

### THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The result of the appeal for an expression of opinion on the wisdom of holding a Federation Convention or a meeting of the Executive only, was the decision to do the latter. The date fixed by President R. S. White was June 14, 1916, the opening day of the National Assembly of Civil Service Commissioners of the United States. Thus was served a dual purpose. The members of the Executive were, through the kindness of Mr. Wm. Foran, made delegates to the Assembly, and so had the opportunity of attending all of the meetings of that body, as well as having a part in the social affairs which the city, Commission and Government had arranged.

The attendance of members was somewhat disappointing, in view of the extreme importance of the meeting. It is a long way to come, from west of the Great Lakes, so there is a reason for non-attendance from those members. Wednesday morning found those present to be R. S. White, A. E. Giroux, R. Colvin, Walter Todd, W. J. P. Cantwell, T. G. Mathieson and C. A. Halladay.

A most interesting and very instructive report was given by Mr. Todd on the activities of the C. S. Association with respect to the two White Bills of 1914. He pointed out that the statutory effect upon the Inside and Outside Services of this pending legislation was not by any means the same, and while the various committees of the Inside Service had made an extremely deep and exhaustive study of the two Bills, it was not evident that such a course had been followed by the Outside Service. After a discussion it was moved by Mr. Colvin, and seconded by Mr. Giroux:

"That the Secretary be instructed to prepare for distribution to the Service a Bulletin. This Bulletin to contain a reprint of the Civil

Service and the Superannuation Bills of 1914. Also the reports of the committees which had made a study of these. These reports are to be made a basis of further study and information on the part of the various organizations of the Outside Service, so that in the event of the Government deciding to do anything the Service may be prepared to accept the invitation of Sir Thomas White to make such representations as may seem fitting."

The importance of this step cannot be over-estimated, for if the Service does not make these intelligent recommendations the Government has a perfect right to consider that the Service is satisfied.

It was further moved that the President and Secretary be instructed to interview the Premier at a later date, November or December, and ascertain the prospects of legislation in coming session. The Premier's reply to aid in solving the problem of when the new Convention should be called.

The principal sentiment expressed was that the Service should *be prepared*.

### W. E. MEREDITH.

The death occurred on June 7th, after a year's illness, of W. E. Meredith, at his home, 472 Dovercourt Road, Toronto. Deceased was 66 years of age, and had been on the staff of the Toronto customs for over 30 years. He was most popular with the whole staff and was one of the hardest workers in the Toronto Customs Association, having been a member of the Executive ever since its inception. The funeral took place to Mount Pleasant cemetery on Saturday afternoon. A beautiful basket of roses was sent from the Customs Association, and a very large representation of the staff was present at the funeral.