

and the suddenness of his death is therefore doubly distressing.

"I can say very truthfully that his death will be a heavy loss, not only to myself and the Government, but to the whole country.

"In 1912 when we wished to work out a scheme for larger assistance to agriculture, I selected Dr. James as the best possible man for investigating existing conditions and assisting me in formulating a programme which would make for co-operation with the various provinces and would stimulate agricultural education throughout the country.

Sir James Whitney, who had a high opinion of Dr. James' abilities, was loath to let him go, but recognizing that my proposal offered a larger and perhaps more useful field of service, finally consented.

#### MORE THAN OFFICIAL.

"Agricultural workers throughout Canada are familiar with the great services rendered by Dr. James. His broad grasp of conditions, and his untiring devotion to the work, made him an exceptionally valuable officer, and I am quite sure I am voicing the general view when I express the opinion that the country can ill spare him at this time.

"But Dr. James was more than an official. His integrity of character, his broad outlook on life, and his cheery optimism were known to many, and anyone who was brought into such close contact with him as I was would feel the same sense of personal loss."

#### SURVEYS BRANCH RECRUITS.

Since the commencement of the war the Topographical Surveys Branch, Department of the Interior, has contributed very largely to the various regiments which have been raised for active overseas service. Sixty-two employees have responded to the stern call of duty, thirty-one of these being from the office staff and the remainder from those employed in the field. In addition to this, six more applications from the office staff are now under consideration.

Conrad Baril, J. T. Carthew, D. L.S., and L. E. S. Bolton, D.L.S., have been killed in action. Four others have been wounded.

### Personals.

#### General.

Mr. L. J. Giroux (known as the choir leader) of the Post Office Inspector's Office, Toronto, was the recipient of an illuminated address and a handsome silver mounted umbrella from his fellow workers on the 17th inst., the anniversary of his wedding.

Hon. and Madame T. Chase Casgrain, who are in France, spent last week in Paris. Hon. Mr. Casgrain visited the Army Postal Corps.

Juliette, daughter of the late Elie Query, of the House of Commons staff, was married at the Basilica on June 15th by Rev. Canon Campeau to Ernest Ravignat of Nameche, Belgium.

Nathaniel Mills, postmaster of the House of Commons, is spending the summer in the West.

Dr. J. S. Plaskett has gone to Victoria, B.C., to superintend the erection of the mammoth telescope in the new observatory.

#### Obituary.

Joseph George Simard, of the Government Printing Bureau, died on June 21st, aged fifty-three years.

Edward E. Horton, official reporter of the Supreme Court of Canada, who died suddenly in Toronto on June 27th, was the father of Albert E. Horton of the House of Commons and brother of Albert Horton of the Senate.

Anne C. E. Lowe, who died very suddenly at the home of her mother, was the wife of Jas. S. Graham of the Department of the Interior.

#### THE NEW TELESCOPE.

Victoria, B.C., people take a very lively interest in the observatory now being established near their city by the Dominion Government. The newspapers of the place keep a watchful eye on its development and recently the "Colonist" printed the following:

By the end of summer, Victoria will have the largest telescope in operation, at the new Dominion Government Observatory at Little Saanich Mountain, a few miles to the north of Victoria.

Word has been received by Mr.