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## CONVENTION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONS.

### **Eighth Meeting of the National Assembly of Civil Service Commissions of the United States.**

When the National Assembly of Civil Service Commissions gathered at Los Angeles, California, on June 16, 1915, it welcomed to its midst for the first time in its history a representative from the Dominion of Canada. This representative was Mr. William Foran, Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, who thus inaugurated a new era of Civil Service reciprocity and co-operation between the Dominion and its neighbor to the South. That the new departure met with the approval of the Assembly is shown, not only by the fact that Mr. Foran was chosen as chairman of the Committee on Superannuation, member of the Committee on Resolutions, and member of the Executive Committee, but that next year, by unanimous vote, the National Assembly will convene in Ottawa, bringing in its train the representatives of Civil Service Commissions throughout the United States, as well as those efficient advocates and upholders of the merit movement, the members of the Civil Service Reform League.

The Assembly this year represented some three hundred commissioners—national, State and Municipal—as well as kindred organizations whose aim is the practical development of the merit system. Among the delegates present at Los Angeles were such well known exponents of scientific Civil Service reform as Dr. Henry Moskovitz, President of the New York City Commission; H. N. Saxton, Chief Examiner of the New

York State Commission; F. E. Doty, Secretary of the Los Angeles County Commission, and newly elected President of the National Assembly; Robert Catherwood, of Chicago; W. W. Grant, Jr., Colorado State Commissioner; J. E. Burdette, President Illinois State Commission; H. N. Shepard, Boston; George H. Burke, New Jersey; Chas. G. Morris, President Connecticut State Commission; C. L. Baxter, Seattle; and George T. Keyes, Secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League.

The Assembly was formally opened on June 16 when State Senator Stanley H. Benedict welcomed the delegates on behalf of Governor Hiram Johnson of California. Response was made on behalf of President Boyle, of Boston, who was unfortunately unable to be present, by the Honourable Harvey N. Shepard, of the Massachusetts State Commission. Then followed four days crowded with addresses, discussions and conferences, in which the expert knowledge of the specialists present was freely presented to the delegates. Judging from the newspaper reports, one of the most interesting addresses given was that delivered by Mr. Foran on "The Operation of the Canadian Civil Service Act." Among the numerous items presented for discussion was the Model Civil Service Law presented in these columns some time ago. A unique experiment which aroused great interest in the Assembly was the presentation to the

delegates for discussion and suggestions of the rules and regulations of the newly created San Diego Commission. As a result this Commission will have for its guidance a set of the most up-to-date rules formulated under the most recent developments of the Civil Service spirit. Another interesting novelty, which tended to introduce a certain amount of relaxation after the more arduous labors of the public meetings was a daily luncheon known as "The Round Table," at which a Civil Service questionnaire was held and in which all delegates were expected to participate. The questions submitted in this impromptu fashion included such weighty topics as co-operation, classification, retirement, publicity, and the future of the Civil Service twenty years hence, but it is needless to say that the answers given were not all couched in the academic language of the public platform.

It is a matter for congratulation to the Canadian Civil Service as well as to the citizens of Ottawa that the next Assembly is to be held in the Capital City. Despite the claims of Minneapolis for the Assembly of 1916, Mr. Foran was successful in securing a unanimous vote in favor of Ottawa. The Los Angeles Express, in its report of the proceedings of the Assembly, has the following reference to the discussion which took place on the question of the place for the next convention, which would indicate that some energetic work was necessary in order to secure the coveted honour. It says:

"Spirited arguments were precipitated at the National Civil Service Assembly to-day when strong and unexpected opposition to the selection of Ottawa, Can., as the convention city for next year arose.

"The discussions were started when J. C. Mulholland, delegate from Minneapolis, opposed the tentative choice of the Next Place of Meeting Com-

mittee and proposed his city as a substitute.

"The suggestion that patriotism would require that the convention be held in a city of the United States was quickly voted down.

"William Foran, of Ottawa, made an eloquent plea in behalf of his city. He argued that as this was the first time a Canadian has ever been able to address one of the assemblies, and that as mutual benefits would arise from an interchange of ideas between the two great nations of the American continent, reciprocal action by holding the convention there next year would tend to cement the strong movement in both countries for efficiency of service in all government work."

