

OTTAWA'S CONFIDENCE.

That the membership of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa has complete confidence in officers who have been in charge of its affairs for the past year was amply demonstrated at the annual meeting on November 21st when all the office-holders who would accept re-election were returned without a suggestion of opposition. These were President Walter Todd, Vice-President Drake and Secretary O'Connor.

The Vice-Presidency that has been vacant for some time was filled by the unanimous selection of H. De B. Tremaine, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The Treasurer of last year, C. Baudry, being unable to longer discharge the duties of that office, Edward Lisle, of the Department of the Naval Service, was selected to succeed him.

President Todd's annual address was full of good counsel and his summary of the Civil Service situation to-day was worthy of the close attention that it received.

The annual report, which has been printed and is in the hands of all members, dealt largely with patriotic affairs, the other contents being paragraphs on the Third Division, Insurance and other organizations and the usual statements of membership and finances.

Though victory has not been won in the Third Division fight, the Service has gained some important advantages during the year and its position is much improved.

Civil Service insurance policies (Inside and Outside Services) increased about five hundred in number and \$1,500,000 in value during the year.

Though the membership declined somewhat, the Association still has a safe surplus in the bank.

Out of fourteen meetings of the Executive, the President and Secretary attended thirteen each; C. J. Evans, 12; R. W. Kinsman and Miss Reynolds, 11; Messrs. Tremaine and

McVeigh, 10, and Messrs. Drake, McCormac and Birtch, 9 each. Other officers and representatives had less meetings to their credit.

The stand of the Executive on the recruiting question was set forth in these words:

"The Executive hopes yet to see every able-bodied civil servant who can be spared from his official duties enrolled in the military forces."

The following paragraph from the report speaks for itself:

"The Executive gratefully acknowledges the debt civil servants owe to *The Civilian* for its 'Honor Roll' of civil servants enlisted and for its general information regarding the casualties amongst, and honors awarded to civil servants now on active service. It has been a patriotic work of the highest order and deserves the fullest appreciation of the Service. The Executive would request all branches of the Service to co-operate with *The Civilian* in order that the record, admittedly incomplete, may be kept up to date, thus assisting in the compilation and preservation of a record that will stand for all time as an honorable milestone in Civil Service history."

THE FORUM.

Attractions announced for the meetings of the People's Forum of Ottawa include:

December 10th—Address by Mark H. Irish, M.L.A., of Toronto, on "The Dilution of Labor in the Production of Munitions in Canada."

December 17th—Illustrated address by John Bradford, Community Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Montreal. Subject: "The School as a Community Centre."

Meetings in the Regent Theatre, corner of Sparks and Bank streets, every Sunday evening at 8.15 o'clock.

Amedee Tremblay, organist.
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