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APPRECIATION OF EX-POSTMASTER-GENERAL L. P. PELLETIER.

A little less than a year ago the Honourable Louis Philippe Pelletier, Postmaster-General of Canada, retired from the Government and entered a sanatorium in the hope of recovering his shattered health. This hope has been happily realized for after several months of rest and care the honourable gentleman was much benefited if not wholly restored.

Some time after Mr. Pelletier's retirement, the officers of the Civil Service Federation of Canada issued a circular letter to the secretaries of all the Postal Clerks' Associations suggesting that in view of the monumental reforms Mr. Pelletier had introduced in the Post Office Department, some expression of appreciation might appropriately be presented to their benefactor. The response was spontaneous and indicated the affectionate regard in which Mr. Pelletier was held in all ranks of the Service. At the convention of the Federation held on January 7th a report on this subject was presented and a committee of Post Office delegates was appointed to carry the undertaking to a conclusion. The committee appointed was: G. A. Carpenter, C. A. Halladay, J. C. O'Connor, W. J. P. Cantwell, A. McMordie and F. Grierson. Mr. Halladay, of the Ottawa Railway Mail Service, and chairman of the Outside Service Committee of the Federation, accepted the responsibility of organizing the fund and the Postal Clerks of the Dominion are indebted to Mr. Halladay's esprit de corps, enthusiasm, and capacity for work and organization, for the successful consummation of one of the happiest events that has taken place in the history of

the organized Civil Service. The request was made that contributions should be limited to small amounts; ten cents being suggested as sufficient from each clerk. This idea was in the main adhered to with the result that 6,500 postal officials subscribed to and endorsed the animating sentiments of the committee.

Mr. Halladay brought his labours to a close towards the end of May and by arrangement with Mr. Justice Pelletier, Wednesday, June 3rd, at five o'clock p.m., at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, was fixed as the time and place for the presentation of the testimonial. The testimonial took the form of a magnificently illuminated address, the text of which will follow, and a very handsome Victor Victrola with 200 of the finest records.

The illuminated address is the production of the combined skill of two Ottawa civil servants, Mr. J. F. Champagne of the Secretary of State Department and Mr. W. J. Moule of the Topographical Surveys Branch of the Interior Department. The cover of the book, which is the work of the firm of Jas. Hope & Sons, is an exquisite piece of work.

The illumination of the text begins with an illustration of the universality of the postal service; the two hemispheres being set up at opposite corners of the first page with the effulgent rays of the sun filling up the intervening space. A number of appropriate symbols are used throughout the text. Some of these are: A dog team carrying the Royal Mail and an aeroplane performing no less important service, carrier-pigeons and a fine figure of a wing-