

The following changes in the list of salaries was recommended:—

Schedule "B."

Collectors of main ports\$1,600-4,500

(At ports where marine work has to be done in an ex-officio capacity by the collector, extra remuneration should be paid. Moreover, salaries to be based on nature and extent of work in conjunction with revenue.)

Sub-collectors 300-1,600

(Recognition for additional work at frontier railway ports.)

Chief inspector 3,500-4,500

Inspectors 2,000-3,500

(Inspectors' salaries at all times shall not be less than any other official in his inspection district.)

Asst. inspectors 1,600-2,500

Chief clerks, including accountants 1,200-2,200

Surveyors 1,600-2,800

Appraisers 1,600-2,500

Asst. appraisers 1,200-1,600

Gaugers 1,200-2,000

Asst. Gaugers 1,000-1,200

Clerks, landing waiters, lockers 400-1,200

Packers and messengers 600

Officers classified as preventive officers will not receive any more remuneration than a clerk doing equally important work.

The following are some of the resolutions approved by the convention in connection with the Superannuation Act:—

Section 6.—Strike out the words "and whose age at the date of his first appointment to the Civil Service did not exceed fifty years," in the second and third lines.

Section 8.—To read as follows: "The contribution of each contributor shall be the following percentage of his salary, i.e., six per centum, irrespective of age." All sub-sections being eliminated.

It was decided to frame a memorial and forward the same to the Ministers of Finance and Customs, the Commissioner of Customs, the Chief Inspector of Customs,

and to each member of the House west of the Great Lakes.

It was unanimously carried that we, the delegates of the customs staff of Western Canada, desire to place upon record our deepest appreciation of the hearty support always given by our Chief Inspector, Mr. E. S. Busby, to the welfare of the customs officers of the West, and the service in general, and for the high standard of efficiency he has always endeavoured to obtain.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Graham for the able and courteous manner in which he conducted the business of the chair.

During their stay in Calgary, the delegates were given a banquet by the Calgary customs and their visit was made as pleasant as the very inclement weather would permit.

The Banquet.

(From Another Correspondent.)

On the night of October 3rd, 1914, a complimentary banquet was given the customs convention officials at Calgary, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in song and speeches. Mr. H. C. Graham most ably filled the chair, and in proposing the toast of "The King," drew forth rounds of applause when he spoke of the interesting part our noble King George the Fifth was taking in the events as they came up in the great European struggle now going on. "The Army and Navy" was patriotically responded to by Mr. R. P. Stuart Brown, who, by the way, is a scion of a noble family of the land of the Thistle. Messrs. Bell and Cole excelled all imagination in song, and Mr. Elliot brought down the house with his reading. In fact, it would be invidious to particularize, as each and every member on the programme appeared to advantage. The following is the toast list and menu:—

TOAST LIST.

"A feast of the reason and flow of the soul."

The King—Proposed by H. C. Graham.

The National Anthem.

The Army and Navy—Proposed by P. G. Close, responded to by R. P. Stuart Brown.