

have an opportunity of defending himself.

"Mr. Monk. But you did not observe it.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier. I beg my hon. friend's pardon. We said in 1896 that no man should be dismissed unless he was first given the opportunity of being heard."

Hon George E. Foster, dealing with this point, said:

"I agree with my right hon. friend (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) that a civil servant becomes an offensive partisan when he becomes an active worker or an active talker in the strife between the parties. The whole point seems to me to be what evidence is sufficient to convict a man of having taken that offensive part. One kind of evidence may be necessary in one case and another kind of evidence in another case; the point is not so much how the evidence is to be obtained as the quality and sufficiency of the evidence itself. Sometimes you may require an examination in order to find out. There are other cases, as that cited by my hon. friend by my side, when it does not require that, but when a minister of the Crown or a member of parliament knows of his own knowledge of the case and takes the responsibility for it. I think that goes far enough and there is no necessity to go beyond that and hold an expensive or tedious or litigious investigation. I think the common sense of the House and of the country would support an opinion of that kind."

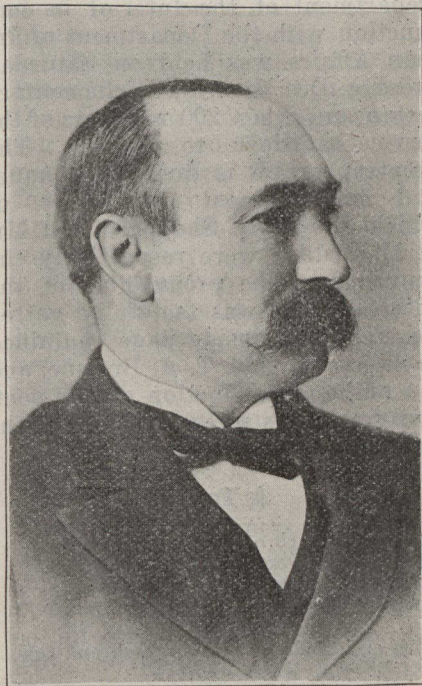
#### Extension of Civil Service Act.

Concerning the Outside Service the Prime Minister said:

"For my part, I hope the day may come, and in the not distant future, when the Civil Service Act may be extended to a portion at least of the Outside Service, and I hope eventually, as fast as it can be reasonably done, to the whole of the Outside Service.

#### OUR OUTSIDE SERVICE PORTRAITS.

Mr. David Creighton, Assistant Receiver General, at Toronto, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1843 and came to Canada with his parents in 1855. His early life was spent in journalism. For many years he edited the Owen Sound "Times." In



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1887 he was commissioned by Sir John A. Macdonald to promote an official organ in Toronto, and thus he founded the "Empire" which merged with the "Mail" in 1895.

Mr. Creighton had a long career in politics. From 1875 until 1890 he represented the constituency of North Grey in the Legislature of Ontario. In 1895 he was appointed to his present position, under the Department of Finance.

Mr. Creighton is an Anglican and in 1875 was married to Miss Jane K. Kramer.

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