

The Civil Service Bill.

Pursuant to the intention that he had indicated to the officers of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa, Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, introduced Civil Service legislation in the House of Commons on Wednesday, May 30th, by giving notice as follows:

Resolved,—That it is expedient

1. To repeal subsection two of section twenty-six of the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908, and provide that any person placed in the third division upon the coming into force of that Act, and who had theretofore passed the Qualifying Examination, may be promoted from the third division to the second division by the Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the head of the Department based upon the report in writing of the deputy head.

2. That sections twenty-nine and thirty and subsection one of section thirty-two of the said Act be repealed and that it be provided that in the second division the minimum and maximum salaries shall be as follows:—

In subdivision A, \$1,600 to \$2,100;

In subdivision B, \$1,000 to \$1,600;

that in the third division the minimum and maximum salaries shall be as follows:—

In subdivision A, \$1,000 to \$1,300;

In subdivision B, \$500 to \$1,000;

and that the minimum and maximum salaries for the positions of messenger, porter, sorter and packer and such other positions in the lower grades as are determined by the Governor in Council shall be \$500 and \$1,000, respectively.

3. That it be provided that the Governor in Council may grant an increase of one hundred dollars to any clerk in the third division of the Inside Service of the Civil Service and to any person holding any of the positions mentioned in section thirty-two of the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908, who

(a) is reported by the deputy head to be deserving of such increase; and

(b) is in receipt of a salary of less than one thousand dollars.

4. That it be provided that any person now serving in either the second or third division of the Inside Service whose salary is less than the minimum salary for such division as proposed by the second of the preceding Resolutions shall have his salary increased to such minimum.

5. That it be provided that all increases granted under legislation to be based upon the third and fourth of the preceding Resolutions shall take effect from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

6. That it be provided that nothing in the legislation to be based upon these Resolutions shall prevent any person from receiving any annual or other increase that may be granted to him under any other Act.

7. That it be provided that any payments or increases authorized by any legislation based upon these Resolutions be payable out of any unappropriated moneys in the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

An Addition Desired.

Officers of the Association immediately met in conference and asked the Minister to receive them. On Friday morning they met Sir Thomas and discussed details of the proposed measure with him. No announcement was made by either side after this meeting. It was learned, however, that one amendment asked for was received with particular favor by the Minister. That was a provision whereby men who had entered what is now the Third Division of the Service before 1908 without examination, upon production of certificates of graduation from a university or the Royal Military College, or who were regularly appointed as technical officers, should be eligible for promotion on the same conditions as those governing Third Division clerks who have passed the qualifying examination.

Executive in Session.

The executive committee of the Association met on Friday evening in special session for discussion of the proposed bill. The exact effect to be