

AGAINST SPIRIT OF LAW CIVIL SERVICE REPORT ON METZ INVESTIGATION.

State Board Calls for Reclassification in Finance Department—Abuses Censured.

Albany, Jan. 10.—The Civil Service Commission tonight issued a special report on its investigation of the charges against Controller Metz by the Civil Service Reform Association.

The commission is signed by Commissioners Milliken and Brown. Commissioner Kraft presents a minority report.

Commenting on the Controller's statement that, other things being equal, he would appoint an organization man every time, and that if it was a violation of law it was a violation and not hypocrisy, the report caustically says: "The commission is unprepared to concede that the plain requirements of the constitution and the statute are a counsel of perfection which it is hypocrisy to attempt to enforce."

The first charge was of having violated the Civil Service law and rules in making appointments to office for political reasons.

In support of this charge the association presented lists showing that between January 1, 1906, and July 1, 1908, the Controller had made sixty-three appointments to exempt places of persons not at the time of their appointment already employed in the department, and of these sixty-three fifty-four were enrolled as Democrats, one as a Republican, one as an Independence Leaguer and one defectively enrolled.

Of these, one was the secretary of a district Democratic club and one was the son of a Republican State Senator from outside the City of New York. Of the fifty-four enrolled Democrats, forty-two resided in Brooklyn.

The commission took the testimony of several Democratic district leaders in Brooklyn, who testified that they had recommended appointments in the Controller's office to Senator McCann, and secured some of them without going to Mr. Metz's office. The commission also found that a large number of temporary expert searchers had been recommended by Democratic politicians and district leaders, and some had been recommended by Republican politicians and by private citizens.

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