

## CUSTOMS' DEPT. DINNER AT OTTAWA.

Another of those enjoyable Departmental dinners was held Wednesday evening, January 22, when the officers of H. M. Customs gathered at the club for dinner and social intercourse.

Mr. R. R. Farrow, Asst. Deputy Commissioner, presided and the vice chairs were occupied by Messrs. W. J. McCaffrey and R. Telford of the Statistical Branch.

After ample justice had been done to the very excellent menu provided by the club steward and the usual honours paid to His Majesty King George, the balance of the evening was given up to speech making, song and story—contributed to by Messrs. Bliss, Journeaux, Breadner, Fairburn, Selater, Ross, Watson, Lafontaine and Gleeson. A feature of the entertainment was a selected programme on the Victrola, kindly loaned by the C. Lindsay Company. The thanks of the Department are due the Lindsay Company for their thoughtfulness.

## PERSONALS.

A very cosy dinner of some of the officials of the Public Works Department was held in the Civil Service Club, Ottawa, on Wednesday evening, the 29th January.

About twenty sat down to an excellent repast. Mr. David Ewart, chief architect, occupied the chair, and Mr. T. N. Doody, the vice chair.

After drinking to the health of His Majesty, the King, short speeches were made by Messrs. Ewart, A. St. Laurent, W. R. Billings, J. R. Ray and D. A. McLaughlin on behalf of the Department. The party then adjourned to the upper rooms where they spent the evening in pleasant recreation.

Her many friends throughout the

Service will deeply regret the death of Miss Fannie Yielding, of the Records Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs, which occurred after a brief illness on January 12th last.

Miss Yielding entered the Service in April, 1882, and was one of the first women appointed to the Inside Service.

Much sympathy is extended to the members of her family.

The staff of the Indian Department, as well as many friends in the Service were pleased to receive a visit recently from Archibald Ponton, D. L. S., of Edmonton.

Mr. Ponton was attached to the survey branch of the Dept. for a number of years but resigned to take up his profession in the west, and has since had charge of a number of surveys for the Dept. of Interior and the Provincial Governments. His friends in the Service are glad to hear of a "clean up" which he recently made in Regina real estate.

## DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr. W. Gagné, assistant to the secretary of the Deputy Minister, has returned to duty after a severe illness.

Miss Bertha H. Frazer, stenographer in the Deputy Minister's office, is one of the many victims in the Service of the grippe. *The Civilian* wishes her the speediest possible recovery.

Mr. W. J. Lynch, chief clerk of the Patent Branch, was made a member of the editorial committee of the C. S. Association at the latter's regular monthly meeting on Friday last.

The Public Health Branch is nothing if not altruistic. The salutary perfume of a pine forest may now be inhaled along the corridor of the second floor of the Langevin Block. If you have a bronchial affliction, or desire to anticipate a stroll down the piney aisles next summer, take a walk along the western end of the corridor in question