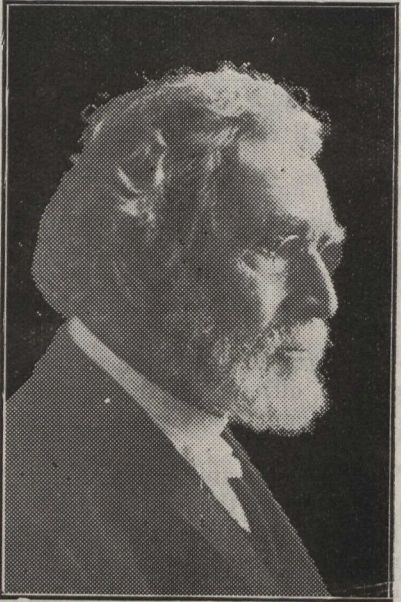


SAMUEL McLAUGHLIN.

Formerly Dominion Photographer,
Died in California.

Samuel McLaughlin, formerly Chief Photographer of the Dominion Government, passed away in California on August 26th, in his 90th year. A native of the North of Ireland, he came to Canada early in life



and established himself in Quebec as an expert chronometer adjuster and watchmaker. Although he first of all took up photographic work, at that time a novelty, as an amateur, his work was of such excellence that he was soon called upon to do the greater part of the photographic work for the Canadian Government, then located at Quebec. This was to become his life's work. On the occasion of the Canadian tour, as Prince of Wales, of his late Majesty King Edward VII, Mr. McLaughlin went as photographer to the party. In 1857 Mr. McLaughlin was sent to Ottawa by the Legislature from Quebec to take a series of photos of the sites of the new Parliament buildings here, forming a valuable historical record

of the Confederation era. In 1865, when the Capital was moved to Ottawa, Mr. McLaughlin came as the Federal Government's photographer. He remained in its service until 1891, when he was superannuated on account of his health. The evening of his life was passed in the salubrious climes of California. Mr. McLaughlin's death has robbed the service of one of its oldest members. Mr. Daniel McLaughlin now occupies his father's old position.

REFORM FOR THE OUTSIDE SERVICE.

Professor Adam Shortt, commissioner of the Civil Service Commission of Canada, has just returned from the United Kingdom. He has been making an extensive investigation into the workings of the inside and outside branches of the Civil Service of Britain, and has gathered much valuable information, which will be embodied in a report which he is preparing.

Referring to the question of appointments, he stated to a newspaper interviewer that in the outside service the influence of politicians had been completely eliminated in the appointment of postmasters, customs and inland revenue officials. In the staffs of these departments there was no interference on the part of members of parliament or local politicians. All appointments were settled by the various heads of departments in London, and the district inspector and Civil Service Commission system worked very well in all the centres visited. An extensive system of promotion exists in the postal and inland revenue branches, whereby officials from any part of the country are eligible for appointments in any other part of the country. "This shows the complete practicability of the efficient working of the service without political interference," said the commissioner.