In addition to the representatives who were present this year at Los Angeles, Canada will welcome another noted expert in the person of Mr. John T. Doyle, Secretary of the National Civil Service Commission of the United States, who is one of the fathers of the reform movement on this continent. It is not improbable that Chas. W. Eliot, formerly President of Harvard University; Chas. W. Dana, President of the National Civil Service Reform League, and other prominent and distinguished public men from the neighboring republics will be present at the convention in this city. While the preparations for the Assembly will involve considerable labor and foresight, it is expected that the Civil Service Association, as well as citizens of the Capital interested in the extension of the merit system, will co-operate to such an extent that the 1916 convention will not only leave pleasant memories in the minds of the visiting representatives, but will be of permanent value to the Civil Service of Canada.

*(The address of Mr. W. Foran, the Canadian representative, will be published in the next issue.)*

## The Roll of Honour.

Men of the Public Service of Canada who are "Doing Their Bit."

### TWENTY-NINTH LIST.

- T. A. Beckett, Customs, Winnipeg, 61st Battalion, C.E.F.  
 W. H. Bryans, Customs, Winnipeg, 61st Battalion, C.E.F.  
 B. F. Davidson, Customs, Halifax, 40th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 G. W. Elliott, Customs, Edmonton, 63rd Battalion, C.E.F.  
 E. J. Greig, Customs, Nanaimo.  
 F. C. Jacques, Customs Dept., Ottawa, Dental Corps.  
 J. S. Macdonald, Customs Dept., Ottawa, Dental Corps.  
 J. D. MacKenzie, Board of Customs, Ottawa, Dental Corps.  
 W. W. Macpherson, Customs, Vancouver, 11th C.M.R.  
 C. A. McConnell, Customs, Winnipeg, 9th C.M.R.  
 Oswald McMurray, Customs, Vancouver, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
 W. A. McConnell, Customs, Winnipeg, Universities Co., P.P.C.L.I.  
 H. A. O'Doherty, Customs Dept., Ottawa, Dental Corps.  
 M. L. Ruttie, Board of Customs, Ottawa, Dental Corps.  
 W. B. Rattray, Customs, Calgary, 50th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 J. H. Ross, Customs, Fort William, 52nd Battalion.  
 C. D. Spence, Customs Dept., Ottawa, Dental Corps.  
 G. M. Shaver, Board of Customs, Ottawa, Dental Corps.  
 T. B. Tonge, Customs, Revelstoke, 54th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 G. B. Urquhart, Board of Customs, Ottawa, 38th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 D. R. Ware, Customs, Medicine Hat, 49th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 W. A. Gardner, Customs, Saskatoon, 28th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 L. T. Bacon, Customs, Quebec, 41st Battalion, C.E.F.  
 F. H. Pyne, Customs, Toronto, Divisional Amm. Park.  
 M. R. Angel, Customs, Wallaceburg, 8th C.M.R.  
 Henry Bartlett, Customs, Winnipeg, Army Service Corps.  
 F. H. Jacob, Customs, Winnipeg, 44th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 R. A. Robison, Customs, Winnipeg, 44th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 E. C. P. Salt, Customs, Moose Jaw, Army Service Corps (British).  
 Wm. Spice, Customs, Saskatoon, Army Medical Corps.  
 N. M. Saunders, Customs, Saskatoon, Universities Co., P.P.C.L.I.  
 Geo. Bell, Customs, Calgary, 56th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 G. D. Curphey, Customs, Calgary, 56th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 J. A. W. Ganton, Customs, Calgary, 56th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 H. W. Johnston, Customs, Calgary, 56th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 C. K. McDonald, Customs, Calgary, 56th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 H. E. Press, Customs, Calgary, 56th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 T. A. Penketh, Customs, Victoria, B.C., 47th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 D. G. H. Dodds, Board of Customs, Ottawa, Dental Corps.  
 W. S. McLean, Board of Customs, Ottawa, 7th Artillery Brigade.  
 C. L. Fusee, Customs Dept., Ottawa, C.A.S.C.  
 W. J. Henry, Customs Dept., Ottawa, 7th Artillery Brigade.  
 Lieut. Leon F. Jackson, Customs Dept., Ottawa, 7th Artillery Brigade.  
 S. J. Martin, Customs Dept., Ottawa, 8th C.M.R.  
 F. M. Adams, Customs, Peterboro, 8th C.M.R.  
 Thos. Ashley, Public Works, Ottawa, 43rd Regiment.  
 H. G. Walsh, Public Works, Victoria, B.C., 2nd C.M.R.  
 E. J. Tennant, Public Works, Golden, B.C., 47th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 Lieut. Geo. Clapperton, Public Works, Temiskaming, 59th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 Lieut. J. Murray Lamb, Public Works, St. John, N.B., 55th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 Lieut. C. M. Macreath, Public Works, Sault Ste. Marie, 37th Battalion, C.E.F.  
 D. George Fair, Post Office, Ottawa, 7th Brigade, C.F.A.



