

FISHERIES ATTACHED TO THE NAVAL SERVICE.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries is again divided. For a number of years the two branches have been together under the same minister and deputy, but now the Fisheries Branch has been put under the Naval Service, with George J. Desbarats as Deputy Minister. The work of the Department is increasing in its volume and importance, and the transfer to the smaller Naval Branch will tend to equalize administration between the two departmental deputies, Messrs. Johnston and Desbarats. A good many years ago a division of the Department was effected along similar lines, there being, for a time, a Deputy Minister of Marine and a Deputy Minister of Fisheries. Subsequently they were reunited under one deputy head. The Naval Service Department is, of course, a recent creation.

The Marine and Fisheries Branches which for years have been quartered in the Western Block, and the Naval Service Branch, located on Sussex street, will, next week, take occupation of new quarters in the Rea building, Mackenzie avenue.

SASKATCHEWAN RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

A warm friend of organization writes the Secretary of the Federation as follows:—

Dear Mr. Grierson,—We had a real live meeting here on Sunday and Monday, the 21st and 22nd June. Delegates from Regina and Moose Jaw were present. We were disappointed in not having delegates from the other points, but as you know, it is a hard proposition to get together from all over the province and get back to duty again. The meeting heartily endorsed the movement in favour of affiliation with

the Civil Service Federation. We also took up the matter of safety for mail and mail clerks on trains. Also for a room to be set aside in the Post Office, shortly to be erected here, for the mail clerks, to use whenever trains are running irregularly. A committee was appointed to lay these matters, together with the ideas of the clerks in regard to Bill 147, increase in salaries to railway mail clerks, which occupied the attention of the House towards the end of last session, before Sir J. A. M. Aikens, who is expected in town tomorrow, the 24th. We are indebted to you for the help you have given us, and as far as the Saskatchewan Association is concerned, we are ready to affiliate right away. We must wait, however, until the next meeting of the Western R. M. C. Federation, and they are expected to take the necessary steps.

Faithfully yours,

R. HERROD.

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RAISING STATUS OF CANADA'S TRADE COMMISSIONERSHIP.

For some time Sir George Foster has had under consideration the question of raising the status of Canada's trade commissionership in other countries. Canada has, of course, no consular service of her own, but in common with other dominions beyond the seas utilizes the services of British consuls in foreign countries. However, where there are Canadian trade commissioners these, to some extent, fulfil the functions of consuls, and with the growth of Canada's importance abroad it is becoming the more necessary to appoint as commissioners men of the very highest qualifications. Sir George Foster, therefore, proposes to appoint to these positions as vacancies occur, the best available university men, but before going to their respective posts they will undergo a special training in the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa, and will be given opportunities to study the needs and necessities, as well as the industrial conditions of Canada from coast to coast.