

CIVIL SERVICE DOINGS IN TORONTO.

By Wm. Christie.

A meeting of the Toronto Postal Branch, Civil Service Federation, was held on Sunday, Jan. 18, 1914, at which the report of delegates to the convention of the Civil Service Federation was presented.

Matters pertaining to the welfare of the service produced interesting discussion, followed by the annual election of officers: President, A. E. Crate; first vice-president, J. Snyder; second vice-president, Wm. Christy; secretary-treasurer, A. Murphy; executive, F. Ward, J. Naylor, E. Hynes, J. J. O'Connor, F. Graham, F. Davies, T. J. Christy.

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Saturday, Feb. 21, under the auspices of Toronto Postal Branch, Civil Service Federation, there was held, at the well appointed quarters of the Metropolitan Club, King street west, a well attended and enjoyable smoking concert.

The abundant talent from Toronto Post Office produced entertaining songs, music, recitations, three boxing bouts and two wrestling bouts. Mr. Holmes of the Customs Civil Service was the guest of the evening. When called upon for a speech he complimented those present upon the largest turnout of civil servants he had witnessed at Toronto, dwelt upon the necessity and advantages of united effort of government employees as in other callings, and gave a short résumé of Federation doings. The absorbing attention given to Mr. Holmes' brief remarks at a concert of this kind was surprising.

After three hours of enjoyment the hearty singing of the national anthem was followed by dispersal, and the boosters for the next Post Office smoker are legion.

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The presence of R. H. Coats, late energetic secretary of the Civil Ser-

vice Federation, and now member of the High Cost of Living Commission, in Toronto, afforded civil servants there an opportunity to meet him.

At the call of Mr. R. H. Holmes of the Customs service, a meeting was held in the Musicians' Temple, Tuesday, 17th inst., and considering the unavoidable short notice, was well attended. Mr. Coats, in his very interesting discourse, described the organization from its inception, the object and accomplishments of the Civil Service Federation. The various co-operative enterprises undertaken by Ottawa civil servants were described to the surprise of his auditors.

Mr. Coats spoke for an hour and a half, delivering the most entertaining lecture at which Toronto civil servants have ever gathered. The next time he passes this way and is so disposed he should be favored with a monster gathering.

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