

THE INCOME TAX.

As we go to press, the following item is appearing in the city dailies:

"The city and Dominion Government have come to terms relative to the civic grant from the federal treasury. The Government will give \$100,000 per year to the Improvement Commission for a period of ten years, making a million in all. Instead of \$10,000 per year as formerly, the city will receive direct \$15,000 per year for ten years, in lieu of water rates, fire protection, civil service assessment, etc."

In other words, the income tax question has been settled, and favorably to civil servants.

POT-POURRI.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Postmasters' Association, held at Toronto, a flourishing condition of affairs was reported. The membership now numbers over thirteen hundred, and the finances shew that a deficit of \$500 has been converted into a balance on the right side. The receipts amounted to \$2,177. About fifty delegates were present and discussed various topics concerning the status of postmasters in the province. Complaints were made of the long hours which postmasters were compelled to work, one delegate stating that he often had to put in as many as fifteen and eighteen hours a day. The argument was put forth that a definite number of hours should be fixed and that those working beyond that limit should be paid overtime rates.

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On November 30th, 1908, President Roosevelt issued an order placing 15,000 postmasters in fourteen states in the classified service. The experiment is old enough now to be made the subject of intelligent comment. "Postmasters' Advocate" refers to it in a front page article under the headings "Classification of Postmasters Proving a Big Success," "Universal Satisfaction with the Roosevelt Experiment", "Further Extension, at an Early Date, to Include Every State."

In a certain church in Ireland a young priest took for his text, "The feeding of the multitude." But he said, "and the fed 10 people with 10,000 loaves and 10,000 fishes." Thereat an old Irishman said. "That's no miracle; begorra, I could do that myself," which the priest overheard. The next Sunday the priest announced the same text, but he had it right this time, "And they fed 10,000 people on 10 loaves and 10 fishes." He waited a second, and then leaned over the pulpit and said, "And could you do that, Mr. Murphy?" Murphy replied, "Sure your reverence, I could." "And how could you do it?" said the priest. "Sure, your reverence, I could do it with what was left over from last Sunday."—*Cleveland Leader*.

Personal.

General.

The King has been pleased to grant the Imperial Service Medal to --Renois Ludger, Post office Department, Ottawa.

Arthur Nelson has been appointed administrator of the Yukon during the absence of Mr. Alexander Henderson from the territory.

Mr. S. Calvert has been appointed one of commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, to fill the office made vacant by the death of Mr. Robert Reid.

Mr. C. L. T. McKnight of the Department of Railways and Canals, has been obliged to take leave of absence for a month or two because of illness. He has gone to his home in New Brunswick.

Mr. F. Sullivan of the Public Works Department Drafting Room, who was operated on for appendicitis, has recovered, and is expected back to work in a few weeks.

Mr. F. H. H. Williamson of the Topographical Survey is at present very ill suffering from an attack of appendicitis. An operation has not been necessary.

Miss Annie Bradley, of the Census and Statistics Branch, was married to A. Lawson of Texas, on September 21st 1909. A wedding gift was forwarded from the other members of her staff. She is now living at Free-water, Oregon.