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The Annual Convention. — Election of Officers. — Co-operation. — Changes in the Constitution. — Standing Committees.

The large attendance and the interest displayed in the proceedings were encouraging features of the annual convention of the Civil Service Association, held in the railway committee room of the House of Commons on the evening of the 6th instant.

President Kingston occupied the chair, and delivered an address outlining the work of the past year and touching, from a personal view-point, some of the questions which have to be dealt with during the coming year. The president stated that his address was intended as an expression of his personal views and not as a report of the executive, and it was formally adopted upon that understanding.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. M. D. Grant, as published in the last issue of THE CIVILIAN, was read and adopted. The report showed a membership of 2,027, and a balance on hand of \$310.20.

Three amendments to the constitution were adopted. The first provides for the election of the advisory committees in accordance with the classification of the new Civil Service Act. The second provides that the election of the Departmental representatives on the Executive shall be held within one week after the date of the annual convention. The third gives the Executive committee authority to invest such of its surplus funds as are not

required for current expenses with the Savings and Loan Society.

The question of Co-operation was discussed at considerable length. The feeling of the meeting was clearly in favor of the movement, which was vigorously espoused by Messrs. R. H. Coats, J. L. Payne and others. Messrs. A. G. Kingston and W. Kearns expressed their disapproval of the adoption of the principle of co-operation trading by the service, and the matter was finally referred to the Executive by the passing of the following resolution:

"This Convention directs the Executive committee, as soon as possible after entering upon its duties, to take into its earnest consideration the subject of co-operative trading; to study the whole question both in its financial aspects and in its probable bearing upon the higher interests of the civil service as a body; to lay down general principles for the future guidance of the Executive in approving or disapproving of any scheme for co-operative trading within the service which may be proposed from time to time; to frame regulations for the organization and carrying on of such as may be approved; and to define the relation of each to the Executive itself."

A feature of the election of officers was a spirited, but friendly, contest between Messrs. J. A. Doyon, of the