“THE MOTE AND THE BEAM.”

To the ladies once again  
 I will pen this sweet refrain,  
 I will tell them why they rouse my wrathful ire;  
 Why I loose my poisoned dart,  
 Why I stab them to the heart—  
 Why I recommend their burning on a pyre.

Dear sweet reader please take note  
 How they clamor for a vote,  
 How they claim to be man's equal—mental mate;  
 Yet they'll rant around and roar,  
 Break up window panes galore  
 With a stocking filled with rock to give it weight.

They will howl around and fret  
 O'er the ills the cigarette  
 Works among the ranks of juveniles and men;  
 Yet their skirts all hold a place  
 For a dainty little case  
 Which, of gold-tipped cigarettes, will hold just ten.

WHISKY! My but how they cuss  
 That outrageous Octopus  
 In whose tentacles, once caught, a man must stay;  
 Yet in ballroom or hotel  
 You will notice it's the swell  
 Little Lady who imbibes Absenthe frappé.

Then they rise up true and brave  
 To protect the poor white slave,  
 They must stamp this evil out without delay;  
 Yet each day they may be viewed  
 On the streets—well—all but nude  
 So that on man's primal instincts they may play.

When they wander off to bed  
 They are clothed from foot to head,  
 Their sleeping garments look like armor-plate;  
 But when they are all arrayed  
 For their daily dress parade  
 They must either be half nude or out of date.

They will wear a colored wig—  
 Tango—Hesitate—or Jig—  
 Slash their skirts about a foot above the knee—  
 Exposed braces, on a man,  
 Are a thing, though, we should ban,  
 In his shirtsleeves he's a thing not fit to see.

LADIES: if you would be thought  
 Mere man's equal—'stead of naught—  
 A small piece of sound advice I'll hand to you:  
 Do not from your province roam—  
 START REFORMING RIGHT AT HOME,  
 And eventually you may be listened to.

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*To Mr. Beausoleil, Chief Accountant, Dept. of the Naval Service.*

What time the glory of the earth is hid  
 'Neath dark, obscuring fog, or dank, cold mist;  
 And Nature's self is so near lost amid  
 The vapoury film she seems not to exist;  
 How doth the great celestial orb burst forth,  
 And in a trice the gloomy clouds dispel;  
 Seeming to bless with gladness of new birth  
 The verdure of the hills whereon we dwell.

Thus thou, O "Beauteous Sun," dost with thy smile,  
 And (chiefly) with the cheque for me addressed,  
 Melt into nought the host of shadows vile  
 That me surround when funds become "non est."  
 Long mayst thou live, and in thy life continue  
 To wield that magic power invested in you.

E. A. T.

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## THE NATIONAL DUTY.

*"It is the duty of every man to enlist. Unless he can show a good reason for not going. If this big Empire of ours is worth having it is worth fighting for."*

—Hon. G. P. Graham, Lindsay, Ont.

*"I know what Canadians have suffered and are prepared to suffer. This was war that could not be carried on on a limited liability principle. We were in it, and had got to stick in it. We had got to win the war, and in order to do that we must risk every man and every shilling we possessed. We had our full share of staying powers, and it was not going to fail us now."*

—Colonial Secretary A. Bonar Law, Folkestone, Eng.

*"Do not let us give any encouragement to the faint-hearted, if such there be, and still less to the back-biters."*

*"Can there be a greater calumny on our own people, both here and over the seas, than to say that they have not risen to the height of a great occasion?"*

*"The process of recruiting the Army from the ranks of the people is in a highly satisfactory condition. The latest returns are among the best we have had for a long time."*

—Premier Asquith, House of Commons.

## UNMERITED CRITICISM.

It really seems as if fewer and fewer writers to the average newspaper stop to ask themselves, "Is this all of the story; or is there another and better side to it?"

With constructive criticism, or the expression of an opinion on the part of one who gives due credit for the ready performance of duties, official or self-imposed, we certainly have no quarrel, but towards the man who can only deride or belittle, our attitude is "on guard." Hence it is that when we see "civil servants not volunteering" or hear someone say "civil servants did not do much for the fund," we are forced to either of two conclusions: the writer, under the influence of the hot weather, or a cold bottle, concludes that he must take a fling at someone and so the poor civil servant has lack of patriotism added to the many other lapses of which he has been accused in the past; or, having only a very narrow outlook, he says: "Well, I know that such a Department has not given much, either in men or money," and jumps to the conclusion that the slackness is general.

