

what you don't have as long as you don't spend what you do have. Can anything be more logical, I ask? If you keep your own money you have to live on other people's funds. When the day comes that I have to use my salary I am undone. Here is your dime back. Would you oblige me, however, by endorsing this little note for me? Thanks awfully. Good day. I would not think of charging a gentleman for answering little questions. Life is not meant for business, but for a reciprocity of pleasantries. Good day."

I turned to put some questions to the economical wonder of the civil service who was seated a moment before by the extravagant man, but just then a clock in the centre of the tent struck five and, before I could find my voice or my senses, the canvas was lifted as by some great, though silent, wind and carried skyward and northward, and I was alone in a corner of the exhibition grounds, wondering whether these things which I had seen and heard were actualities or not. They must have been real phenomena, for I found, when I counted my cash, that I had only thirty cents left. And yet, and yet, why should any civil servant in these sad days leave me while I had thirty cents in my purse?

MARITIME CUSTOMS ASSOCIATION.

The Maritime Provinces Association of Customs officers held their annual convention at Halifax on Sept. 6. The meeting passed a constitution and bye-laws and elected officers for the ensuing year. Delegates were also named to attend the annual convention of the C. S. Federation of Canada with instructions to discuss the various matters appertaining to the Customs Service. The next convention was fixed to be held

in Halifax in Sept., 1914. The officers elected at the meeting were:—

President, W. E. Spice, Aroostook, N.B.; vice-president, Edmund Hall, Halifax; secretary-treasurer, George Watt, Chatham; executive officers, Messrs. H. Lovett, Halifax; S. Harding, Yarmouth; Geo. A. Layton, Truro, and W. Taylor, Halifax.

Delegates to the C. S. Federation, Caleb Bill, Walter Taylor and Geo. Watt.

After business was concluded a supper was partaken of by the members present numbering nearly 100. A smoking concert followed and an enjoyable social evening was spent. The Halifax staff is noted for its talents as entertainers. The singing of Samuel Crawford and Messrs. Littler, Mooney and Colquhoun was far above the usual standard. Wm. Miller of the Halifax Customs staff brought down the house with his readings of "Spartacus to the Gladiators" and as an encore, gave the old favorite "Jim Bludsoe" in good dramatic style. All the visiting members were highly pleased with the concert and all present voted the occasion a great success.

It is probable that the association will hold more pleasant reunions, the last occasion being so very pleasant and successful.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

R. W. Stephens.

The death occurred in Ottawa on Thursday, Sept. 11th of R. W. Stephens, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Senate and Master in Chancery. Mr. Stephens was born August 3rd, 1839, entered the service 24th October, 1873 and was 74 years of age at the time of his death, being still actively engaged in his official capacity after 40 years of service. Mr. Stephens leaves a considerable estate.