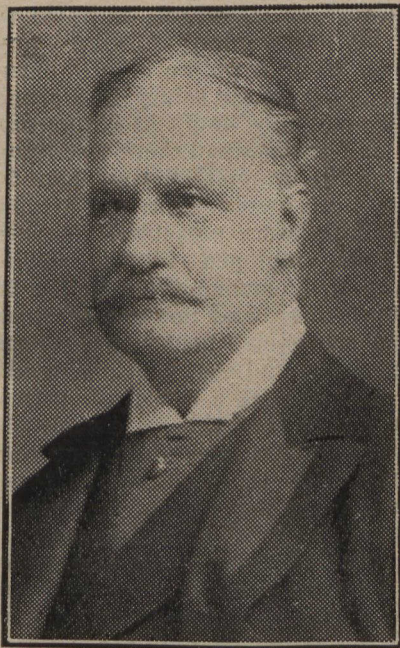


other actions of the conference were illegal, and to determine the status of the old Executive Board, has taken the matter into the courts for adjudication. In the meanwhile the affairs of the Association are tied up.

The officers elected were: President, M. P. ODonoghue; Vice-President, J. C. Robinson; Secretary, Edw. J. Cantwell; Treasurer, R. Stone Jackson.

Civilian Portraits.

On January 1st, 1910, one of the most respected of Canada's civil



LIEUT.-COL. FREDERICK TOLLER.

servants retired from active official life, in the person of Colonel Fred. Toller, Comptroller of Dominion Currency. Colonel Toller was born at Barnstaple, Devonshire, England, on the 21st June, 1841. He was educated at Christ's Hospital School, and began active life by entering

the service of the Bank of Bristol. Soon after he joined the staff of the Bank of B.N.A. in London, Eng., and was shortly after transferred to Victoria, B.C., as accountant. He married in 1871 the daughter of Z. Chipman, of St. Stephens, N.B. Leaving the bank, Col. Toller entered the Finance Department as private secretary to Sir Leonard Tilley, and afterwards became chief of the newly-formed currency branch of the department, with the title of Comptroller, which position he held until he retired on superannuation in January last, after spending thirty-eight years in the government service.

As Comptroller, Col. Toller had serious official responsibilities. He presided over a staff numbering thirty-five, and was the custodian of some \$150,000,000.00 in Dominion notes and securities. The staff of the Currency Branch parted with their late chief with many expressions of regret and appreciation of a long and pleasant association.

Col. Toller served his country in a military as well as a civil capacity. He joined the Bristol Rifles, England, in 1859. In 1865, on removing to British Columbia, he joined the Victoria Rifles. In 1875 he began a successful career in the Governor-General's Foot Guards, with which he was associated for twenty years, serving in important positions on the staff and as Brigade Major at various annual camps. He succeeded to the command of the regiment in 1892 and was transferred to the retired list in October, 1894. Colonel Toller is at present in England.

The new British House of Commons contains not a few ex-civil servants. Mr. Philip Snowden is one. Mr. John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Party since 1900, was for some years a Clerk in the House of Lords, and Mr. T. Gibson Bowles spent many years in the Inland Revenue Department, where he acquired some of the necessary apparatus for his able criticism in matters of finance.