*The Civilian* in its Roll of Honour, Correspondence and other columns gives ample evidence of the unfairness of these vapourings. Just stop and consider that over a thousand men have enlisted, and remember that the work is going forward in the public service just as before, with those who have not gone either doubling up in duties or instructing new members of the staffs in theirs. In some Departments the duties, owing to the war, have been multiplied; yet everything is being done.

The contributions that have been and are pouring in from the various branches of the Civil Service of Canada, to the treasurers of various funds speak volumes for the real generosity of the men and women who have made some sacrifices in order that they might give something. For bear in

mind that while it may be true that he who has a position to-day may be considered fortunate, as compared with so many in the other industries, yet the average civil servant has been for years grossly underpaid and has had but small opportunity to make provision for this period of stress that has come to the world.

Comparisons are odious, but if in the light of what has been done, any part of the public service thinks that it has not done enough, bear in mind that opportunities present themselves daily for more and greater giving, notably in the solution of the problem of our returned wounded, and also that recruiting offices are open everywhere.

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#### GIVING ALL TOGETHER.

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A strong sentiment is being formed among the members of the Service at Ottawa that it is time to consider a further contribution to one or other of the many patriotic funds. There is no doubt that the great self-sacrificing Outside Service will also approve of another contribution from the Service as a whole. As will be seen by the report of the Inside association on another page, a committee is considering the subject and will report to a meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 21st inst.

It may not be well to anticipate this report, but as a certain amount of educational discussion is always necessary in a case of this kind, it may be profitable to remark that one current of opinion runs in favour of the proposed contribution being made to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. This will probably be a wise decision for several reasons, one of which being the understood fact that Sir Herbert Ames has addressed the Government in regard to the needs of the Patriotic Fund.

An interesting suggestion will be offered to the committee to the effect

that a specific sum be contributed instead of the day's pay as before. This sum will be on a sliding scale according to the sub-division of the subscriber,—such as \$6.00 for a man in Division 1A and so on down to \$1.00. This idea, while adhering to the percentage basis, will minimize the task of the accountants' offices in making the deduction.

A further interesting suggestion to be advanced is that each member of the Service have the option of subscribing the above stated amount once only, or for three, six or twelve months. In this way each individual's special circumstances may be duly considered and everyone may give according to his or her resources.

Whatever arrangement is finally adopted by the Inside association is sure to meet with the acceptance of the Outside Service. The great body serving the King outside of the confines of the Capital are, to the knowledge of the editors of this journal, staunch and true in the great cause of our race. Moreover, they are imbued with a broad sporting spirit that will cause them to fall in with any fair proposition of contribution that will make for the great purposes of unanimity. The generosity of the Outside services to patriotic funds of all kinds is all too little known, but in the present issue will be found reports which will indicate certain results of a great spirit of loyalty among the Railway Mail and Postal clerks of the West. Elsewhere in different parts of the Dominion the same virile spirit of giving is manifested by those who cannot cross the ocean but who do what they can. It may be interesting to state that monthly contributions on account of the first fund are reaching the secretary of the Federation from Mr. Beausoleil of the Naval Service on behalf of the Outside Service of that Department, and also from Alan Sproatt, collector of customs, Saskatoon, on account of the staff of that

office. It is estimated that the amounts contributed by the members of the Outside Service to the Civil Service contribution last year is but a tenth per cent of the total of amounts paid by them into local funds for patriotic purposes.

“Dawson, the metropolis of Yukon Territory, is in Alberta. That is the situation in effect as it is put in *The Civilian*, a magazine published in Ottawa in the interest of the Civil Service.”

The above quotation is from the Dawson News. We acknowledge the charge. *The Civilian* “Roll of Honour” of July 9th contained the names of Antonio Blakie and Jas. McKinnon as hailing from Dawson, “Alberta.” The fact was so represented to the editors in a list from a most authentic source, and it was supposed that there is a place of the same name in the great province of Alberta. We apologize; and all the more contritely because in no place is the pride of place stronger than in the North country which Robert Service has made famous in song and story.

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The real, though unspoken, excuse of the “slackers” in recruiting is, “I may get shot.”

It occurs to us to say that should Germany come out “on top”—(there are many who say “She may,” and lots of others who will “take the odds”)—this same “slacker,” who becomes every day easier to find, will probably live to see a not far distant day when he will say far more fervently, “I wish I were shot.”

