

on Thursday of last week, and was ably championed by the Ottawa members, Messrs. Fripp and McDougall, and by Mr. J. L. Payne, who was present on behalf of the society. Attorney-General Foy opposed the measure, however, basing his opposition upon the opinion, expressed by Dr. Howard Hunter, provincial superintendent of loans, to the effect that the principle of the bill constituted a violation of the provisions of the Loan Corporations Act. Mr. McGarry, M. L.A., South Renfrew, also opposed the bill for reasons somewhat indefinitely expressed. After an hour's hard fighting the bill was, at the suggestion of Messrs. McDougall and Fripp, referred to a sub-committee to report on Tuesday, the 6th instant.

At an informal emergency meeting, called by telephone, on Saturday afternoon last, and consisting of members of the C. S. executive and of the Loan Society executive, it was decided to send Mr. A. McNeill, Mr. J. L. Payne, and Mr. Alphonse Desjardins, President of La Caisse Populaire de Levis, to Toronto, for the purpose of urging the passage of the bill before the committee. The Civil Service Association was requested to send a telegram to Attorney-General Foy, and the following was subsequently sent by the officers:

Hon. J. J. Foy,

Attorney-General, Toronto, Ont.

Civil Service Association of Canada, numbering over two thousand two hundred Government Employees at Ottawa, earnestly begs your favorable consideration of bill to incorporate Civil Service Co-operative Loan Society. Situation here demands this legislation. We are convinced principles of society absolutely sound and identical with those of similar undertakings in Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and

United States, and in Quebec, which have proved remarkable agencies for good in the fight against usury. Objection can only be founded on misunderstanding, as bill is wholly in the public interest. If rejected, Government will impose severe check on movement of most worthy nature.

R. H. Coats,
Secretary.

A telegram was also despatched to Mr. Fripp, M.L.A., who has charge of the bill, directing his attention to the feeling which had been aroused by the opposition offered, and urging him to exert every possible effort to secure its passage.

Messrs. McNeill and Payne proceeded to Toronto on Sunday night, and on Monday the following telegram was received from them:

R. H. Coats,

Labour Dept., Ottawa, Ont.

After hard forenoon's work, compromise effected with Doctor Hunter, bringing us under General Act with limited capital. This quite satisfactory. Notify Desjardins unnecessary to come.

MCNEILL AND PAYNE.

Subsequently, on Tuesday morning, the following was received:

R. H. Coats,

Labour Dept., Ottawa.

Bill passed committee this morning in satisfactory form.

MCNEILL AND PAYNE.

Messrs. Payne and McNeill remained in Toronto for the further purpose of supporting a proposed amendment of the Companies' Act, which will facilitate the incorporation of distributive Co-operative Societies, and which will prove in the direct interests of the proposed C. S. Co-operative Distribution Society. No word had been received in this connection up to the time of going to press.