

marked, "and the newsboys are asleep."

"Gadzooks," shrieked Roger, "is the whole newspaper world in league against me? But I will have vengeance. Cancel my subscription to *The Civilian*. O, excuse me, Alfred, thou art not yet on the board of management. Forgive me, also, for I say much beyond my meaning when I am in these moods."

Encouraged by his softened manner, Alfred ventured to suggest that they betake themselves to bed. But at that moment, such is the flight of time in books, the clock struck nine and the conspirators knew that they must dissemble for a while longer, and hied them to their department to sign the book before the fateful line should be drawn.

CHAPTER XXX.

Roger Rearguard, the resourceful filing-clerk, for it is none other, sat at his desk filing his nails.

(To be continued.)

THE LATE CHAS. D. FRASER.

After an illness of less than a week Charles D. Fraser, a member of the staff of the Halifax post office, passed away yesterday evening. Suddenly on his return to his home from duty on Monday night he was stricken with paralysis and wholly deprived of consciousness; and thus he laid, with an occasional slight glimmer of an awakening, which inspired no hope, until the end came.

The postal service of Canada contained no more faithful employee than Charles D. Fraser proved himself to be during the more than thirty-five years that he filled the position of clerk in the Halifax post office. He has left an unblemished record.

Mr. Fraser was in his fifty-fifth year of age. He was a son of John W. Fraser, a merchant tailor in Barrington street for many years, and a grandson of John Fraser, of the firm

of Grant & Fraser, merchant tailors, who carried on business in Granville street in the early thirties. The senior Mr. Fraser was one of the first victims of the cholera plague that carried off so many of the inhabitants of Halifax in 1834.

CIVIL SERVICE CLUB NOTES.

A very interesting little 'send off' dinner was given at the Club on Wednesday, April 17th. The occasion was the eve of Mr. James M. Macoun's departure for British Columbia on his summer mission. About 15 gentlemen were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The cuisine—not the least important feature—was excellent.

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The committee in charge of the Club Library would be grateful for any volumes contributed by members.

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Mr. James Bates, one of the Club's most popular members is leaving on May 11th on his summer survey work.

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Dr. Matte, of the Department of Agriculture, has returned from his recent visit to the Agricultural Colleges at Guelph and St. Anne's, Que.

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Mr. Walter Rowan, one of the Club directors, has been elected vice-president of the Canadian Swimming Association.

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