We are fighting for the honor and integrity of the British race.

How, then, can any physically fit man with any true regard for his own personal honor, and contemplating what his position would be as a Ger-

man vassal, now stand clear of active service?

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Are you doing your bit?

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Your King and Country need you, —now.

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If you cannot volunteer for expeditionary service, you *can* join your local militia corps, or you can help to save a life by doing Red Cross work.

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Don't be impatient if the Roll of Honour names you send in are not published at once. The editors have names coming in from many sources, and in order to avoid duplication and other errors each name has to be carefully checked and verified before it goes in the list for printing. This takes time. Every name that can be secured, which should properly appear in the Roll of Honour, will be published. Send in all you know of, —the editors will do the rest.

### MANY SMALL POST OFFICES ARE CLOSED.

Rural mail deliveries in Ontario have resulted in the closing of 1,100 small post offices in this province in the last three years. Parcels post in Canada is a success, but the public are not taking full advantage of it. This was the principal point made at the annual meeting of the Ontario Postmasters' Association, President Wm. Hamilton, of Uxbridge, in the chair. Secretary H. E. Proctor announced that \$7,856 had been collected for patriotic purposes.

The following officers were elected: Hon. President, Wm. Hamilton, Uxbridge; President, A. B. Foran, Winona; First Vice-President, A. A. Wright, Renfrew; Second Vice-President, H. Sinclair, Beamsville; Secretary-Treasurer, H. E. Proctor, Aurora.



### STAFFS OF DEPT. OF PUBLIC PRINTING AND STATIONERY HAVE DONE THEIR BIT.

At the beginning of the war when everybody joined hands in order to alleviate, if possible, the heavy burden caused to numerous families, whose fathers and sons are gone to the front, the employees, men and women, of the Department of Public Printing and Stationery decided to do their share in subscribing to the Patriotic and Red Cross Funds.

To that end a committee composed of a member of all the different branches of the Department met together and told the King's Printer, Mr. J. deL. Taché, the object they had in view. The latter gave his strong approval and, in his name and in the name of the Minister of the Department, the Honourable Mr. Coderre, answered the deputation that he saw with pleasure the employees of the Department act so generously towards the families of our defenders.

At a subsequent meeting, it was decided to give a day's pay. Subscription lists were started at once and in October, 1914, Messrs. C. R. Hurst, J. W. Garrison and D. McCann, acting for the committee, presented to the officers of the Patriotic and Red Cross Funds over \$2,750.

Answering repeated calls of our boys in the trenches for more and more machine guns, the employees of this Department got busy again and this time decided to offer a machine gun, with all its equipment. The King's Printer gave his consent and moreover was the first to sign the subscription list.

Wednesday, the 25th instant, a delegation composed of the King's Printer and Messrs. Geo. P. Ward, H. T. Smith, Samuel Cross, W. C. Allan and Geo. Ardouin, met the Acting Minister of Militia and Defence, the Hon. Mr. Lougheed; and Mr. Taché, in the name of all his employees, both men and women, presented to the

Honourable Minister an accepted cheque for \$1,000.00, the cost of a machine gun.

Not being satisfied in showing their patriotism by giving their money, 22 of the employees are already at the front or are on their way; moreover 14 more have offered their services to man the machine gun, and last but not the least 25 of the employees have sons at the front. They are not afraid to risk their lives in the defence of King and country.

### PRINTING BUREAU MANS MA- CHINE GUN.

A committee composed of members of the Government Printing Bureau at Ottawa have collected funds from members of the Bureau staff and have donated a machine gun to the Government. Not only are these spirited civil servants donating a gun, but they have a squad to man it. The volunteers to man the gun are: Wm. Doherty, T. McCadden, J. A. P. Haydon, Jas. P. Tighe, Wm. A. Dempsey, A. W. Branch, Geo. Burns, W. Baril, Geo. J. Ward, P. A. Lefebvre.

### FOUND DEAD IN ROOM.

Mr. Harry D. Johnston, late of the Militia Department, was found dead in his room in Nepean street yesterday. He was apparently in his usual good health on Monday and when he retired at night. The cause of death is attributed to paralysis. He was a prominent Mason and well known in the city. He was about 50 years of age and unmarried.

TO RENT—A small furnished house, 112 Bayswater avenue, at moderate rate. For further information enquire Miss Dewar, Room 144, Langevin Block, Land Patents Branch, Interior Department.

