

## PERSONALS.

The death occurred at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on December 1st, of Robert Gott. Mr. Gott was for many years a resident of the Canadian city at the Falls, and occupied a position on the Customs staff there. He is survived by one daughter.

Elizabeth M. Mackay, wife of Charles S. Blue, of the Hansard staff of the House of Commons, died on December 8th. Besides her husband she leaves a brother and three sisters.

Anne, widow of the late William Montgomery, died in Montreal on December 6th, aged 82 years. Mr. Montgomery, who died thirty years ago, was a member of the civil service.

James A. Poole, an engineer of the Public Works Department, died on December 11th, aged 63 years.

It is announced that David Ewart, I.S.O., has asked the Minister of Public Works to relieve him of the post of Chief Architect, which he has held for sixteen years. He is seventy years of age, and has been in the Government service for forty-two years.

Arthur Tache, of the staff of the Department of Agriculture, died on December 8th, aged fifty-five years. He came to Ottawa from Quebec thirty-six years ago. Mr. Tache was well known in sporting circles, and has been president of the Britannia Boating Club. He was a son of the late Ivanhoe Tache, Seigneur of Kamouraska, Que., a grandson of the late Judge Power and of the late Philippe Aubert, of Gaspé. Henry Tache of the Department of the Interior is a brother.

Rumor has it that a well known civil servant has written his resignation, will leave Ottawa to return to his native county and, at the next election, seek a seat in the Commons.

James Mowat of the Customs staff at Niagara Falls was run down and instantly killed by a locomotive in the New York Central yards there on December 10th. He was 60 years of age and a native of Haldimand county. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive.

Mr. S. J. Robins, of the Interior Department, has returned from Chicago where he attended the land show at which the Dominion and also the provinces individually had exhibits. Mr. Robins addressed the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Club and other bodies, telling of the opportunities for trade and investment in the Dominion.

Mr. E. S. Busby, inspector of ports in the Customs Department, has been in Toronto for several weeks.

H. R. Poussette, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, is on a visit to Canada and was in Ottawa last week.

The engagement is announced of Miss Kathleen Rosetta Wheeler, third daughter of the late Captain E. O. Wheeler, Killenny, Ireland, to Henry Clarkson Ross of the Department of Indian Affairs. The marriage is to take place on January 22 at Collingwood, Ont.

James Mowat, 60 years old, for more than ten years employed in the Canadian customs service at Niagara Falls, was killed in the north end yards of the New York Central railroad on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

Mr. Mowat was a man of strong moral character and a worker in temperance and church circles. Prior to coming to Niagara Falls he was for years a resident of Haldimand county. Part of this time he was in the insurance business. He it was who so thoroughly organized Haldimand for the Liberals that the election of Col. A. Thompson was possible a few years ago. He leaves a wife, two sons, William of this city, and John of Vancouver, and one daughter.

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## Athletics.

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It would be a great thing for the Ottawa service if it could have a rink of its own, where both skating and curling could be indulged in. Ottawa is growing so fast that even the three curling rinks now in existence hardly fill the bill. It is too late to do anything in the matter this year, and the matter is so large that it will necessarily take some time to bring to completion. Such a building could be used for indoor sports and a host of other purposes.

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The small boy is certainly a devotee of skating, that most healthy exercise, whenever he can get it. One sees groups of little chaps grinding away on patches of ice not much bigger than a dinner table. These are the hockey players of the future. Competition has now brought the price of skates almost within the reach of everyone.

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Investigations are going on into the amateur standing of several well known athletes. These will do good, and strengthen the hands of those who are devoting their time and energies to clean sport.

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The newly-formed C. S. Club in Moose Jaw is a live institution. A team has been entered in the city hockey league. Curling