

was united on June 1st to Marguerite Johnson, and on the 15th, Henry Dempster of the Long Room took as his bride Marie Macdonald.

Mr. J. P. Lunney, of the Immigration office, St. John, N.B., who has been temporarily at headquarters, left last week for Boston, where he will be stationed for some time. Mr. Lunney was very popular in Ottawa and will be much missed.

#### Obituary.

The death occurred last week of Valleda St. Jean, wife of Louis Belanger, of the Department of Public Works. She was a daughter of the late Dr. St. Jean, M.P., and Mayor of Ottawa, and was first married to the late Emile Smith. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters.

Emma P. Wells, wife of R. M. Coulter, M.D., C.M.G., Deputy Postmaster-General, and daughter of the late J. P. Wells, M.P., of North York, Ont., died on July 8th. Interment took place at Aurora on July 10th.

William McDonald, Postmaster of North Bay from 1883 to 1908, died on July 9th from injuries received in an automobile accident at Callandar the previous evening. He was born at East Hawkeston, in 1838, and was one of the first settlers in North Bay, going there in 1883.

Thomas Westwick, a well known member of the Customs Department staff, died on July 11th, aged 74 years. He had been ailing, but was supposed to be regaining his usual vigor, and was at the office two days before his death. He leaves three sons and two daughters.

Marie Jeanne, wife of Victor Dubreuil, fair wage officer of the Department of Labour, was drowned in Governor's Bay on the evening of July 15th. She was in a canoe, in company with her nephew, when the frail craft was capsized by the swell from a launch. A passing soldier plunged in and saved the young man but Mrs. Dubreuil could not be reached before she went down to death.

#### THE UNALTERABLE EDICT.

Barnes: "Have you decided where you are going next summer for your holiday?"  
Seaton: "Why, we talked it over last night! I mentioned my preference, my son had his, and my daughter hers. We wrangled over it for an hour or more. Finally, when we were pretty much exhausted, my wife looked up in her quiet way and said she had decided on the place two months ago. Whereupon we adjourned without further debate!"

#### Athletics.

The Ottawa C. S. baseball series goes on apace and the contest is very close and interesting. The standing on July 17th was:

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Interior.....	6	1	.857
Printing Bureau ..	5	1	.833
Customs.....	6	2	.750
Post Office .....	2	6	.250
Naval Service .....	1	5	.166
Agriculture.....	1	5	.166

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The Ottawa rink, composed of civil servants and skipped by R. R. Farrow, played well in the Ontario Lawn Bowling Tournament at Niagara-on-the-Lake, but brought home no prizes. After going seven rounds in one match and having a long lead, they were put out by a rare piece of unearned luck falling to their opponents. Mr. Farrow was elected second vice-president of the Ontario Lawn Bowling Association.

#### THE AMBITIOUS FROG.

In old Æsop's fables we read of a frog  
Who burst, like a bubble, in air  
While trying to show to his friends in the bog  
The size of an ox who'd been there;  
And the moral was drawn from this homely old tale  
That a man should take care what he tries,  
And plod on through life on a nice, modest scale,  
Since only contentment is wise.

But my heart goes out to that cocky young frog  
Whose life was so recklessly spent,  
Who burst into bits in the midst of his bog  
Because on ambition intent  
But though he was highly conceited, I know,  
I'm strong for his courage and gall,  
For it's better to burst in attempting to grow  
Than have no ambition at all!

—Berton Braley.