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## A Fortnight of Events.

It never rains but it pours: and the past fortnight has seen more in the way of "events" for the civil service than have several months previously.

First, there were the salary increases and Civil Service Act amendments foreshadowed in the Hon. Mr. Fisher's resolution of the 8th inst. The text of the resolution follows:—

That it is expedient to amend the Civil Service Act by providing for the appointment of temporary clerks for the compilation of any decennial census, who may be employed for a period not exceeding three years, and who shall be eligible for the annual statutory increases provided by the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908; by providing that the salary of a temporary clerk employed under section 23 of the said Act shall not be greater than the minimum salary authorized for subsection B of the second division, subject to be increased as authorized by section 33 of the said Act; and for the payment to collectors of customs of a salary not greater than \$4,500 per annum; and for the payment of officers of inland revenue salaries not greater than the following maximum, viz.: inspectors, \$3,200; collectors, \$2,800; deputy collectors, \$2,200; accountants, \$1,800; special class excisemen, \$2,500; first, second and third class excisemen, \$1,500; probationary excisemen, \$600; stenographers and typewriters, \$700; messengers, \$800; and for the payment of officers of the Post Office Department, as follows, viz.: Post Office inspectors on appointment, \$2,500, with an annual increase to a maximum of \$3,500; assistant post office inspectors and superintendents of the Railway Mail Service on appointment, \$1,600, with an annual increase to a maximum of \$2,500, and to authorize the increase to the minimum of the salary of any such officers whose salary is at present less than the minimum; and assistant postmaster, on

appointment, a salary of not less than \$1,100 and not more than \$2,800, and that the said salaries and increases shall be payable as from the first day of April, 1910.

On the same date a most important statement was made by the Postmaster General with regard to the increases he proposes to grant to the outside employees of the Department and the extension of the Act of 1908 to the outside branches of the Department. Details of this will be found on another page.

On the 13th instant the Bill founded on the resolution above was introduced by Mr. Fisher. A reference to the debate, and the text of the main clauses of the Act are printed elsewhere. Mr. Lemieux also advanced his matter a stage on the 13th.

As a breaking of the ice in the matter of the general increase to the outside service, the above will, we believe, be accepted with universal approval.

Meanwhile the Superannuation Bill which stands in the name of Senator Power is, we understand, taking form satisfactorily.

Finally, the closing days of the fortnight sees the C. S. Federation in annual session — the premier organization of the service. Our issue goes to press at too early a date to deal with its proceedings, though we have printed as much matter pertaining thereto as was possible. That it may succeed in the many important problems to which it has set its hand, and draw still closer the bonds of good-fellowship between all branches will be the sincere desire of every well-wisher of the service.