

General.

W. A. D. Baby has been appointed collector of Inland Revenue at Hamilton, vice W. F. Miller, promoted.

Major E. L. Heath, for thirty-seven years on the Customs staff at Brantford, has retired on superannuation.

H. Hartley, of the Post Office Department, has returned from England.

W. C. Treanor, of the Commissioner of Lights Office, Department of Marine and Fisheries, has been elected an associate member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, London, England.

J. W. Pugsley will hereafter be entitled "Secretary" of the Department of Railways and Canals.

A. C. Tremain Sheppard, of the Geological Survey, was married by H. E. Benoit, in Montreal, on December 7th, to Lillian A., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Meservey.

J. B. Harkin, chief of the Parks Branch, addressed the Civic Federation Congress in Washington.

William Vert Webster, of the Department of the Interior, was married at the Church of the Transfiguration, New York, on November 17th, by Rev. G. C. Houghton, to Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hewitt, of Ottawa.

Obituary.

Charles Huband, record officer of the Board of Railway Commissioners, died on November 25th, after a month's illness, aged forty-five years. His widow and three sons survive.

Edward J. Sacco, Inspector of Immigration, died in Toronto on November 28th, aged sixty-eight years. He was formerly on the staff of the University of Toronto. He leaves a widow and one son.

A brother of Louis de Noailles, of the House of Commons staff, whose death in battle was recorded in our last issue, has also fallen fighting in defence of his native land.

James H. Elliott, formerly of the Post Office Department, died on December 2nd. Mr. Elliott was born in England, served in the 60th Royal Rifles, came to Canada in time to serve against the Fenians, located in Ottawa in 1872, and was long connected with the Governor General's Foot Guards. Two of his sons are with the army in France.

Mrs. N. Bates, mother of Miss Lydia Bates, of the Department of Public Works, died suddenly at the family home at Easton's Corners on November 29th.

Every married woman knows that her husband would certainly appreciate her if he had to live with some other woman for a little while.

Athletics.

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Alfred Shrubbs, the famous runner, lately coach at Harvard, is in Canada, en route to England, where he will enlist.

Coo Dion, the Ottawa hockey star, is a lieutenant in the 23rd Battalion (Montreal) which leaves shortly for England.

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"Socceritis."

The above is the name coined for the British football "disease." Regarding it a contemporary says:—

"The greatest obstacle in the way of recruiting in Britain is football. Out of 15,000 spectators at a London game not a single one was secured for the army. At Nottingham, 7,000 spectators refused to listen to the recruiting officers, while at Brighton no volunteers were in evidence. As a matter of fact, football is one of the causes of Britain's great nuisances at all times, as it has become a vehicle for gamblers and gambling on a colossal scale."