

Ormond Higman, of the Department of Inland Revenue, and Mrs. Higman, was married in Vancouver, on June 8th, to Walter James Thicke.

Richard Grigg, commissioner of commerce, has returned from British Columbia, where he has been investigating conditions in the lumber industry.

Clifford McAdam, of the Department of Militia and Defence, was married on June 10th, by Rev. A. G. Cameron, to Eva Hope, daughter of the late W. H. Merrill and Mrs. H. W. Messinger.

William Harvey Carson, A.M.I.C.E., of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, was married in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on June 17th, to Jessie Jane Rae Wotherspoon, of Shieldhill, Scotland.

Obituary.

Edward J. Dietz, a member of the Ottawa Post Office staff, died on June 10th after a lengthy illness, aged twenty-seven years. He was a native of Ottawa and member of a well known family. His early death is unduly regretted.

Francis Loyer, of the Department of the Interior, died on June 13th, aged fifty-three years. Deceased was but fifty-three years of age, yet was a veteran of the Civil Service, having entered thirty-two years ago, in the régime of Sir John Macdonald. He leaves a widow and four sons, of whom Joseph R. Loyer of the Department of the Interior is one.

Athletics.

C. S. Bowling at Ottawa.

The Civil Service Lawn Bowling Club put up a good contest against the Victorias in a Rosenthal cup match last week. But for a hoodoo which clung to two of the Service rinks, the Victorias would have had a hard time to win or might have lost the contest.

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Ottawa Baseball League.

The standing to June 21st is:

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Bureau	1	0	1000
Customs	2	0	666
Interior	2	1	666
Naval Service	1	1	500
Agriculture	1	2	333
Post Office	1	3	250

The Ottawa C. S. baseball season opened on the 1st June with a match between the Post Office and Customs teams. As was said in the last issue, the Customs have been much weakened by the loss of many of their best men from various causes. However, they have a strong team and defeated the Post Office 16-8. On June 4th the Naval Service won from Agriculture 7-5. The Interior met the Printing Bureau on June 7th and the result was a victory for the Printing Bureau by a score of 3 to 2. The last match was a splendid pitchers' battle between Peachy for the Printers and Vogan for Interior. Strike-outs were the order of the day. No hits were made off Peachy in the seven innings and only two off Vogan. The game was greatly enjoyed by all present and the attendance is most encouraging. Another interesting match was that between Interior and Customs, which was won by the former, 7-2. The balance of the series promises to be very interesting.

FOR POSTMASTERS FROM THE RANKS.

"Why should the President have his good nature constantly disturbed over a question regarding who shall be appointed Postmaster at Devils Lake, North Dakota?" This pertinent question was put recently by former President Taft in an address at Madison, Wisconsin. The same question would apply as to who shall be appointed Postmaster at Chicago, San Francisco, New York, St. Louis, Cairo, Danville, Kankakee, Rockford, Rock Island, Jacksonville, Galesburg, Springfield, Decatur, Bloomington, Peoria, or any other city, large or small. There is no valid reason why the President should be saddled with this impossible task of selecting Postmasters—impossible if he is going to select them on the basis of ability for the service.—*Civil Service News, Chicago.*