

B.A., Dominion Trade Commissioner at Birmingham. The article is a reprint of an address delivered before the Institute at a meeting presided over by Lord Strathcona, who led the discussion at the close of the address. "We are under a great obligation to Mr. Mackinnon," said Lord Strathcona in part, "for all he has told us and for what he has shown us with regard to these and other fruits of Canada. He has described the spraying process, but he did not inform you that it is to his own inventive genius that we are indebted for the spraying apparatus now in use. Mr. Mackinnon is a modest man, who, when he has any duty to discharge, sets his wits to work to get rid of the difficulty and to make all the improvements which can be made. He is now, as you know, one of the Dominion Trade Commissioners stationed at Birmingham, and I am sure he will continue to do the same useful work that he has done in the past."

tive, executive. We hope that the time is not far distant when our Association will be fully eligible for full admission into the Federation.

We trust that the Convention will be an unbounded success.

STORIES IN FIGURES.

Toronto Leads as Postal Revenue Producer.

Toronto is by far the greatest single contributor to the postal revenues of the Dominion, as is pointed out in the Toronto Star. The report of the Canadian Postmaster General for the year ending March 31, 1909, shows the relative position in this respect of the great cities. This position is shown pictorially by the size of these mail bags.

The Postal Current, Official Organ of the Postmasters' Association, Approves of The Civil Service Federation:

The Civil Service Federation meets in annual session on the 21st instant at Ottawa. Some very important business will come up for consideration.

An invitation has been extended to the Canadian Postmaster Association to participate in the Convention. Our membership is so scattered and our committee live at such distances that it would be practically impossible to arrange for credentialled delegates. There has been no decision to attempt to send delegates as our General Committee has not met this year.

The different branches of the civil service have really more in common than the commission postmasters could have with any section of the service. We have several things in common with the outside service, but even they have such things as classes, promotions, examinations and superannuation, which we have not.

We all have the problem of the increased cost of living and we note that this is one of the questions which is to come up. What affects one affects all here. A statement is to be ratified showing the increased cost in ten years. It is now going on to eight years since we first based an argument on the advance in cost. The advance has been very marked since, so much so that it requires serious consideration.

The sharp advance is being felt by all branches of the civil service.

The question of perfecting organization within the ranks of the Federation will also come up. We are glad to see attention directed to this. We would gladly hasten, if we could, the time when there would be one grand Federation with a properly representa-



The relative standing of the places of smaller population is given in the following table:—

Ottawa	\$199,394
Hamilton	184,746
Quebec	152,324
London	141,985
Halifax	113,555
St. John	109,990
Calgary	99,070
Victoria	88,895
Regina	71,662
Edmonton*	67,713
Brantford	51,969
Brandon	48,307

"I want a few colored illustrations of beets and tomatoes."

"Life size?" inquired the artist.

"Catalogue size," replied the seedsman, with a significant smile.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"In the Spring," chants a parodist in the Boston Transcript, "the workman's fancy seriously turns to thoughts of strikes."

Where every man is for himself, leaving the devil to take the hindmost, the upshot usually is that the devil gets the whole procession.—Puck.