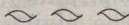


perience of civil service conditions—a civil servant, to wit, of understanding and experience. There are many who would fill the position admirably.



FEDERATION PLANS.

The Civil Service Federation has decided to postpone its convention this year until the autumn. Mr. Borden's assurance that it would be impossible to take up the Civil Service question at all comprehensively during the present session has suggested that it would be better to meet the Government later when the issue is under actual consideration. In the meantime an executive meeting of the Federation will be held on March 4 and 5, when the whole programme will be taken up with the Royal Commission.

COST OF LIVING.

Further Items About an Old But Ever-New Subject.

As to the maintenance of the fish supply, a recent bulletin of the Commission of Conservation Press Branch states the following:

"Hatching fish by artificial means to stock the waters of Canada is engaged in on a large scale by the Dominion Government. In 1909, the Dominion fish hatcheries planted no fewer than 1,024,282,000 fry in various waters throughout the country. In 1900, only 271,996,000 fry were planted by the Government fish hatcheries, so that the plant of young fish has increased by nearly 277 per cent. in the past ten years and the number of hatcheries has increased from 12 to 37, or 208 per cent. Of the 37 hatcheries now in operation, British Columbia and Quebec have 8 each, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario, 5 each;

and Manitoba and Prince Edward Island each have 3."

Says the Windsor *Record*:

"Before the cost of living can be reduced there must be more intelligent and more intensive farming. Right here in Essex there are to be found whole fields of shocked corn exposed to the elements. The weather has been so bad that the farmers have not been able to get this corn husked and marketed. Hundreds of bushels of potatoes were allowed to lie on the ground until they were ruined by the frost. Out in the West millions of bushels of wheat have not been threshed.

"This is nothing short of rank carelessness. Either the farmers are attempting to till farms that are too large for them to handle, or they employ wasteful methods."

Those who happened to miss the following despatch when published in the daily papers will be glad of the news it gives them.

"Washington, Jan. 28.—A nationwide investigation of the food supply of the United States, with special reference to the increased cost of living, has been inaugurated under the personal supervision of Commissioner of Labour Charles P. Neill. This inquiry will be the most comprehensive ever undertaken in this country, and will last for several months.

Experts will be sent over the country to visit fields, factories, and stores. Each important article of food will be traced from its beginning to the door of the consumer, and then the statisticians will prepare a report for the government, and the public."

At the request of the Public Service Commission the executive is preparing a list of those at present in the Third Division. Members of that division would do well to see their Departmental Representatives so that they may be sure that their names are included in the list.