

Ordinary Members.

N. M. Mathé, Dept. of Public Works.

G. R. Nash, Dept. of Public Works.

H. A. West, ex-Indian Agent.

Outside Member.

Dr. D. H. Baird.

On Wednesday, the 27th instant, the Club lost one of its popular members in the death of Mr. A. T. Genest, C.E. A floral wreath was sent by the members.

The next monthly dinner will be held on Monday, Feb. 15th, at 8 o'clock.

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FESTIVITIES.

The 19th and 20th of January were red letter days in the Immigration Branch, Department of Interior. On the first mentioned day the ladies had their annual drive and dance at Aylmer, accompanied by many of the bachelor members of the staff. It was a most enjoyable evening. The weather was mild and the drive much enjoyed. Arrived at Holt's Hotel, dancing was begun at once and carried on briskly until midnight, when supper was announced. This was a merry and satisfying function.

The party arrived back in Ottawa at — a.m. (deleted by the censor.)

On Wednesday, the 20th, the more staid male members of the staff met at the Civil Service Club and sat down to a sumptuous dinner. Mr. E. Blake Robertson, Assistant Superintendent of Immigration, presided, and was supported by many of the "strong arm" members of the branch. After "The King" had been duly honoured, Mr. Robertson proposed "The Immigration Branch," which was very neatly replied to by the Civil Service poet, Mr. Thaddeus A. Browne. Mr. Browne also sang acceptably.

Songs were contributed by Messrs. Morriset and Murphy, and towards the close Mr. Charles Parkinson arrived and charmed the company with his tuneful ballads. Professor Tremblay rendered several of his piano compositions in his masterly style.

MORE EDMONTONIANS OFF TO THE FRONT.

If the loyalty of the customs officials in Western Canada were at all in doubt it is only necessary to state that out of the forty officers at Edmonton, up till the present time ten have joined the overseas expeditions to fight for their King and country, and several others are ready to take up arms should a further call be made. Indeed, in one particular instance a youthful aspirant to military honours has, for several weeks, been practising horsemanship in order to qualify for his particular regiment. Those now leaving from the port of Edmonton are: A. H. Elliott, as a captain; J. E. Lee, captain; J. C. Macquarrie, late of the signalling company of the 19th Alberta Dragoons, who, with the rank of lieutenant, will act as signalling officer; J. W. Duke, sergeant in the 3rd Mounted Rifles, to which regiment Philip E. Dennison will act as orderly room sergeant; also to which G. Edgcombe will be attached.

When the British were storming Badajoz the Duke of Wellington rode up, and, observing an artilleryman particularly active, inquired the man's name. He answered "Taylor."

"A very good name, too," said the Duke. "Cheer up, my men, our Taylor will soon make a pair of breeches in the walls!"

At this sally the men forgot their danger, a burst of laughter broke from them, and the next charge carried the fortress.