

COMMOTION IN RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

Quite a furore has arisen in Railway Mail Service circles in the far West, the true significance of which has not yet developed. As far as the facts can be ascertained by newspaper reports, the situation is as follows: On June 23rd there emanated from Calgary a dispatch to the *News-Advertiser* of Vancouver to the following effect:—

Railway mail clerks operating between Calgary and Vancouver have declared open war on Superintendent J. O. MacLeod of the Railway Mail Service, whose headquarters are in Vancouver.

They assert that he disapproves of their organization, which was affected about six months ago, and since that time has shown his disapproval by routing them so that they are compelled to spend their leisure time in the smaller towns between the two points.

They also complain that under these disadvantages they are compelled to maintain homes in both places.

A meeting of the clerks will be held in Calgary this evening and the following telegram of protest was sent to the Postmaster-General:—

"We, the undersigned Calgary and Vancouver railway mail clerks, demand a full and immediate investigation into the unfair treatment accorded to us and into the personal conduct of the superintendent of the railway mail service at Vancouver."

On the 24th June Superintendent MacLeod gave an interview to the *Vancouver World* absolutely denying the facts as stated. This was followed by the publication in the *News-Advertiser* of 25th June of a statement signed by Mr. F. C. McLean, president and Mr. H. B. Sears, secretary of the Railway Mail Clerks Association of British Columbia, exonerating Mr. McLean from the charge of unfairness. The statement runs thus:—

"The Railway Mail Clerks' Association of British Columbia is in no way responsible for the despatch nor do they give their endorsement to the same. It was evidently sent by a number of the assistants resident at Calgary, who were displeased with a recent order outlining their detail of duties. No protest against this order was made to the superintendent in any official way, thus allowing him no

chance of remedying their supposed grievance.

"Since the organization of our association a few months ago Mr. MacLeod has given us every consideration and has in no way shown any opposition to the organization."

PROMOTION FOR MR. JAMES WHITE.

On July 1st Mr. James White was, by Order-in-Council, made assistant to the Chairman of the Conservation Commission with the rank of Deputy Minister. Mr. White was born at Ingersoll, Ont., on Feb. 3, 1863; was educated at the High School there, and the Royal Military College, Kingston, and graduated in 1883. He was appointed assistant topographer of the Canadian Geological Survey in Jan., 1884, and for ten years was engaged in survey work in the Rocky Mountains and in Ontario and Quebec. He was Chief Geographer, under the Department of the Interior for fourteen years and was made secretary of the Conservation Commission in 1909. Mr. White is a member of the Geographic Board of Canada; a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society; a member of the Canadian Champlain Society and American Society of C.E., and a member of the Academy of Political and Social Science. He has published many valuable geographical works.

WHAT ABOUT SUPERANNUATION?

Mr. Charles Mallory, a preventive officer of Customs at Rondeau, Ont., has been granted three months leave of absence and on account of age and infirmity his employment is dispensed with at the expiration of such leave.

Mr. Mallory is 82 years of age. He was in receipt of the salary of \$450 per year and will have no retiring allowance.

Hugh Leahy, preventive officer at Prescott has been granted two months leave of absence; his services to be dispensed with at the expiry of said leave. Mr. Leahy is 69 years of age, joined the service in 1899, received \$800 per year and has no retiring allowance.