

NEWS OF THE OTTAWA ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the Executive of the Civil Service Association to receive reports from the various sub-committees was held on Friday evening, December 19th, and owing to the lengthy discussion which ensued, an adjourned meeting was held on Monday evening, December 22nd.

A deputation representing the proposed organization of the ladies of the service was received by the executive. The President, Mr. Paré, extended to the ladies a cordial welcome and expressed the hope that the united efforts of both organizations would result in obtaining better conditions in the service. Miss Tremblay, who is the prime mover of the new body, spoke on behalf of the deputation and at once launched into her subject. She assured the executive that the new organization was not to be a separate and distinct body, but a sister association affiliated under the provisions of Section 28 of the Constitution of the C. S. Association. The speaker very ably presented the ladies' views on all such questions as Superannuation, Insurance, the Second Division, etc., which at the present moment are matters of great concern to all lady workers in the service. Each of the several points was treated separately by the executive and a complete history of the attitude of the association on these matters was given to the ladies. It was agreed that a small committee of the executive would meet a similar committee of the ladies for the purpose of discussing the drafting of the constitution of the proposed association and other matters in close relation thereto. It is felt by the executive that the interest which the ladies of the service are showing in matters pertaining to the Civil Service marks the dawn of a new era in the history of this association; an era of renewed interest and of co-operation from every member of the service.

Very serious complaints were received of the condition of certain lavatories in the Canadian and Woods' building. The conditions which exist there are not only repellent and insanitary but are an absolute disgrace and an insult to all who must live under these roofs. The matter was referred to the Sub-Committee on Sanitation, and if matters are not remedied steps will have to be taken to draw the attention of the Public Health Officer to these deplorable conditions.

The Sub-Committee on Salaries, Organization and Promotions presented a very elaborate report dealing especially with the questions of promotions and salaries in their relation to the present high cost of living.

The regular meeting of the executive was held on Tuesday evening, December 30th.

Two reports from the Sub-Committee on the Third Division Question were read; one dealing with technical officers classified in the Third Division and the other with the Third Division question proper. In both reports it was proposed to abide by the principles of the Memorial of 1911, in respect to reclassification and recognition of the rights of certain of the Third Division clerks. The reports as submitted were adopted.

The next General Quarterly Meeting of the Association which according to the constitution should be held on the second Tuesday of January, has been deferred to the call of the chair. It is the intention of the executive to make the Third Division question a leading topic at this meeting, with a special invitation to Third Division employees to be present.

A special meeting of the executive will be held on Friday evening, January 9th, to consider the report of the Sub-Committee on Salaries, Organization and Promotions.

The clauses of Sir George Murray's Report in regard to technical officers and to private secretaries have been referred to the Sub-Committee on Salaries, etc.

The following sub-committees have been appointed for the year, viz.:

Audit.—Messrs. McNeill and Lindsay.

Third Division.—Messrs. Boag, McFarlane, O'Connor, Dorman, Beaubien, Way, and Dougan.

Superannuation.—Messrs. Coats, Drake, McGillivray, Shutt, Troop, Sheppard and Burks.

Salaries, Organization and Promotions.—Messrs. Drake, Hewitt, Code, Goodspeed, Lisle, Fowler and Foisy.

Civil Service Act, amendments to.—Messrs. Coats, Troop, Way, Beaubien, Lisle, and Foisy.

Sanitation.—Messrs. McNeill, Dick, Renaud, and Gulloch.

Insurance.—Messrs. Watson, MacCormac, and Lynch.

Membership and Representation.—Messrs. O'Connor, Conley and Sheppard.

Co-operation.—Messrs. Bolton, Coats, Way, and Foisy.

Publicity.—Messrs. Todd and Lisle.

Constitution.—Messrs. Troop, Burke, and Watson.

DR. MORGAN DEAD.

Distinguished Biographer, Archivist and Civil Servant.

Dr. Henry J. Morgan, one of the greatest authorities on Canadian biography, and the publisher of "Canadian Men and Women of the Times," died at Brockville on December 2th. He was born in Quebec City in 1842.