### PROMOTION OF MR. CHANDLER.

The accompanying photograph is that of Henry H. Chandler, the new Superintendent of the Montreal City Post Office, who succeeds the late Mr. A. E. Morin in that office. Mr. Chandler was born at Montreal, February 2, 1865, and entered the Postal Service as a clerk in the Montreal office in March, 1884. He rose from the ranks by gradual stages, having served for nine years as Chief of the Night Despatch Branch and for seven



HENRY H. CHANDLER,  
Superintendent, Montreal Post Office.

years as Chief of the Registration Branch. He also had charge of the Parcel Post Branch. For eighteen months he was Assistant Superintendent and became Superintendent in July, 1915. After a continuous service of 32 years Mr. Chandler finds himself in one of the highest offices in the Montreal Post Office. Although few are aware of it, the working organization of the Montreal Post Office is one of the sights of that great city, and one has to visit that office in the busy hours to realize the value of Mr. Chandler's service to the public service of Canada.

It is a pride and a pleasure to be able to record this worthy and well-earned promotion, and each time such an event occurs it is pardonable in a Civil Service pen to let itself loose in an orgy of compliments and congratulations. These are all the more deserving on the present occasion for Federation visitors at the Montreal Post Office during the past few years have been invariably treated with the utmost kindness and consideration by Mr. Chandler as well as by his predecessor, Mr. Morin. Mr. Chandler is as pleasant in manner as in appearance and this may be judged by the reproduction of his features in the accompanying cut.

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### PROMOTION DE MONSIEUR CHANDLER.

La photographie qui accompagne cet article est celle de Monsieur Henry H. Chandler, le nouveau Surintendant du Bureau de Poste de la ville de Montréal, qui succède à feu Monsieur A. E. Morin dans cette position. Monsieur Chandler naquit à Montréal le 2 février 1865 et entra dans le Service des Postes, comme commis au Bureau de Poste de Montréal, en mars 1884. Sa position s'améliora graduellement; il occupa pendant neuf ans la position de Chef de la Division d'Expéditions de Nuit et pendant sept ans il fut Chef de la Division d'Enregistrement. Il fut aussi chargé de la Division des Colis Postaux. Pendant 18 mois il fut Assistant surintendant et il fut nommé Surintendant en juillet 1915. Après 32 ans de service continu, Monsieur Chandler occupe aujourd'hui une des plus hautes positions du Bureau de Poste de Montréal. Quoique peu de personnes le cachent, l'organisation du Bureau de Poste de Montréal est une des merveilles de cette grande ville, et il faut nécessairement visiter ce Bureau pendant les heures de travail pour réaliser la valeur des services de Monsieur Chandler au service public du Canada.

C'est une joie et un plaisir de pouvoir enregistrer cette promotion si bien méritée, et chaque fois qu'il se produit un événement de cette nature il est pardonnable à la plume du Service Civil de se laisser entraîner dans une orgie de compliments et de congratulations. L'occasion présente rend encore ces louanges plus propices, car les visiteurs de la Fédération au Bureau de Poste de Montréal, durant les dernières années, furent toujours reçus avec la plus grande cordialité par Monsieur Chandler, de même que par son prédécesseur, Monsieur Morin. Monsieur Chandler est aussi plaisant dans ses manières qu'il l'est en personne, et l'on peut juger de ce dernier fait par la photographie ci-jointe.

**VANCOUVER POSTAL CLERKS.**

**One Year's Record of Patriotic Giving.**

An enthusiastic co-operator who has arisen in the West in response to the invitation of the editors for news gatherers is Robert Wight, Secretary of the Carriers' Federation, Vancouver. A contribution just received deals with features of patriotic work done by the postal folk of the Vancouver office and is as follows:

Enclosed please find the financial statement of the Vancouver Post Office War Fund, for the period August 15th, 1914, to July 31st, 1915, being one year of its operations.

This fund was started on the 15th August, 1914, and does not include the Post Office Inspector's Office, Dead Letter Office, or the Railway Mail Service, who, I believe, have a fund of their own, or contribute to other existing funds.

Owing to the unprecedented state of affairs of the labour market, etc., at the outbreak of hostilities, various calls for relief were from time to time made on the public, and naturally the Post Office employees.

The Post Office War Fund has not been confined altogether to the furtherance of matters incidental to a speedy termination of the war, but has taken into consideration the needs of some of the community affected by that state of existence as well.

