

—and “sniff.” It can’t do you any harm, and may do you much good.

New appointments to the Immigration staff at Niagara Falls include W. S. Homan and F. J. Gribble. The former succeeds M. C. Goodsir as assistant chief inspector.

### FAREWELL DINNER AT OTTAWA TO MR. FRANK CREAN.

On Thursday, Jan. 23rd, a farewell dinner was tendered to Mr. Frank J. P. Crean, late of Railway Lands Branch, a former director and one of the most popular members of the Civil Service Club, by a number of his friends, about 25 of whom were present and spent a very pleasant evening. Mr. C. B. Burns occupied the chair, with Mr. Lucien Bance in the vice chair. Mr. C. H. Parmalee proposed the health of Mr. Crean, who made a reply most feeling and at the same time extremely witty as usual. He wished the club every success, and will continue as an outside member. He strongly endorsed the remarks of Dr. Thompson, M. P., at the club dinner of the previous Saturday.

The chairman presented Mr. Crean with a pipe on behalf of those present.

Mr. Crean is leaving the service to accept a lucrative appointment in Calgary.

### RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS.

A deputation representing the railway mail clerks waited on the Postmaster General on Wednesday, 15th January to ask for changes in the service. The deputation consisted of Messrs. D. J. Walker, W. J. Ramsay, and W. G. Jessop, of To-

ronto District; and C. B. Hathaway, of London. Accompanying the delegates were a number of members of Parliament who took this means of showing their sympathy with the objects sought by the service. Among these were Hon. A. E. Kemp, Sir Edmund Osler, M. J. A. M. Armstrong, Mr. Hugh Clark, D. J. W. Edwards, Mr. J. A. Currie, Mr. T. J. Stewart, and others. Accompanying Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Postmaster General, in receiving the delegates were Dr. R. M. Coulter, Deputy Postmaster General; Mr. Hector B. Verrett, assistant deputy; and Mr. B. M. Armstrong, Controller of Railway Mail Service.

A memorial setting forth the requests of the railway mail clerks was submitted and was discussed in a manner which indicated that the merits of the service were generally recognized. The Postmaster General promised attentive consideration of the case submitted. While the reply of the minister was formal something of a more specific nature has developed since the estimates were laid on the table of the House of Commons in which there appears an increase in the salaries of the Railway Mail Service from \$843,000 to \$1,034,000 being an advance of \$191,049, or about 23%, compared with an increase of only \$80,000 for the year 1912-13.

The delegates though few in number represented all the divisions of the Mail Service. Their requests, it is understood, were for necessary important improvements in the service, and also for an increase of the maximum salary from \$1,400 to \$1,800 and a yearly increase at the rate of \$100 per year to the older clerks such as is now given to the juniors.

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