

swing in the States. So persistently and skilfully is it circulated that there can be little doubt of the organized effort behind it.

The convention delegate who doesn't know every phase of the conditions affecting his class or department and who can't be trusted to truly represent his fellow-workers is better at home. There will be no room for "dead wood" or "false alarms" in the coming Federation gathering. See to it that your delegate is a "live one."

THIRD DIVISION.

A large number of the clerks of the Third Division of the Inside Service are dissatisfied with the changes made in their condition by action of Parliament at the late session and are about to petition the Premier for relief.

Several largely attended mass meetings of the Division have been held and a memorial, stating their case, has been adopted. This document recites the present position of affairs and asks (a) that the maximum salary of the Division be raised from \$1,300 to \$1,500, and (b) that the annual increase be made \$100 instead of \$50 as it is at present.

Conferences will be held this week between the committee of the Third Division and the executive committee of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa. The Third Division clerks say that they are willing to proceed through the channel provided by the general organization if the latter will lend its active assistance, but that if such assistance is not given they will act independently.

OUR DECORATIONS WON.

Robert Cruikshank, senior assistant in the Dominion Lands office at Grouard, Alta., who went overseas as a lance corporal in the 49th Battalion,

has won the Distinguished Conduct Medal under circumstances the record of which places him in the first rank of the war's heroes. The official Gazette says that the award was made for "*dressing wounds of officers and men under heavy shell fire, and carrying water, and inspiring all ranks in the performance of their duties and attending wounded.*"

Lieut. Warren Ernest Keyt has won the Military Cross. He is a Public Works man from Chase, B.C. When the war broke out he didn't stop to ask leave of his department, but enlisted in the 5th Battalion, in which he was made sergeant. He was wounded at St. Eloi, and, later, shell-shocked. He came home on sick leave and was awarded a commission in the Engineers. The Military Cross now awarded him indicates that he is as good an engineer officer as he was an infantry sergeant. It was awarded for special gallantry in the taking of Hill 70, near Lens, on August 15th.

LATE S. L. T. FROST.

The Government of Canada lost one of its most faithful servants and the Civil Service one of its most valued members when Samuel L. T. Frost, chief accountant of the Dept. of Customs, passed away on October 27th. He was ill but four days, and his death was a sad surprise to every one in that wide circle of friends in which he was so highly esteemed.

Mr. Frost was born in New Brunswick, of Loyalist stock, and, in early life, was a school teacher. He entered the Civil Service in 1890 and rose rapidly to the position of great trust which he had held for the past eleven years. His deep sense of responsibility and his devotion to his work had not a little to do with the undermining of his health.

He is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.