The first men to leave our office, naturally, were British Army reservists, and as no provision was made at that time by the Department to provide for their dependents, and believing same would ultimately be arranged, we started to loan various sums according to their needs, until such time as the Department were gracious enough to grant them their full salary allowances, and then deviate our fund to other purposes.

Our first month's subscription was fifty cents, then increased to one dollar per month, and in June was increased to two dollars per month where it now remains.

The committee in charge of this fund are John Barber Marshallsay and David McCullough, of the Clerks' Departments, and Louis Carter Carl and Robert Wight, President and Secretary respectively of Branch No. 12, F.A.L.C., with Postmaster Robert G. Macpherson, Harold Hargreaves acting as Treasurer.

The statement for August now being on hand, I will forward a copy for your next issue.

**VANCOUVER POST OFFICE WAR FUND.**

Statement, August 15th, 1914, to July 31st, 1915.

**INCOME.**

Grand total of monthly subscriptions.	
Letter Carriers' Dept.,	
Main Office .....	\$ 812.95
City Sortation & Post-	
masters' Office ....	448.00
Letter Carriers' Dept.,	
Station "C," .....	378.00
Despatch Dept., Main	
Office .....	378.00
Letter Carriers and	
Clerks, Station "B"	201.00
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**WESTERN CENSUS.**

Arrangements are being made by the chief officer of the census for the quinquennial census in the Western Provinces next year. For Canada generally the census is taken every tenth year, but the Act provides that in the Western Provinces it shall be every five years. Compared with the general census, however, it is simplified and relates only to population and agriculture.

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## THE C. S. ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA.

Regular meetings of the Executive were resumed on Sept. 7th, one special meeting having been held during the summer recess, on July 17th.

The Women's Branch, having found on the completion of their campaign for beds for the Cliveden Hospital, that these had been over-subscribed, have turned the money over to the Red Cross for the purchase of a motor ambulance.

The question of starting a subscription for the purchase of machine guns was referred to a special sub-committee. They reported adversely for the reasons announced by the Militia Department that sufficient funds had already been received for all the machine guns which could be procured.

The Executive has taken this stand with regard to the Provincial War Tax on Civil Service incomes. It has always been maintained by Dominion civil servants that such a tax imposed by a province or under its authority is unconstitutional. The latest judgment in the Morson case upholds this contention. Nevertheless, this being called a "War Tax," the Executive deems it inadvisable to suggest that payment be refused; but payment should be made only under protest that the tax is unconstitutional. The Executive has instructed the officers to file a formal protest along these lines.

A special sub-committee was appointed at the regular meeting to consider a further contribution to the Patriotic or other fund. This committee will report at the next meeting. Considering that it is almost a year since the Inside Service made their contribution of one day's pay and that an early appeal is to be made for further contributions, it is considered an opportune time to consider this matter. Civil servants would do well to get in touch with their representatives and advisory

boards so that when the matter is taken up by the Executive there may be no delay in coming to a conclusion.

## "THE BOOKMAN" REVIEWS THE CIVILIAN.

"The Bookman," writing in the Winnipeg Free Press under the caption "A Reader's Notes," comments upon *The Civilian* in the following manner:

"*The Civilian*, now in its eighth volume, is the organ of the Civil Service of Canada. It is a fortnightly sold at five cents the copy, as the Philadelphia 'Post' would say, and at one dollar a year. The editorial management is gratuitous, the contributors are civil servants, and the magazine is devoted to the higher interests of the whole Service, notably to efforts for wresting it from party patronage. In the issue before me, dated Aug. 20, Sir Robert Borden is quoted from a Halifax platform—whether before his party came into power, or since, we are not told—but the words are his words, and the type is the type of emphasis."

Here follows the Civil Service plank in the Halifax platform, and the comment continues:

"Let us hope that the editors and their associates will keep at it until the patronage system is gone forever. From *The Civilian* I learn that the Civil Service has contributed largely in men and money and work to the war. Among the contributions is an excellent poem in reply to the Prussian Hymn of Hate. This lyrical answer to the Prussian Hate Song would not suit a church service, but it is rattling good verse. The signature is 'Jack Cadden.'"

The article then quotes in full Jack Cadden's "English Hymn of Hate," published in the issue of August 20th,

and readers of this journal will appreciate the compliment to the poet of the Western Railway Mail Service.

### KITH AND KIN.

Pte. George Lawrence Holmden, who it was announced in a recent casualty list was killed in action on August 19, is the youngest of seven sons of Mr. H. R. Holmden, clerk in charge of the map division of the Archives.

