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CIVIL SERVICE LEGISLATION.

Mr. Borden's intimation given early in January that there would be little or no civil service legislation at the present session has been somewhat contradicted (and that to the general satisfaction of civil servants) by the events of the past three weeks. No less than four most important acts have been introduced, three of them being of the nature which the situation most demands, namely, in the way of salaries augmentation. The outside customs staff, the railway mail clerks, and outside postal clerks generally, are to receive new salary scales that will represent in most cases considerable advances upon the old. The private secretaries' bill is to similar purport. The act enlarging the commission will not only greatly facilitate the workings of the controlling machinery of a large part of the service, but foreshadows the bringing of the outside branches at an early date under the merit system of appoint-

ments and promotions. With these bills by way of introduction, and with the Premier's promise, (already in process of fulfilment in the appointment of the Royal Commission) that the whole subject of the civil service would be dealt with comprehensively at an early date, there would seem grounds for faith in our future as a working class.

CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive was held on Friday the 23rd, 22 members being present. The President reported that the Memorial recently presented to the Premier had been taken up by the Public Service Commission. Two lengthy interviews have been held with that body and many of the matters set forth in the Memorial fully discussed. The Commission has shown the most sympathetic interest in the matters at issue from the view-point of the Service. Further interviews will be arranged as occasion arises. The Executive is most desirous of hearing the views of all members of the Service, individually or collectively, upon any question which might properly be submitted to the Commission. The Secretary announced the appointment to the Executive of representatives from the Department of Labor and the House of Commons Staff since the last meeting, and the Treasurer reminded the committee that all fees for 1911-1912 were past due and should be remitted as quickly as possible.

The delivery schedule of the Co-operative store is as follows:—

Centre Town, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m.; Glebe and Ottawa East, 9 a.m., 3 p.m.; Sandy Hill and Lower Town, 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Ottawa South, 9 a.m.; Rockcliffe and New Edinburgh, 11 a.m., 5 p.m.