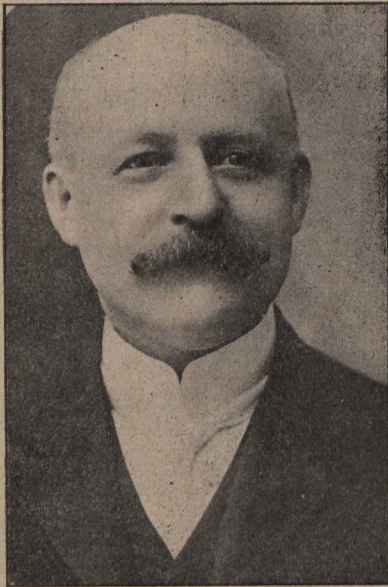


Civilian Portraits.

Dr. J. A. Smith, Sarnia.

The Presidency of the C. S. Federation is, no doubt, the highest office in the gift of the civil service. It represents the leadership of the service in matters which concern the service as a whole; and if class or sectional interests have still a tendency to bulk more largely than they should, this will correct itself in time. As the prin-



DR. J. A. SMITH.

ciple of reform extends within the service, and more and more are brought under the act of 1908, the Federation and its offices will grow in importance. Dr. Smith, of Windsor, Ont., was elected the first President of the Federation at the convention held at Ottawa in April last. He is the Collector of Customs for Windsor, a post to which he was appointed in 1903. Born in 1855 in the County of Oxford, he graduated at the Dental College, Toronto, in 1882, and subsequently practiced

dentistry in Toronto until 1884, when he removed to Windsor. He has taken an active part in municipal affairs, having served on the School Board, the Water Board, the City Council, and as License Commissioner, being Chairman of the License Commission for ten years. For seven years he was a member of the Board of Directors and Examiners at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto. These activities Dr. Smith exchanged on entering the civil service for a strenuous campaign of organization among the customs officers of Ontario. The result of that movement was the formation of the Customs Mutual Benefit Association of Ontario, an order which is now extending into the other provinces, and is at the moment formulating its views with regard to the special questions now confronting that portion of the outside service. Dr. Smith was until recently President of this body. His election to the Presidency of the Federation was in recognition of the good work he has done in spreading the principles of organization in the outside service and in harmonizing the points of view of separate interests whereby the Federation was made possible.

Singular Plurals.

Remember though box in the plural makes boxes,
 The plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes ;
 And remember, tho' fleece in the plural is fleeces,
 The plural of goose is not geese; or geeses ;
 And remember, though house in the plural is houses,
 The plural of mouse should be mice and not mouses ;
 Mouse it is true in the plural is mice,
 But the plural of house is houses not hices ;
 And foot it is true in the plural is feet,
 But the plural of root should be roots and not reet.

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