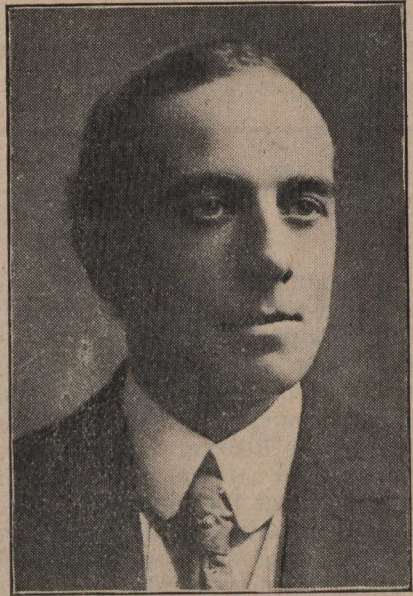


with the purview of the service, have a voice that could be listened to with profit. Let the following specific plan, then, be adopted. Let council declare itself with the several deputy ministers and the two Civil Service Commissioners a committee for the reorganization of the civil service. Let the work proceed in some such fashion as the following. Each minister with his deputy minister and the two commissioners to constitute a separate sub-committee to deal with his particular Department, the committee of the whole having as a preliminary step laid down the approximate principles to be proceeded upon. This process having been completed, the several reports of the sub-committees would be brought together in committee of the whole for final adjustment. An advantage of this would be that it would enable the C. S. Commissioners in proceeding from Department to Department to bring in each case the light of the larger outlook to bear. How much of practical reform would result from this one feature it is impossible to say, but undoubtedly a most valuable body of suggestions would be the outcome. In the sub-committees, it will be seen, the minister and deputy ministers and the commissioners would be evenly balanced—a most desirable arrangement. Matters incapable of being settled between them would go back to the committee of the whole. In any event ratification of the results would be required by council. Finally an act would have to be passed to make the results antedate the regulations. But it is unnecessary to go further into details here and now. If this or something similar were carried into execution, the civil service of Canada would be given a fair chance of becoming in the near future what it ought to be—a model engine for the efficient carrying on of the administration of the country.



MR. F. H. H. WILLIAMSON.

It is entirely to the initiative and unselfish effort of Mr. F. H. H. Williamson, of the Topographical Surveys, that the Ottawa service owes the annual field day of sports, which is now, we may hope, a settled institution, in view of the success with which the second meeting, of which a report is published elsewhere, was carried out a week ago. Mr. Williamson was born in Jamaica in 1883. He was educated in England at Framlingham College, the Ipswich Grammar School, and the Crystal Palace Engineering School. Later, he became Assistant Manager of the London Electro-Mobile Syndicate, and Works Manager of Holmes & Coy., of London, Eng. Still later, he was Engineer to the Pearl Fisheries, Ltd., in Venezuela, South America. He came to Canada in April, 1907. While at the Crystal Palace Engineering School, Mr. Williamson captained the cricket club for two years, and played on both the Association and Rugby football teams of the school when they won the London Cup. He also held the tennis championship of the school for two years.