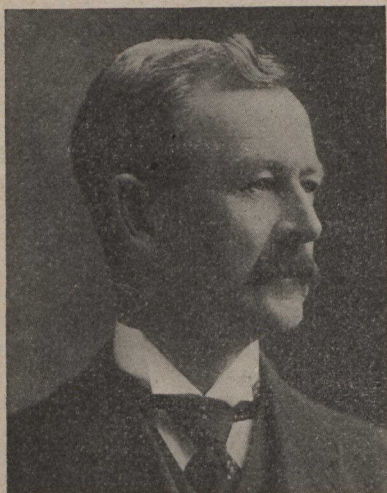


Civilian Portraits.

MR. M. J. BUTLER.

Mr. Butler's translation from the post of Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals to that of General Manager of the new Dominion Steel and Coal merger is old news by this time. It is the last and culminating recognition in a career of singular activity and success. Only a few months ago Mr. Butler received the I.S.O. as a reward for his usefulness as a civil servant, and his appointment to the chairmanship of the new I.C.R. commission was regarded as but the beginning of a new lease of activity. However, the \$20,000 which the great industrial concern can offer him outbids by nearly three times the best the country can afford, and so the service loses one of its best-known leaders. For nearly thirty years before entering the service, Mr. Butler was engaged in engineering problems, mainly on railways, both in Canada and the United States, but also upon waterworks problems, having been appointed in 1891 chief engineer of the Bay of Quinte Railway and Navigation Company, besides having been assistant engineer in charge of the water service construction of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway in the United States.

Personals.

Mr. Chas. White, chief officer in charge of the revenue of the Marine & Fisheries Dept., who has been suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, is recovering rapidly, and his many friends will be glad to see him back again shortly.

Gustave Piton of the accountant's branch of the Marine & Fisheries Department was presented by his fellow workers with a well filled purse as a mark of esteem, on the eve of his departure for Quebec, where he married one of Quebec's most charming young ladies in the person of Miss Pampalon, on January 20th. After taking a trip to New York and other points Mr. and Mrs. Piton returned to Ottawa. They will reside on Daly avenue.

William L. McGee, chief clerk in the Marine Dept., lately superannuated, died somewhat suddenly. His popularity was attested by the large attendance at the funeral by his many fellow clerks and friends. Mr. McGee was a civil servant since Confederation. He died at the age of 69.

Miss Alice Valade of the Public Works accountant's branch, is seriously ill in the hospital. Her many friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Miss Z. Flannigan of the Railways and Canals Dept., who has been away for a while through sickness, is recuperating rapidly, and is expected back to work shortly.

Mr. J. Westman of the Inland Revenue Dept. is back at work feeling quite himself again after having suffered from a serious accident in which he fractured three ribs.

The Customs bowling and hockey teams are preparing to visit Montreal early next month.

The friends of Mr. F. H. McLaren of the of the Geological Survey will be pleased to hear of his return to Ottawa, quite recovered from a bad attack of rheumatism that he contracted while on the Pacific coast. Mr. McLaren stopped at Banff to take the cure.

The sudden death from pneumonia on January 24th, of Mr. S. C. Macdonald, of the Interior Department, was a shock to his many friends. Mr. Macdonald was a son of the late Sheriff Macdonald, of Goderich, Ont., and was the brother-in-law of the late Krumm Dunlevie, of the Post Office Department. Born in 1862, Mr. Macdonald served for some years in the Crown Timber Service at Edmonton, coming to Ottawa in 1886.