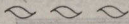


The late session of Congress was fruitful also in more ways than the above. The House of Representatives committee on reform in the civil service held a number of public hearings. At these hearings conditions in the postal service, particularly as to hours of labor and organizations of employees, the question of removal and the problem of superannuation and retirement were gone into. Representatives of the post office department and of the employees appeared and a mass of interesting testimony was given. Fortunately both in Canada and the United States, the worst that is promised by the decrease of the legislative bodies is a period of delay. The matters have certainly not been dropped.



#### FIRE DRILL FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A recent Washington despatch reads: "A dozen fire bells rattled and clanged all over the Department of Justice at eleven o'clock today, fire extinguishers were jerked from their places, lengths of hose were unrolled, exits were opened, and about 300 officers and clerks ran from the building to see the Attorney-General standing on the front lawn, watch in hand, timing the performance. It was the first fire drill since the department was equipped with electric alarms some time ago. The Attorney-General said the building had been emptied in less than a minute. Frank Cole, the attorney-general's private secretary, remained behind to gather up some confidential documents, and was theoretically burned to death. He was back 'on the job,' however, a few minutes later. Every one else got out safely."

Ottawa departments do not seem as afraid of fire as they are in Washington. Yet we have some pretty crowded work rooms and some decidedly dangerous exits.

#### OUTSIDE SERVICE PORTRAITS.

Mr. Fred. M. Journeaux, Collector of Customs, at Ottawa, is the youngest son of Jersey Island Huguenot parents, who settled in Canada in 1855. As a newspaper man in his early life, he took a keen interest in municipal affairs and was a representative of Central ward in the city council for several years. He was a strong advocate of the Municipal



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Electric Light system, and voted to submit the Board of Control project to the ratepayers. It was on his initiative that the big Dominion Day celebration was held in the Capital in 1904, and he was chairman of the committee. He has been connected with the Central Canada Fair Association and was one of the founders of the Ottawa Horse Show Association, holding the office of hon. secretary in the latter organization. He was for several years vice-president and for three terms served in the