

department failing to secure representation at two successive meetings the secretary has been instructed to notify the Advisory Boards in future of such failure on the part of their representatives.

The president in his opening remarks outlined in a general way some of the work ahead of the Executive during the coming season, and referred to the coming visit of Sir Geo. Murray and some of the possibilities arising out of such a visit.

The feature of the meeting was a carefully prepared report from the sub-committee on Salaries Organization and Promotion. The report emphasizes the sad, sad fact that while the cost of living has rapidly increased since 1908 the same cannot be said of the salaries paid to civil servants. Statistics are quoted from the official record and analysis of prices compiled by the Department of Labour with the authority of the government itself to show the extraordinary conditions which have arisen. Retail prices (the most accurate index of the cost of living) are shown to be soaring more rapidly even than are wholesale prices. Prompt action is urged upon the Executive and it is altogether likely that a special meeting will be called by the president to deal with this very timely report. A number of copies of this report were ordered to be printed and these are now in the hands of the representatives.

Two very seasonable clauses in the constitution, numbers 19 and 30, are reproduced here for the benefit of the electorate at large:

Departmental Advisory Boards.

19.—In each Department for the guidance of the representatives, the several sub-divisions of civil servants shall elect an Advisory Board, consisting of one member for each such sub-division, and one for the messengers. Such elections shall be held on or before the fourth Monday in October of each year, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the representative or representatives to send a list of the names of such Advisory Board to the Secretary of the Association.

Amendments.

30.—An amendment to this Constitution may be made by the annual meeting provided notice of the same has been forwarded in writing to the Secretary of the Executive Committee on or before October 15, and communicated by him to the Advisory Boards at least two weeks before the annual meeting.

CIVIL SERVICE BOWLING LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Civil Service Bowling league was held at the O.A.A.C. Thursday evening, October 3rd, 1912.

A large number were present and the outlook for the coming season is of the brightest.

The officers for the coming year are:

President—J. M. Roberts, reelected.

Vice-President—E. R. Douglas.

Secy.-Treasurer — G. J. Artz, reelected.

Executive Committee—A. J. Baker, Mint, Wm. Hull, Printing Bureau, J. L. Payne, Rys. and Canals, C. A. E. Clendening, Dominion Observatory, and C. Chapman, Railway Commission.

Some of the teams, owing to retirement of bowlers have had to amalgamate with others but the same number of teams will take part and it is expected that the number of actual bowlers will be larger than last year when in all 179 different bowlers took part.

The same rules and conditions of play as last year will be in force and the league season will open October 29th.

The schedule will be announced shortly.

The civil service bowlers intend holding a Dominion Night again this year, also a series of smokers and the annual Christmas and New Year's tournament open to the city.