

ized by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons in the following words: "He was one of the finest characters I ever knew; and of all the able men who have filled the position of Military Secretary to the Governors-General of Canada, I do not know of any one who performed the duties of that responsible position more efficiently or who more thoroughly endeared himself to the Canadian people, than did Colonel Farquhar."

Col. Farquhar is the third member of the Governor-General's household to lay down his life on the field. Major Rivers Bulkely, of the Scots Guards, formerly comptroller of the household, was blown to pieces by a shell while in action with the British, while Capt. Newton, a former aide-de-camp of the Duke, was killed shortly after the Princess Patricia's went into action.

Col. Farquhar came to Canada as military secretary for the Duke of Connaught in 1913. He was then a major in the Coldstream Guards, but later received the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. His wife, Lady Evelyn Farquhar, and two daughters survive him.

Col. Farquhar was chosen to take command of the Princess Pat's on the organization of the regiment and the appointment proved a most popular one. He was an experienced soldier, having served in several campaigns and won his D.S.O. in the South African war.

### THE OLDEST MAIL CLERK.

A press despatch from Windsor, Ont., dated March 16 says: Basil D. D. Rorison, aged eighty-two years, said to be the oldest railway mail clerk in America, died at his home in Windsor Sunday night. He entered the service more than fifty years ago, and formerly ran between Windsor and Niagara Falls.

### INVALIDED HOME.

Sergt. William Barge, an Immigration officer at White Rock, B.C., is the first civil servant invalided home to Canada because of wounds received in action.

Sergt. Barge is a native of Niagara Falls and was connected with the 44th Regiment of that city before he went West, five years ago. When the First Contingent was recruited, he enlisted. He went to France with his battalion and in three days under fire he received three wounds in the arms. While not crippled, he is deemed unfit for further service at the front and so was allowed to return to Canada as soon as he could travel. He has since been visiting his boyhood home at Niagara Falls, but has now gone West again.

### PRESENTATIONS.

On Wednesday, 24th ult., the members of the Accountant's Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs rested from their arduous duties for a short time in order to make a presentation to two of their number, Lieut. S. W. Hobart, of the 21st Batt., C.E.F., going with the Second Contingent, and Sergeant-Major Robert Pringle, of the C.A.S.C. The former received a silver mounted cane and the latter a silver mounted riding crop.

The presentation was made by Mr. D. C. Scott, the Deputy Minister, formerly chief of the branch, and the recipients expressed their appreciation in suitable replies.

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