

have been willing to give their lives to the defence of the Empire shall, upon their return, have the first claim to the consideration of the country when public positions are to be filled. That is a position which appeals most strongly to the illiterate. It is a position that has much to commend it, and of course with the full power of sentimentality behind it. But are we to go through the experience that I understand you in the United States did after your Civil War, when every petty post mastership, every position, practically, in the Civil Service was filled by a member of the grand army of the Republic? That continued for several years. It may be that in Canada history will repeat itself; but if it does what is going to become of Civil Service reform? All I can say to you is this, that the Civil Service Federation of Canada will continue to press upon the Government of the day and upon the public men of Canada the desirability of reforming the Service, of the introduction of the competitive and merit system; and that, though the way be long, we shall continue to press on to that mecca of our desires until we reach it.

CIVIL SERVICE CASUALTIES.

THOMAS McKENNEL.

Thomas McKennell, C. A. M. C., who has been at the front with a Field Ambulance since the first Canadian division went overseas, has been wounded. For a time he was in the 1st Eastern General Hospital at Cambridge, England, but on July 27th he was transferred to the Canadian Divisional Convalescent Hospital, Woodcote Park, Espom. He is injured in the right arm and face. Private McKennell is a Toronto Customs officer.

J. W. GANTON.

J. W. Ganton, who enlisted in May, 1915, with the 56th Battalion, is also in the Convalescent Hospital at Espom. He is injured in the right thigh and is believed to have been wounded in June, 1916. He is a Customs officer from Calgary.

W. A. GARDNER.

Lance Corporal W. A. Gardner, a Saskatoon Customs man with the 28th Battalion, who was previously reported wounded, has been discharged from hospital.

WM. BRENNAN.

William Brennan, letter carrier, of Lethbridge, is reported wounded and missing. Brennan was a British army reservist and the outbreak of war called him back to the colors of his old regiment, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. For two years

he escaped casualty, though in many engagements, but recently his luck turned and since July 23rd he has not been located. It is hoped that he is a prisoner, and not among the undiscovered or unidentified dead.

A. E. RINTOUL.

A. E. Rintoul of the Vancouver Customs, who enlisted with the 29th Battalion in October, 1914, has been wounded. He was discharged from the Epsom Convalescent hospital some weeks ago. His injuries are described as shrapnel wounds in left knee and neck.

G. M. BEATON.

George M. Beaton, a porter in the Edmonton Post Office, who enlisted at the outbreak of war, has been seriously wounded and is in hospital in Liverpool. He was formerly in the 101st Regiment, Edmonton Fusiliers.

CHAS. PERRY.

Charles Perry, an Edmonton postal clerk, has been wounded by shrapnel in the leg.

PIERRE FOURSIN.

Pierre Foursin of the staff of the Canadian Emigration office in Paris, who has been serving in the French army, died on August 7th, 1916.

W. R. HOPE.

W. R. Hope was killed in action on June 3rd, 1916,—probably in the fierce fighting at Hooze. He was a Customs officer at Keremsos, B. C., and enlisted with the 15th Battalion in November, 1914.