

THE FRONTIER

(By Philip Guedalla in "The Ode Volume.")

Guns o' position is long and lean,
 And fortress guns is grey;
 Galloping guns is fast and keen,
 And the gunners they sit behind a screen,
 And never a happier man is seen
 Than a gunner with guns to lay.

Oh, Toul is a town of the High Lorraine,
 And gunners abide in Toul,
 Guns and gunners and bridging-train,
 Horse and foot in the wind and rain,
 And he is a fool and a fool again
 Who batters the Forts of Toul.

South and away in a open pass,
 Where the Vosges drop in the Gap,
 And the roads come in from beyond Alsace,
 And the guns look over the sloping grass,
 Stands Belfort, bound with a belt of brass
 And tapped with a brazen cap.

High to the north on the Paris way,
 Where the roads come over from Metz,
 Lights will dazzle and lights will play,
 And the guns will peer and the guns will bay,
 And it's Verdun Forts will say him "Nay"
 When the enemy comes from Metz.

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H. B. SEARS.

Word has been received of the death at Vancouver, on the 11th inst., of H. B. Sears, railway mail clerk of the British Columbia district. Mr. Sears, who was born in July, 1881, first entered the Service in 1907, and had been ill of heart trouble since August.

OLDEST CIVIL SERVANT.

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 11.—Richard Power, believed to have been the oldest civil servant in Canada, died here to-night, aged 95 years. He was appointed engineer of the Halifax Post Office in 1865, and performed his duties until a few days ago.