

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

The letter carriers of Canada have long been preparing a petition to the Government for an increase of pay and have compiled elaborate statistics to support their claim. The matter has now been placed before the Ministers and the prospects for the success of the movement are good.

In the House of Commons, Hon. E. L. Patenaude, acting Postmaster General, announced that the Government was considering the question of increasing the pay of the carriers.

COMMON GARDEN INSECTS.

Mr. Arthur Gibson, Chief Assistant Entomologist, Experimental Farm, Department of Agriculture, has prepared a very valuable work on Common Garden Insects and Their Control. This pamphlet has been written specially for the use of owners of small gardens and the cultivators of vacant lots, who in their endeavors to respond to the call for increased food production are certain to encounter difficulties from the attacks of insects which are liable to cause serious reduction in the amount of crop produced, unless remedial measures are undertaken.

The Circular No. 9, which may be had on application to the Department of Agriculture, gives in the simplest language the preventive and remedial measures which have proven satisfactory.

BATTERY MAY GO SOON.

The Civil Service Siege and Heavy Artillery draft now exceeds fifty rank and file and this opens a new possibility. The shipments of troops to England goes on unceasingly and a unit of this number may be called upon to leave at any time on very short notice. Lieut. MacCormac hopes to be able to give his men a week or

two's work with big guns before they go overseas, but may not have time for it.

Recent Civil Service enlistments include:

Fred. Taylor, Militia and Defence.

W. E. Sarazin, Militia and Defence.

W. F. Strutt, Customs.

E. W. Berry, Topographical Surveys, Calgary.

E. N. L. Reid, Post Office, Prince Albert.

The last named went overseas as an officer in an infantry battalion, was discharged for physical defect, came home, had an operation, recovered, passed the surgeons and enrolled as a gunner.

WHAT SIR EDWARD KEMP SAID.

Enlisted Civil Servants' Pay and Separation Allowance on the Orders of the Day.

Sir Edward Kemp (Minister of Militia and Defence).—The hon. member for Guysborough (Mr. Sinclair) and the hon. member for St. John (Mr. Pugsley) each asked questions yesterday, the first with regard to Civil Service enlistment and statutory increases of pay, and second with regard to Civil Service enlistments and separation allowance. The answer to these questions is as follows:

A civil servant who enlists receives full pay the same as if he were employed doing his Civil Service duties, provided always that his Civil Service pay is greater than that which he would draw as a soldier.

The Government has undertaken to see that a civil servant receives pay not less than what he would have received had he remained at home and had not enlisted. He does not, therefore, receive separation allowance extra, *but it is the intention that he shall receive the regular statutory increases provided he is receiving only one salary.*