

H. E. Hawken, Gordon Rogers and W. R. Burrill. Mr. Arthur Dorey presided at the piano.

In according a vote of hearty appreciation to the committee, Messrs. Genest, Batterton, Esdale, Masson and Traversy, at the close of the evening, the chairman voiced the unanimous sentiment of those present that so successful and thoroughly enjoyable an occasion must be made an annual fixture in the calendar of the Department of the Interior.

## Personal.

### General.

Miss Gladys McIntyre of the Public Works Department was operated on for appendicitis on the 14th inst. She is now convalescent.

Mr. P. J. Connolly, Trade and Commerce, has been granted three months leave of absence on account of ill health.

Miss M. E. Fleming, Miss Caroline Blair and Miss H. M. Jones have been appointed to Sub Division B of the 3rd Division Annuities Branch, Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Frank Shannon of the Refunds Branch, Customs, is once more back at work. While on his holidays in Saskatchewan, he developed typhoid, but got through without mishap, and has returned, looking none the worse.

A pretty silver tea set was presented to Miss Hattie Scott by the members of the Department of Customs on the occasion of her recent marriage.

Mr. E. H. Laschinger, Assistant Deputy Post Master General has been confined to his house through illness.

Mr. John Chisholm, barrister, of the Department of Justice, has been appointed to sub division A of the first division. Mr. Chisholm one of the legal officers of the Department.

Mr. Thomas McCabe, one of the oldest employees of the Patent Office, Agriculture Department, died November 25th.

Mr. G. A. Gay, Marine & Fisheries, died Sept. 30th, 1909.

### Promotions.

Railways and Canals:—A. H. McKee, 2 B. to 2 A.

Marine and Fisheries:—C. H. Godin, 2 B. to 2 A; F. J. Boulay, 3 B. to 3 A.

Justice:—J. Chisholm, 1 B. to 1 A.

### Appointments.

Interior:—Miss E. Rock to Division 3 B.

Marine and Fisheries:—A. Boyle has been appointed Accountant of the department and placed in division 1 B.

Mr. J. Benoit has been appointed to Division 3 B.

Commander J. D. D. Stewart, Lieut. Richard M. T. Stephen, and Staff Paymaster Percy J. Ling, have been added to the Naval Staff.

### Death of Hugh Fletcher.

Though the death of Hugh Fletcher the Geological Survey lost one of its oldest and most respected officers. He was born in London, England, of Scotch parents, in the year 1848. At the age of 12 he came to this country with his father, a well-known mining engineer. His education was received at Toronto University where he took a brilliant course. For more than thirty years he has been an accepted authority on the geology and mineral resources of Nova Scotia, more particularly as regards coal and iron. Writing in the Canadian Mining Journal, Mr W. R. Brock, Director of the Geological Survey says of Mr Fletcher's work:—

"Like that of many other strong men, the value of his work is in the inverse ratio to the number of printed pages describing it. The greater part is represented graphically on the maps which he made, Mr. Fletcher being a strong believer in this method of recording information and presenting it to the public. The long list of maps prepared under his hand on a scale of one mile to an inch, with every feature shown, accurately located, and in greater part from original surveys by Mr. Fletcher, evidences the patient, pains-taking, untiring work of this geological explorer. These maps are accepted as standard for geographical features, as well as for geological. During his long life of active research in Nova Scotia he steadily acquired a mass of detailed information concerning this province, so that his knowledge of it became encyclopaedic. He was ever ready to give the benefit of his knowledge and experience to any enquirer. Probably the most valuable of all the assistance the Survey can render is not that given through the printed report, but that furnished by officers in the field to individuals on the ground. In Mr. Fletcher's case his assistance was cheerfully accorded, and to an unusual extent.

"As his active field life was spent wholly in Nova Scotia it is there that he and his work were best known. The high estimation in which both were there held would amply re-