

Civilian Portraits.

Eugène Paradis was born at St. Michel de Napierville, Que., in 1872. He received primary education at the schools of his native village and completed his education at St. Remi College and entered the service in April, 1891, when the Honourable Mr. Chapleau was Secretary of State. Mr. Paradis remained in the department ever since. He took up shorthand (in both languages) and typewriting after entry into the service and received training for secretarial work under Sir Joseph Pope



MR. EUGENE PARADIS.

for whom he acted as Secretary for over five years. He acted as Assistant Private Secretary to Our Gracious King at the time of his visit to Canada in 1901 as Duke of Cornwall and York; an honour of which no other Canadian can boast. He also acted as Assistant Secretary to the old Board of Civil Service Examiners for a number of years. Previous to this appointment he had charge of the Returns to Orders of the Senate and the House of Commons, a very important work. He was

appointed as Private Secretary to the Secretary of State, the Honourable Louis Coderre, on the 29th October, 1912.

Mr. Paradis enjoys another honour which *The Civilian* is glad to chronicle. He was selected by the present Secretary of State from the ranks of his department, and not brought in from outside the service. It is always pleasing to record promotions of this kind, and it tends to make Hon. Mr. Coderre even more popular than he was before Mr. Paradis' selection.

NEW SECRETARY FOR THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

The appointment is announced of Mr. Lyndwode Pereira to the secretaryship of the Department of the Interior, in succession to Mr. P. G. Keyes, recently retired. Mr. Pereira, who was educated at Oxford, and had acquired extended newspaper experience on the Montreal Gazette, entered the civil service thirty years ago, and after serving as private secretary to four different cabinet ministers, was made assistant secretary of the Department in 1889. Mr. Pereira is well known as one of the most efficient and capable officials in the service.

The assistant secretaryship, thus rendered vacant, is being filled by the appointment of Mr. Frank Nelson. Mr. Nelson is a graduate of Toronto University, and has been for many years in the Department of the Interior, where he has rendered faithful and intelligent service.

These two officials may be literally said to have grown up with the Department. When they entered the service some thirty years ago, the total number of clerks in the whole Department did not equal that in some of its many branches to-day. At present, the staff of the Department at headquarters numbers about one thousand.

Some idea of the growth of the work