

CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the Association was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th instant. A full report was given of the recent interview with the Prime Minister and other members of the Government in respect of the question of re-organization of the service. The need for some authoritative statement from the Association was felt to be fitting at this juncture; inasmuch as the rank-and-file of the service are not, perhaps, aware of the precise course which will be followed. THE CIVILIAN was requested, therefore, to act as the medium between the Association and the Service for this purpose; and the first article which appears herein has been framed with this intent.

Mr. Paget resigned from the chairmanship of the Committee on Federation with the Outside Service, and Mr. Coats takes his place. Mr. Grierson was added to the committee. It is to be hoped that good work will be done at once upon this most important movement.

ATHLETICS.**Play the Game Fairly.**

"There is another point about which I would like to say a word. I notice that your young people take great interest in athletics. I am a firm believer in their value, if carried out in a true spirit, and in moderation. But I hope that young Canadians will always remember that in athletics, as in all the relations of life, they must play the game in the truest sense of that term. They must play for the sake of the game, preferring to lose it fairly, rather than to win it unfairly. They must be ready not to grudge their opponents every fair advantage, and they must be prepared to lose with good temper and to win without boasting."

The foregoing message delivered at Government House by Lord Roberts to the people of Canada is of special interest to members of the Civil Service Athletic Association. It is because games are not played merely for their own sakes that the C.S.A.A. has been compelled to abandon as

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