

great army of workers which, from its headquarters in Ottawa, reaches out, through the various provinces to the furthestmost settlements within the Dominion. The feeling evinced in all quarters seemed so spontaneous, and has since proven so persistent, that we feel we cannot delay any longer informing you of it.

Such is our object in forwarding this address, and we sincerely hope that you will accept the accompanying gift as a token of the most grateful feelings of your former employees.

In case there should arise some doubt as to the opportuneness of such a course, which is, we must aver, an unusual one, we may be allowed to say that it at once suggested itself to us as amply warranted by the particular kindness and concern for the welfare of all invariably shown by you in the discharge of your duties, and to which our whole staff will readily bear testimony.

Referring to the many benefits accruing to us from such friendly and paternal foresight on the part of the Minister, we may be pardoned for pointing out in the first place those of a more immediate and practical kind, which have meant to us greater comfort in our homes and greater protection against the contingencies of life.

But there are further benefits of the moral and social order which should not be overlooked. It goes without saying that the reliance and heartiness shown in your dealings with the men exerted an uplifting influence over the whole service, inspiring each of us with greater zeal and desire for thoroughness in the performance of the daily tasks, thus materially increasing the general efficiency of the staff.

Then again, if the Postal Service, as acknowledged by all, must be ranked as a powerful and indispensable factor in the progress of civilization, through the ceaseless forwarding and distributing of written and printed matter which it makes possible the world over, thus enlarging the scope

of the activities of the human brain and will, it follows that by sedulously watching over the welfare and promoting the usefulness of the staff, you not only developed the helpfulness of a great State Department, but added fresh stimulus to the forward march of Society as a whole.

You may rest assured that we, your humble fellow workers in that great undertaking, shall follow you with the kindest thoughts in your new calling, cherishing a sweet and affectionate remembrance of your too short stay in our midst.

A l'honorable Louis-Philippe Pelletier, Juge de la Cour Supérieure, Québec.

Honorable monsieur,—

Le personnel des divers bureaux et services composant l'administration postale du Canada apprenait avec surprise et chagrin, il y a quelques mois déjà, que vous cessiez d'être son ministre, et même de siéger au Conseil d'Etat, pour accepter une charge de judicature.

Cette décision inattendue a provoqué une expression générale de profond regret au sein de ce vaste corps administratif qui, à partir de la capitale, rayonne à travers toutes les provinces, et pénètre dans tous les recoins habités du Dominion. Telle a été la spontanéité, telle a été la persistance avec laquelle ce sentiment s'est manifesté depuis de toute part, que nous croyons ne pouvoir plus longtemps différer de vous en instruire.

Nous le faisons sous la forme tangible, quoique insuffisante, de cette adresse, et d'un humble don que vous voudrez bien accepter en souvenir de vos fidèles et reconnaissants employés.

C'est là une démarche inusitée, et peut-être vous causera-t-elle quelque étonnement. Mais songez que par votre affabilité, votre bienveillance, dont tous ont eu des marques sensibles, vous avez touché, vous avez gagné les cœurs.

Vous nous pardonnerez peut-être si, entre les effets de cette prévoyante