

**DR. J. A. SMITH, PRESIDENT
CUSTOMS ASSOCIATION,
BANQUETTED.**

The Savoy Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont., on the evening of April 6th, was the scene of an enjoyable gathering, when the Bridgeburg and Niagara Falls Associations of the Customs Federation gave a banquet and presentation in honour of Dr. J. A. Smith, the Collector of the Port of Windsor, and President of the Dominion of Canada Civil Service Federation.

The object of the presentation was to show the appreciation of these two frontier ports for the untiring services rendered by Dr. Smith. After the dinner, during which the Niagara Falls Guitar and Mandolin Club rendered numerous very enjoyable selections, Mr. Geo. E. Buckley on behalf of the two associations already mentioned, read the following address:

Dr. J. A. Smith,—

"We, a few of your numerous friends, take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the members of the Civil Service Associations of this district for your untiring efforts as our Federation President.

"We congratulate ourselves in having in you a representative so well qualified to look after our interests. Being as we are such a small part of the constituencies you represent, we cannot fully realize the work necessary to accomplish what you have already done. We feel confident that the whole Dominion of Canada Civil Service Federation join with us in expressing the hope that you may be our chief representative. As a slight token of our esteem we ask you to accept this travelling bag."

Signed on behalf of the Bridgeburg and Niagara Falls Associations.

F. T. PATTISON.	C. E. WILLCOX.
J. J. FLYNN.	G. A. CLARK.
W. F. WILLSON.	G. E. BUCKLEY.
J. B. STEPHENS.	

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 6th.

Dr. Smith made a very happy and felicitous reply, expressing his heartfelt thanks to the Associations of Bridgeburg and Niagara Falls for the able support they had given him and for the honour they had conferred on him in having him as guest at such a delightful gathering. He then went into detail, giving those present some idea of the difficulties of the work.

Following Dr. Smith's remarks, Toastmaster Mr. Arthur Boyle, Collector of Niagara Falls Port, read several letters of regret from the following gentlemen who although not present expressed their hearty appreciation of the efforts of the President of the Association: John McDougall, Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa; R. R. Farrow, Assistant Commissioner, Ottawa; S. W. McMichael, I.S.O., Chief Inspector, Toronto; Wm. M. German, M.P., Ottawa; Adam Zimmerman, Collector of Customs, Hamilton.

The out of town guests were: J. H. Bertram, Collector of Customs, Toronto; Robt. Holmes, Surveyor of Customs, Toronto; R. J. McCann, Appraiser, London; W. R. Davis, Surveyor, Hamilton; Thos. Clappison, Inspector, Hamilton; A. McKay, Inspector, Hamilton; Robt. Colvin, H.M.C., Hamilton; F. T. Pattison, Bridgeburg.

The toast list was disposed of in a very jolly and humorous style. The remarks of Messrs. J. H. Bertram, Robt. Holmes, Inspectors McKay and Clappison, and Messrs. Davis and McCann, in answering to the various toasts, were full of kind words to Dr. Smith and to the Association in general. Mr. W. R. Davis, Surveyor of Customs, Hamilton, made a special reference to the able assistance given Dr. Smith by Mr. F. T. Pattison, Secretary. Songs were rendered at intervals by Messrs. M. C. Goodsir, A. L. Current and A. C. Milne, while G. A. Clark gave a recitation. Prof. H. O. Budden of Niagara Falls acted as accompanist.