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## The Civil Service Federation of Canada

### The call issued for a meeting to be held April 29th and 30th, 1900.

Final action has at length become possible in the very important matter of the formation of an organization to deal with interests common to the entire civil service of Canada. As is well known, the lead in the movement has been taken by the Ottawa Association, and the form of organization proposed is a federation of existing associations among civil servants. A provisional constitution for such a body was agreed upon some months ago. Since then the sub-committee having the matter in charge has been in constant communication with the outside organizations, upward of two hundred circulars and letters having first and last been sent out. Some fourteen of these bodies have expressed the fullest sympathy with the proposal, all or nearly all agreeing to send delegates to the initial meeting. At a special session of the local executive held on the 20th inst., it was accordingly resolved to issue a call for the first annual convention of the Civil Service Federation of Canada, to be held in Ottawa April 29th and 30th, 1909. The text

of the call is given in full on the following page.

If THE CIVILIAN'S foresight is to be trusted, this action marks the beginning of a new epoch in civil service affairs. The Federation can never achieve the ceaseless activity of discussion in open meeting possible to the local bodies. But its influence, though of a different order, and working in a different way, will be no less powerful, even from the most practical point of view. We do not hesitate to repeat and to emphasise the words of the call, to the effect that the underlying principle of the movement is the main consideration for the moment — that the spirit of unity and comradeship is so great a thing that to evoke it is to set in motion the strongest force in human affairs. Just as in Ottawa the month of April, 1907, saw the birth of a new spirit in the inside service, so we wish to go on record as predicting that the April of the present year will be remembered in days to come as the time when the service as a whole put off the garments of disorganization and half-hearted effort and put on those of brotherhood and right methods.