Personals.

The following is the concluding list of changes that have taken place in the personnel of the service to Dec. 31st, 1912, as far as obtainable:—

Transfers.

Geo. F. Buskard from Interior Dept. to Public Works (Inside Service), to be Private Secretary.

N. C. Brough from Port Burwell to Toronto Pub. Works Dept.

F. G. Goodspeed from Edmonton to St. John Pub. Works Dept.

Alfred Fortey from Outside to Inside Marine Dept. to Div. 2B.

F. J. Boulay from Marine Inside to Marine Service, Quebec.

A. E. Attfield from Post Office, Ottown to Wiltin D.

tawa, to Militia Dept. Chas.a Ewan from Militia Dept. to

Post Office, Ottawa.

V. L. Lawson from Interior to Railways and Canals, Ottawa.

Miss Emma Palmer, from State to External Affairs.

Superannuations.

Trade and Commerce—Geo. Bellerive, Culler's Office, Quebec.

Resignations.

Interior—Malcolm McIntyre, Immigration Agent, Birmingham, Eng.

Justice-Miss Mary Quain.

Labour—Wm. J. Macdonald, Ottawa.

Mines—Miss B. Russell, Ottawa.

Marine and Fisheries — H. Desmarais, Miss D. Harvey, Miss Jos. Brais, Ottawa.

Naval Service—Geo. P. St. Pierre (Hydo. Sur.); Miss Ellen Whyte, E. L. Lapointe.

Dept. Public Works—A. E. Charron, G. P. Dunn, Ottawa; Geo. E. Cushing, Govt. Telegraph.

D. A. McArthur. Miss Maud Greaves, Archives Dept.; Miss G. Braceland. C. S. Com.; Miss Lea Keir, Trade and Commerce; A. W. Donly, Trade Commissioner, Mexico.

Athletics.

One thing has been noticeable in hockey this winter, viz., that the amateurs can put on almost as fast and interesting a match as the pros. Some day it will come back to amateurism.

The presence of artificial ice rinks this year will prolong the season somewhat. It is a distinct advantage to know when a season will end definitely.

Curling among ladies has had a great vogue during the past winter. At the big bonspiel in Winnipeg — the curling event par excellence, of the world—over 10 rinks of ladies competed. These contests were of course, inter-club, and not against the men. The latter numbered 125 rinks—or 600 curlers,—the matches going on all night, like the Naval debate in Ottawa.

One of the greatest sportsmen in England, or in fact, in the world, Lord Desborough, has resigned from the Olympic Committee. This is a distinct loss. He is succeeded by the Duke of Somerset, who is not so well known as Lord Desborough, but has been closely identified with field events.

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The Civilian has received a letter which will be of particular interest to the Ottawa bowlers. The letter is from Mr. E. R. Douglas, whose promotion in the Customs service necessitated his living in Toronto for the present. Mr. Douglas is qualified to speak on his subject. Mr. Douglas is one of the pioneers in C. S. bowling, and was one of the very best bowlers in the service, winning the high aggregate in 1911-12, and also has the distinction of being the only person who ever secured a possible or perfect score on the present O.A.A.C. boards. The letter follows:-

To the Editors of The Civilian:

I note among the athletic news in your issue of March 7th that some