

Personals.

The engagement is announced of William Sydney Hamilton Bernard, of the Department of the Interior, to Lucy, daughter of the late Robert Manning, of Woolfardisworthy, Devonshire, Eng.

C. H. Payne, private secretary to Sir George Foster, and E. B. H. Wright, of the Department of Trade and Commerce, are accompanying the Dominions Royal Commission party, now commencing its tour of Canada.

Sergt. George Kennedy, of the Dominion Police, who has been in charge of the detachment at Halifax for several years, returns to Ottawa this month. He is relieved by Sergt. Helmer.

Dr. Otto Klotz will represent Canada at the International Seismological Congress in St. Petersburg.

George H. Barr, of the Dairy Branch, has returned from a Western trip.

J. W. Callaghan, of the Department of Customs, has been on a trip to Prince Edward Island.

A. D. Cartwright, secretary of the Board of Railway Commissioners, is recovering from a severe illness from ptomaine poisoning.

T. J. Code, Assistant Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, has been off duty on account of illness.

E. R. Cameron, of the Supreme Court, and Mrs. Cameron, are in England.

Miss Chartrand, of the Department of Militia and Defence, spent her vacation at Old Orchard Beach, Me.

M. G. Laroche, Civil Service Commissioner, sailed for France on a long-anticipated pleasure trip, but on landing found the nation plunged into war.

Major C. Frederick Hamilton, Assistant Controller of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, has been appointed censor of the cable and wireless telegraph services.

Obituary.

Thomas Sloan, for twenty-seven years an employe of the Government Printing Bureau, died on July 21st, aged sixty-eight years. He was a native of Willage, England. His widow and one sister survive.

Marie Josephine Martineau, of the Department of Railways and Canals, and daughter of the late ex-Mayor Martineau, of Ottawa, died on July 23rd, after only a week's illness. She leaves two brothers and two sisters.

Rev. H. I. Allen, a superannuated Methodist minister, who died in Ottawa on August 1st, was the father of Ernest H. Allen, of the Department of the Interior.

Edith Florence, daughter of John

Byrnes, of the Department of Trade and Commerce, died at her parents' home on July 23rd, after a brief illness.

George Olivier, of Hull, who passed away suddenly on July 18th, was a brother of Fred A. Olivier, of the Post Office Department.

Frederick George Dundas Durnford, formerly of the Department of the Interior, died at Fort George, B.C., on June 8th, aged fifty-seven years.

Word is received of the death at New Westminster, B.C., on July 31st, of the wife of F. H. Cunningham, Chief Inspector of Fisheries in British Columbia.

Athletics.

By the time this article appears in print the hard-fought Civil Service baseball series may have been decided. That is, if Customs defeats Interior on Thursday, Aug. 6th. If, on the other hand, Interior wins, this will necessitate another game to decide the championship.

At this writing the standing of the League is as follows:—

	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
Customs	6	1	1
Interior	5	2	1
W. Block	5	3	0
Trans. Ry. . . .	2	6	0
Post Office . . .	1	7	0

If Interior play as well as they did in their match on July 27, against West Block they will stand a good chance of "getting in the final." In that contest, West Block only scored in one inning, the final score being 4-1. Vogan was invincible and received air-tight support.

The following day Post Office recorded their only victory of the season, when they downed Transcontinental Railway.

It has been, on the whole, a good season. At least the quality of ball has improved.

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The Civil Service supplied many of the oarsmen who competed at the recent Canadian Henley at St. Catharines. That veteran all-round sports-