

staff as constituted, that retirement should be left to the discretion of the deputy heads of the departments to retire through incompetance, either from age or other mental or physical inability. New appointees entering the civil service might automatically retire at a certain age, if desired to have a clause to that effect in any Amendment to the Civil Service Act.

Yours truly,

W. J. GRAHAM.

Owen Sound, Dec. 12th, 1913.

### THE LATE ALEX. McNEILL.

Alex. McNeill, chief of the Fruit Division of the Agriculture Department, a worthy, useful and popular civil servant, is dead.

Mr. McNeill entered the service in 1901 to take charge of the administration of the Fruit Marking Act. His

energy and ability in the work of his branch are well known factors in all that has been accomplished in government supervision of the fruit industry.

Mr. McNeill is most widely known and appreciated by his work in the field where he organized buying and selling organizations on a co-operative basis. Co-operation, indeed, became his religion, and amongst civil servants he made his enthusiasms felt by his energetic management of the service co-operative business in Ottawa.

Mr. McNeill was born sixty years ago in Middlesex county. Like many men who have achieved success, Mr. McNeill taught school until he went into the fruit business. Mr. McNeill was a man of sterling character and high ideals and his death is a severe loss both to those who knew him and to the public service which he endeavoured to serve so faithfully.

## HINTS for CHRISTMAS DINNER

RAISINS, seeded, 1 lb. pkgs. 3 lbs.....	29c
RAISINS, purple cord, 1 lb. pkgs. 2 lbs.....	25c
RAISINS, sultanas, 1 lb. pkgs. extra fine 2 lbs.....	35c
VALENCIA RAISINS, layer, 3 lbs.....	25c
CURRENTS (cleaned), 1 lb. pkgs. 3 lbs.....	29c
CURRENTS, Vostizzas, 1 lb. pkgs. 2 lbs.....	29c
Finest English PEEL, LEMON, ORANGE, CITRON, 1 lb.....	20c
NEW WALNUTS, shelled, 1 lb.....	50c
FRESH CRACKED WALNUTS, 1 lb.....	35c
NEW ALMONDS, 1 lb.....	20c
NEW FILBERTS, 1 lb.....	20c
NEW WALNUTS, 1 lb.....	20c
ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA, 1 lb.....	29c
PURE JAVA & MOCHA COFFEE, 1 lb.....	35c

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