

Inquiries Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, Chapter 104, Part I., and have power to summon witnesses, to require them to give evidence under oath, orally or in writing, or on solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and to produce such documents, records and things as the Commissioners may deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters which they are appointed to examine.

"The Minister further recommends that Alfred Bishop Morine, of the City of Toronto, one of His Majesty's counsel learned in the law, Guillaume Narcisse Ducharme, of the city of Montreal, banker, and Richard Stuart Lake, of Grenfell, in the Province of Saskatchewan, farmer, be appointed as such Commissioners; that the said Alfred Bishop Morine be the chairman of the said Commission; and that a Commission do issue to them accordingly conferring upon them the powers and duties aforesaid and such other powers as to Commissioners in the like cases by law appertain.

"The Committee submit the same for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,  
Clerk of the Privy Council."

### NEWS FROM OLD QUEBEC.

The branch of the Civil Service Association in old Quebec has done remarkably well last year; in fact its membership has jumped from 60 to over 400, comprising members from all Departments in the city and from the chiefs down.

The good example given by the Ottawa Association learned through the columns of *The Civilian* helped to a good extent to show such a fine result.

Until this year only a few members from certain branches had joined the Association which did not

show much vitality, but during the past few months there is more enthusiasm, and the consequence is that more benefits are derived therefrom.

The co-operative system is not yet organized, but if the membership increases in the same proportion this year it will soon come; in the meantime certain advantages in the way of special discounts or rebates when buying coal, dry goods, boots and shoes, furniture, drugs, etc., were offered to the members, who, in a general way, did not at first realize the benefits that could be derived therefrom, but now they gradually find that it is really advantageous to be a member, and it is calculated that the members, as a whole, have gained through special rebates during the year very near \$1,000.00, and this amount could have been doubled had every member taken advantage of the offers.

During the year a constitution was drafted, a mortuary fund established, and the organization completed.

The officers and directors elected in February last are the following:

Chas. E. Roy, Weights and Measures—*President*.

J. J. Battle, Post Office—*Treasurer*.

J. E. Philibert, Post Office; F. E. Kendalan, Post Office—*Joint Secretaries*.

J. Larochelle, Militia Dept.; Dr. J. E. Pagé, Detention Hospital; P. E. Guay, Customs Dept.; P. J. Mailloux, Marine and Fisheries; Jules Pothier, Public Works Dept.; J. Lavallée, Quarantine; Major N. Levasseur, Gas Inspection; R. Timmons, Inland Revenue; Dr. J. P. Lavoie, Immigration Dept.—*Directors*.

If all the civil servants of the city would join the Association much more good could be done to every one.

The annual meeting for the election of the officers will take place 1st week in February, and it is hoped the new officers will continue the work of their predecessors, and even do better.