

when normal conditions return no doubt there will be some force in the argument of my hon. friend. I quite agree that any individual worthy of employment in the Civil Service should be entitled to receive more than \$500 a year, but at the present time I could not promise my hon. friend that any change can be made. * * * I do not see that I can hold out any hope to my hon. friend of increasing salaries, at all events during the continuation of the war. After that, when we have had a happy restoration of the peace which we hope will come in the near future, this will be a matter for consideration, and the Civil Service will receive all the consideration they are entitled to. But at present I cannot hold out any hope of a change."

CO-OPERATIVE NOTES.

Coal.

A committee of the Civil Service Association is now securing quotations on coal for the coming season. Owing to unsettled wage conditions in the Pennsylvania mining region, prices are not yet available, but it is hoped that prices can be submitted some time in May.

Continuation Committee.

The committee appointed to arrange for the reorganization of the Co-operative supply Association met Tuesday evening, 25th inst., but *The Civilian* went to press before a report was available. The result of the meeting will appear next issue. Some interesting propositions were considered. The winding up of the old association has served the good purpose of bringing new co-operative enthusiasts to the fore.

The Law's Delay.

As reported in last issue, a court order was secured enabling the debenture holders to appoint a receiver and manager. This appointment is

to be made through the Local Master's office, but at date of writing has not been made. The stock at the O'Connor street store has been transferred to the Glebe store, pending arrangements for its final disposition.

Co-operative Possibilities.

The Guelph, Ontario, Co-operative Society has distributed \$30,000 in dividends to its members and customers during the eight years of its existence, according to the Canadian Co-operator. This shows what can be done under competent management, and should provide food for thought in the larger Civil Service centres throughout Canada.

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