

C. S. Commission Reorganized.

The Civil Service Commission has been transformed by appointments recently made by the Government. No event of greater interest to the Inside Service has occurred in a long time.

Dr. Adam Shortt leaves the Commission and becomes chairman of the Publications Board of the Archives.

Clarence Jameson, lately M.P. for Digby, N.S., is appointed a Civil Service Commissioner.

Hon. W. J. Roche has just been appointed a third Commissioner, filling up the Board as provided for in the amendment to the Act adopted several years ago.

Dr. Shortt has not been popular with the Service because of his uncompromising stand on the Third Division question. Otherwise, in striving to raise the general educational standard of the Service, he did valuable work and the principles he laid down may still be followed with profit.

The appointment of experienced parliamentarians to the Board encourages the Service to hope for great developments of the Merit System and its extension to all branches of both Inside and Outside divisions. Men who have handled patronage and know all that it involves cannot but recognize it as a curse that blights all that it touches and they will surely exert their official and personal influence to hasten the emancipation of the Canadian public service from the thrall of the spoilsman.

CIVIL SERVICE CASUALTIES.

The report of the wounding of CAPTAIN PHILPOT, D.S.O., appears to have been erroneous. His brother died of wounds recently.

Three men of the Grain Commission Staff, Department of Trade and Commerce, have been wounded, discharged from the army and returned to civil duty. They are W. CHIVERS of Winnipeg, who was with the 27th and 11th Battalions; W. T. LONG of Fort William, who was in the 94th, and EARL McPHAIL of the 79th Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg, who was overseas with the 16th Battalion.

MATTHEW NACKAWAY, an Indian fire ranger of the Dominion Forestry service, from Norway House, who went overseas with the 203rd Battalion, has been slightly wounded by shrapnel.

SECOND LIEUT. A. E. WATTS, of the 16th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, is now officially recorded as killed. He had been missing since

March 6th. Lieut. Watts was a Customs officer at Fort Frances and enlisted with the 149th Battalion.

FRANCIS ALEX. NICHOLL, lance corporal, was killed in action on September 2nd. He was an Inland Revenue officer of Winnipeg and went overseas with the 221st Battalion.

LIEUT. W. B. HUTCHESON of the Royal Flying Corps is a prisoner of war in Germany. He is an engineer of the Irrigation Branch, Dept. of the Interior.

ARTHUR L. DEAN of the Royal Flying Corps, reported as having been killed in action, belonged to the staff of the Central Registry branch, Dept. of Militia and Defence.

LIEUT. ERNEST MILES of Toronto post office was wounded on September 19th, near Lens. He went through Vimy Ridge without a scratch. Lieut. Miles went to the front with the Sportsmen's Battalion.

R. C. HOUGHTON, listed as wounded and missing, was a Toronto postal clerk. He was in the 15th Battalion.