up of a comprehensive memorial which was later presented by a deputation of eleven of the delegates to the Right Honourable the Prime Minister. A separate memorial dealing with the subject of superannuation was also drawn up and presented by a similar deputation to the Honourable the Minister of Finance.

It is the intention of *The Civilian* to devote practically the whole of its next issue to the report of the proceedings of the Federation. It was found impossible to make arrangements to this effect for the present issue and it was thought that on so important an occasion the matter ought not to be scattered but should be concentrated in a single issue. Coming as the issue will close to the Christmas holidays, an opportunity will be given to every civil servant to acquaint himself thoroughly with what is being done by the premier civil service organization. Any further suggestions that can be offered will be welcomed by the executive.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE COMPETITION, OTTAWA.

Members of the Civil Service who hold the certificate of the St. John Ambulance Association for proficiency in First Aid to the Injured are invited to enter the competition for the valuable Wallace Nesbitt Challenge Trophy which will be held in Ottawa early in the New Year. Competitors will be squadded in teams of five men each, and the test will be on the basis of the official text book with special reference to stretcher work; the object of the competition being to test the ability of the men to deal with cases under conditions of actual emergency. Entries sufficient for one team have already been made and as a large number of civil servants are certificate holders there should be no difficulty in forming at least two teams. Opportunity will be given for further instruction and practice if sufficient entries are received. Full particulars can be obtained from Mr. R. Patching, Hon. Sec., Ottawa Centre, Dept. of the Interior. Phone Q. 2163 or Q. 3747.