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Interview of Civil Service Federation with the Prime Minister.

On the next following pages appears a copy of the memorial which a deputation representing the Executive of the C. S. Federation of Canada presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Friday the 10th inst.

The deputation was very cordially received by the Prime Minister and was in every respect a pronounced success. Replying to the representations of the delegates, Sir Wilfrid stated that he was beginning to think it a long time since he had last received a deputation from the service and that he was glad to be put in possession of their views as to their chief needs. He spoke encouragingly as to the outlook for better salary scales in the various branches of the outside service, and for a system of superannuation for all. In various matters of detail he asked for explanations, and in every way evinced an active and kindly interest in the welfare of the service. Incidentally he paid a high tribute to its general efficiency as an administrative body. Throughout he was appreciative and sympathetic.

The members of the deputation were: Dr. J. A. Smith, of Windsor, President; Mr. A. E. Morin, Montreal, Vice-President; Mr. R. H. Coats, Secretary; and Messrs. F. Allen, Ottawa; W. G. Jessop, Toronto; R. Colvin, Hamilton; J. A. Doyon, Ottawa; A. E. Giroux, Montreal; I. A. Belleau, Quebec, and R. W. Dillon, Ottawa. The speakers were Dr. Smith, who presented the memorial, and gave a brief outline of the general principles on which it was based. Mr. Colvin then spoke on behalf of the Customs service; Mr. Allen on behalf of the Post Office employees; Mr. Doyon for the Inland Revenue, while Mr. Dillon dealt with superannuation. All were brief and clear, and produced a decidedly favourable impression. Mr. H. B. McGiverin, M.P., introduced the deputation, bespeaking the interest of the Premier in the memorial. At the close Mr. McGiverin also made a strong speech in favour of superannuation, and on the whole the interview was a pronounced success, both in the manner in which the matter was presented and in which it was received by the Prime Minister.

The interview was preceded by a meeting of the Executive held in the Russell House on the evening of the 19th, in which the memorial which had previously been submitted to the various constituent bodies of the Federation for approval was given its final form. The meeting, though nominally one of the Executive, was attended by several interested in the work of the Federation, including Messrs. B. C. McCann, London; J. J. Flynn, Niagara Falls; F. Pattison, Bridgeburg; J. Plummer, Sault Ste. Marie; Mr. Henderson, Victoria, B.C., besides several members of the inside and outside service resident at Ottawa.

For the entire service,—with its varying necessities,—the outlook is most promising.