

Annual Meeting of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa.

The annual convention of Advisory Committees of the Civil Service Association was held in the Railway Committee Room of the House of Commons on Tuesday evening, November 9, 1909. There were present over eighty delegates from the various Departments.

The meeting was opened at 8.15 p.m. by singing the National Anthem, in honour of the King's birthday. The Vice-President, Mr. G. S. Hutchinson, was in the chair, owing to the late bereavement of Mr. Doyon.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved, after which the Secretary presented the annual report of the Officers and Executive Committee, which on motion of Mr. Bronskill, seconded by Mr. Willoughby, was received and adopted. The Treasurer presented a report showing a balance of cash on hand of \$320.69.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. For the office of President, Mr. G. S. Hutchinson was nominated by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. Macoun. Mr. Hutchinson, however, declined the nomination, and Dr. J. G. Rutherford was nominated by Mr. Grierson and seconded by Mr. Lannigan, and there being no other nomination was declared elected. For the Vice-Presidency, Mr. A. E. Caron was nominated by Mr. Todd, and seconded by Mr. Bronskill, and declared elected. For Secretary, Mr. R. H. Coats was nominated by Mr. A. M. Payne, and seconded by Mr. Found. There being no other nominations he was declared elected. Mr. Wm. Ostrom was nominated for Treasurer by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Cottee, and there being no other nomination was declared elected.

The committee on the revision of the Constitution presented a draft

of certain amendments, and on motion of Mr. Ostrom, seconded by Mrs. Sutton, the meeting resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the proposed amendments. After considering the constitution, clause by clause, the committee reported the constitution with several amendments. On motion of Mr. Bronskill, seconded by Mr. Guay, the report of the committee was received and the constitution as reported adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Coats, seconded by Mr. Caron, that the meeting express its heartfelt sympathy with Mr. J. Doyon, the ex-President of the Association, in the bereavement which prevented his presence at the meeting.—Carried.

The following motion with regard to the reorganization was then made by Mr. Coats, seconded by Mr. Grierson:

That it be an instruction to the incoming officers and members of the Executive Committee to give their most careful consideration at as early a date as practicable to the question of Classification and Promotions under the Civil Service Amendment Act of 1908, and the regulations of the Civil Service Commissioners referring thereto; that these instructions have reference both to the broad effect of the new legislation above mentioned and to its bearing on the interests of particular classes and groups in the Service; and that on the completion of the Committee's investigation it embody the results in a report to be distributed for the information of the members and for the assistance of general discussion, the object being the adoption on the part of the Association of a sound and consistent policy on the very important points involved.

It was moved by Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Beard, that an honorarium of \$200.00 be granted to Mr. R. H. Coats, Secretary of the Association, for the services per-