

greatest variety of branches in the Outside Service. Dr. LaRochelle has had nine years' experience in the administration of the Inside Service and is an adept in the problems and technicalities presented. Mr. Jamieson's political and parliamentary experience will make a valuable man in the triumvirate. Their labors should have prompt and far-reaching effects.

Transfer Easily Arranged.

The inclusion of the Outside Service under the Act does not imply that its affairs will be turned topsy-turvy. Doubtless provision will have to be made for the making permanent of all persons of the Outside Service who have been continuously employed, irrespective of examinations. This was done in 1908 in the Inside Service, when hundreds of so-called "temporary" employees were placed on the permanent list and continuous employment on the temporary list was abolished. As is the case with the Inside Service, regulations as to future appointments would probably be entirely in the hands of the Commission (subject, of course, to approval by order in council), but reorganization, classification and promotion would be problems for later solution.

The Hope We Hold.

The Government has power to bring *the whole or any part* of the Outside Service under the Act. It is the earnest wish of every civil servant, of every friend of the Service and of every supporter of reform, merit and efficiency in public affairs, that the Commission's report will recommend the inclusion of nothing less than *the whole* of the Outside Service under the Act, and that the Government will promptly carry that recommendation into full effect.

DECORATIONS WON.

The distinguished honor of the Military Cross has been conferred upon Lieutenants F. L. Lloyd, of the Canadian Engineers, and J. E. Tait, of the 100th Battalion, Winnipeg Grenadiers. Lieut. Tait won his decoration at the taking of Vimy Ridge. Both officers belong to the staff of the Hudson Bay Railway.

WAR PERSONALS.

Lieut. Melville G. Anderson, M.C., has returned home on furlough.

The London *Gazette* official announcement of the transfer of Lieut.-Col. H. J. Lamb, D.S.O., from the Canadian to the British army says he is "seconded for duty at the War Office."

Pte. C. B. Kramer, wounded, is a son of the postmaster at Mildmay,

Ont. He is now only eighteen years old and was rejected three times because of his youth before he secured acceptance in a Toronto unit.

Capt. H. T. C. Whitley, promoted major, was on the staff of the Department of Labour when the war broke out. He is only twenty-two years old.

F. P. Bent, superintendent of the Railway Mail Service at Halifax, has received news of the death of his son, Lieut.-Col. Phil. E. Bent, who was killed in action on October 1st. The dead officer was in the British army and had won rapid promotion from the time he took his commission early in the war. When he received his majority he was said to be the youngest major in the army.

Lieut. R. J. Edmunds (Royal Mint), who has been adjutant of the Eastern Ontario Regiment depot at Seaforth, Eng., expects to return to France soon.