

**Superannuations.**

E. J. Delaney, post office, Halifax; Fred Mason, Inland Revenue, excise officer, Perth; Michael F. Johnson, letter carrier, Montreal post office.

**Leave of Absence.**

P. M. Baldwin, asst. editor to the Conservation Commission, granted leave of absence for 6 months, without pay, to complete his course at Queen's University.

R. J. McDiarmid, Dominion Astronomical Observatory, nine months, without pay, to complete astronomical research work at Princeton University.

**Obituary.**

Mrs. Parkinson, wife of Inspector Parkinson, of the Dominion Police, died on October 12th, aged forty years.

Thomas Walsh, of the Post Office Inspector's office at St. John, N.B., died recently.

**General.**

L. J. Latour, of the Department of Public Works, was married at the Archbishop's Palace, Ottawa, on October 20th, to Mrs. A. Dumoulin. The ceremony was performed by Mgr. J. O. Routhier. Previous to the ceremony Mr. Latour was presented with a purse of gold by his friends and fellow employees in the Public Works Department.

The Niagara Falls "Review," of October 14th, says: "Immigration Inspector Malcolm B. Scarth passed through Niagara Falls last night. Mr. Scarth was accompanied by Mrs. Scarth, formerly Miss Agnes Baker, of Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Scarth are on their honeymoon, and the staff at Niagara Falls gave the inspector and his charming bride a hearty greeting."

Arthur Webster, of the Post Office Department, was married on October 10th to Miss May McAllister, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. P. Boshart.

Robert Bruce has returned to his regular post as immigration officer at the upper bridge, Niagara Falls, after a season as inspector at Allschott. When he arrived on duty he was formally presented with a large bouquet of Scotch thistles by his colleagues. There being a genuine honour underlying the humorous presentation, like a truly heroic Robert Bruce, the recipient accepted the bouquet with seeming gravity—and a merry twinkle in his eye.

W. E. Tupper, inspector of subsidized steamships, Department of Trade and Commerce, will represent the Department in Montreal in connection with the forwarding of the gifts of Ontario farmers to war-stricken Europe.

Allan Johnson, son of J. E. Johnson, railway mail clerk, of Calgary, formerly of London, has gone to the front with the Army Service Corps.

Major R. W. Leonard, of St. Catharines, lately Commissioner of the National Trans-

continental Railway, has given \$5,000 to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the purpose of purchasing a motor ambulance.

Bruce McGregor Caldwell, the "six-foot-three" giant of the New Brunswick Railway Mail Service, is as big in patriotism and determination as he is in stature. When the recruiting officer in Fredericton told him that he was "too old" to be enlisted, Caldwell hied himself away to Ottawa, and there so impressed the "men higher up" with his fitness that he was accepted and placed in the Postal Corps.

Lawrence J. Burpee, secretary of the Canadian section of the Joint High Commission, has a new book entitled "Among the Canadian Alps," appearing shortly. It is a volume of travel and description of the Rockies and Selkirks.

**Athletics.**

The war has certainly had its effects on athletics, not only in Canada, but elsewhere. It seems impossible to get up much enthusiasm for football, or anything else, when the more serious affairs of life are so much in the foreground. Then, again, many of the leading players have gone to the front, and each of these had a certain number of followers, whose interest in the game is bound to slacken in the absence of their hero.

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This waning of public interest during war time will also be apparent when the hockey season arrives. Many of the leading players will be absent. That well known promoter and expert player, Frank Patrick, the artificial ice rink magnate, has shown his patriotism right at the opening of the season. Patrick, although he held an officer's commission in a British Columbia regiment, has resigned this in order to go to the front in the ranks.

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The Ottawa Lawn Bowling Club has elected officers as follows:—

President—W. T. Urquhart, Customs.

Vice-president—J. A. Watson, Customs.

Secretary—John McJanet.

Chaplain—Rev. Dr. Milne.

Rink Committee—The President, E. A. Thomas, Labour; J. B. Baird, W. A. Warne, Trade and Commerce; W. Linegar.