

have shown after having qualified on the technical side, and that we size up along with the others, and there is where we call in the executive heads, who are under the political heads. The executive heads will give a good judgment. As a rule they are not overawed by the political heads. I do not see any other way to prevent incursions of the kind that Mr. Catherwood spoke. The politicians might come in and blow the whole thing up because they have the legislative power to do so. If you are to have your Act and your system, you must show that your work minimizes the political pressure—and that is the only way that you can get the politician on your side.

Civil Service Casualties.

LIEUT. A. B. IRVING.

Lieut. Arthur Beaufin Irving, reported missing, probably dead, is a Public Works engineer of Victoria, B.C., a son of the late Judge Irving of that city and a grandson of the late Sir Aemilius Irving of Toronto. He was formerly an officer of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, but transferred recently to the 16th Battalion. He was last seen going over the parapet in a charge.

MAJOR JOHN C. BALL.

Major John C. Ball, Canadian Field Artillery, has been wounded in the left foot and is coming home. He has also suffered injury to the drum of his left ear. Major Ball belongs to the engineering staff of the Welland Ship Canals and was lieutenant in the 7th Field Battery of St. Catharines before he went to the front.

W. J. DONOVAN.

Corporal William John Donovan of the 77th Battalion was admitted to No. 12 General Hospital at Rouen, France, on October 28th, suffering from concussion. He is an employee of the Government Printing Bureau, and served in South Africa. He has qualification for a commission, but "took stripes" to get to the front quickly.

C. P. MAXTED.

C. P. Maxted, Canadian Engineers, who died of wounds in August, was on the engineering staff of the Irrigation Branch, Department of the Interior, at Calgary. He enlisted short-

ly after the war broke out and had been overseas for a long time.

W. F. SHAPTON.

Company Sergeant-Major Walter Frank Shapton, who was admitted to the American Women's Hospital at Paignton on November 8th with a gunshot wound in the hand, belongs to the Grain Commission staff, Department of Trade and Commerce, at Fort William. He enlisted with the 52nd Battalion.

E. H. WOOTTEN.

Edward Henry Wootten, an employee of the Fish Culture Branch of the Department of the Naval Service, at Port Arthur, is officially reported as having died in No. 2 Canadian Field Ambulance as the result of wounds. Deceased was a recruit of the 96th Lake Superior Regiment to the 8th Battalion, C.E.F., and had won his corporal's stripes.

W. E. HUNTER.

William Edgar Hunter, who suffered a gunshot wound in the shoulder on October 21st and is now in hospital in England, belongs to the Irrigation Branch, Department of the Interior. He was a sergeant-major in the 77th Battalion, but was subsequently transferred to the 87th Battalion "Canadian Grenadier Guards."

CAPT. W. F. PETERMAN.

Captain Wilfrid Ferrier Peterman, killed in action on September 26th, had a distinguished record in the war. When hostilities commenced he was a preventive officer of customs at Co-