

persons who have become wayworn in service can be retired easily, humanely and with a decent regard to the claims of infirmity. All this can be accomplished, it is sincerely believed, only by bringing the whole service within the scope of a Superannuation Act; and it is upon these broad grounds, rather than upon grounds of selfish interest, that the members of the service solicit from the government the fullest consideration of this most important matter.

We have accordingly received specific instructions to bring the following matters to your attention, with a view, if possible, of having them made the subject of legislation at the present session of Parliament:—

1. The re-establishment of Superannuation by the enactment of the Bill recommended by the Royal Commission of 1908, and printed in their report; or by the enactment of some other Bill of similar general purport.

On grounds very similar in kind to the above we would also request:

2. An extension of the benefits of Civil Service Insurance by amending the Act to provide for:

(a) raising the amount of insurance from the present limit of \$2,000 to a maximum of \$5,000;

(b) admitting lady members of the service to the benefits of the Act;

(c) repealing section 16, which now discriminates in the matter of insurance against a section of the service.

We are firmly convinced that the specific requests above made will be found upon examination to be thoroughly reasonable; and that, if given effect to, they will result to the mutual advantage of the country and the civil service. —

We have the honour to be,

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Pres.

R. H. COATS,
Secy.

G. S. HUTCHINSON, W. N. OSTROM,
Vice-Pres. Treas.

W. A. FOUND,
Chairman Sub-Com.

Negotiations With the Government.

Informal interviews were held with Mr. Fisher and Mr. Fielding by the president and the secretary of the Association, following the preparation of the above, but no final presentation of the case had been made up to the beginning of the past week. At this stage the Association was asked by telegram from Montreal to join hands with a deputation representing the outside service of Montreal and Quebec who had simultaneously had the matter of superannuation under consideration, and who had arranged to have an interview with the Prime Minister on Friday, the 19th inst. The local Association accordingly after consulting with Mr. Fisher accompanied the outside deputation and presented its memorial at the same time to the government. The memorial from the outside deputation differed only in detail from the above, except that a specific request was included that those at present on the retirement fund be permitted to date back the period of their service as under superannuation.

Interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The deputation which met the Premier on March 19th consisted of some twenty delegates representing the outside service, and two representing the inside. Sir Wilfrid was accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Lemieux and the Hon. Mr. Brodeur. Mr. Bickerdike, M.P., and Mr. Monk, M.P., accompanied and introduced the outside representatives, while Mr. McGiverin, M.P., did the same office for the inside. Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P. of Nanaimo; Mr. W. M. Martin, M.P., of Regina, and Mr. Lloyd Harris,