

## INTERVIEW OF THE OTTAWA ASSOCIATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

The officers of the Ottawa Association, pursuant to the instructions of the Executive, had an interview with Sir Wilfrid at the same time that the interview with the Federation took place as above. The interview was sought for the purpose of presenting the memorial, copies of which have been distributed to the service. A special meeting of the Executive was called to receive the report of its officers, which was in written form as follows:

### Report of Officers.

Pursuant to your instructions, your officers during the past week sought and obtained an interview with the Prime Minister, in order to present the memorial approved by the late Executive and adopted by the present Committee. The interview was granted by the Premier on Saturday last, at the same time that a delegation representing the Civil Service Federation also presented a memorial. The Hon. Mr. Fisher and the Hon. Mr. Fielding were present with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Mr. McGiverin, M.P., introduced both delegations.

The reception accorded by the government to your deputation and to the views expressed in the memorial was of a most cordial and satisfactory nature. At the Prime Minister's request, the Hon. Mr. Fisher dealt with the various matters set forth in the memorial, the purport of which was explained in general terms by the President. As a copy of the memorial had been supplied to Mr. Fisher some time in advance, the discussion was of an exceptionally comprehensive character. With regard to the portion of the memorial relating to Re-organization, Mr. Fisher paid a high compliment to the Executive for the careful and

fair-minded analysis of the situation contained in the memorial. Mr. Fisher himself described at some length the various aspects of the Classification and Re-organization problem, his reading of the situation being at all points substantially the same as that contained in the memorial, concluding with an expression of concurrence with the views of the Association as to the need of uniform and comprehensive action. The suggestion contained in the memorial, he stated, would be possible by order-in-council, legislation not being necessary. On the subject of Sanitation, Mr. Fisher also expressed himself as in entire accord with the statements contained in the memorial, and although the specific request of the memorial was not referred to, there can be no doubt of the sympathy of the government with the changes proposed in the memorial. A less definite expression of opinion was obtained in reply to the portion of the memorial relating to Superannuation and Insurance, though the paragraphs bearing on this question were read in the course of the discussion. We have no reason to believe, however, that the views of the service in this, as in the other matters of the memorial, will not ultimately commend themselves.

Under the circumstances we would advise that an expression of thanks be extended to Mr. Fisher as per the accompanying letter, for his statement in reply to the delegation, and that the officers, or some other committee, be instructed to continue in touch with the government, for the purpose of keeping the views of the Executive forward and of supplying any further detailed information that may be required from time to time.

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