Pte. Holmden was born in the city of Montreal twenty years ago. He was educated in the schools of Ottawa, and in August, 1912, went to Grenfell, Saskatchewan, to engage in farming. He enlisted with the 16th Light Horse and underwent training at Valcartier with the First Canadian Contingent. While there he was drafted, together with the other members of his company, to the 5th Battalion.

His father received a letter from him, written on the 14th of August, just five days before he met his death. The letter for the most part contained news of interest to the family only, but one passage which seems almost to point to a premonition on the part of Pte. Holmden as to his fate, read as follows: "No news is good news, and even bad news of ordinary times is not to be looked upon as bad news now, and why should there be any bad news? Even bad news of me ought to be looked upon as news to be proud of, to be honored, to remember and be reverently pleased with. I will have at least done some good in my life, good that will last. Many, many men have gone before me, men who deserve the fruits and blessings of this world far more than yours truly."

Three other sons of Mr. Holmden are serving the Empire: Capt. Stewart, of the 51st Battalion; Eric, quartermaster and sergeant, C.O.C., Niagara Camp, and K. H., a lieutenant in the G.G.F.G., who is awaiting an ap-

pointment to overseas service. Another son has been talking seriously of enlisting.

Dr. Norman Gilmour, son of the collector of customs at Brockville, has taken a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Lieut. Gilmour, who is a McGill man, was in Australia when the war broke out. He went to South Africa and took part in Botha's campaign; that being concluded, he went to England.

### THE NOVICE WINS AGAINST THE EXPERT.

It can easily be granted that Roscoe Drumheller, of Walla Walla, appointed Monday as collector of customs for the Port of Seattle, will be as equal to his duties as any of the other politicians who were aspirants for the place. It is no reflection on Drumheller, the individual, to say he should not have been appointed. It is a reflection solely on the method of appointments that now prevails. Merit does not have the consideration it should have, and political pull, influence and cunning are now the controlling forces which make for appointments in many important offices. The same is true in the Post Office as in the Customs Department, in the Internal Revenue Department, in the Land Office, etc. The Federal Government maintains a Civil Service system except for the heads of the department. To get a job as mail clerk one must pass an examination, and promotions then follow with continued service. But promotion to the office of postmaster or collector of customs never comes. At this point, politics enters. The man who has been in the post office work for 25 years or more can't hope to be promoted to postmaster unless he has political influence. The same is true in other offices. There are men in the Customs Department in Seattle and in other port cities of this state who know more about the customs service

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in one minute than Drumheller knows in a year. But when the appointment was made, lo and behold, the plum fell to a man who has lived in an inland city all his life, and never saw a boat except when he was on a holiday excursion somewhere. — *Seattle Star*.

### Dressy Vancouver Letter Carriers.

Have you noticed that some of the letter carriers are attired differently from others? They wear a black alpaca jacket—not shiny—a straw hat with a black ribbon, and an all-round linen collar. They look rather academic. When I saw them first I thought they were curates or students who were taking up this temporary work because the regular postmen had enlisted. I was strengthened in this idea by the look of deep thought on some of their faces. I could have sworn that one of them was thinking of his next Sunday's sermon, and another intellectual-looking man with a large nose looked serious enough for a bishop. And now I learn that this semi-clerical outfit is just the regulation summer post office dress. Sensible, too, and looks quite gentlemanly.

### Halifax Customs Items.

The following letter has been received from the enterprising *Civilian* correspondent in the Maritime Provinces:

The meeting of the Maritime Customs Association will be held here during Exhibition week. A topic which will be discussed at this meeting is the new Superannuation and Pension bill which will come before Parliament for enactment this session. The sentiment prevailing here seems to favour the bill as now constructed. The feeling of the members here towards this measure appears to be that the passing of this legislation is the

righting of an injustice which has existed since 1896. We think that when this act is placed upon the statute book the members generally throughout the Civil Service of this country will view their positions in an entirely different light. It will cause them to entertain a feeling of permanency respecting their positions, and the resultant good effect to the Service will be immense.

Another matter that will engage the attention of the meeting is the feasibility of fortnightly pay instead of monthly.

The appointment of delegates to the Civil Service Federation, which will convene just previous to Parliament assembling, is another matter which will be discussed at the annual meeting.

John Baxter received many expressions of sympathy recently in the death of his eldest son, Roy. John is one of the most popular men in the Customs.



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Rumours are rife that several important changes in our staff will be made in the near future. The Tide Surveyor and two other gentlemen holding technical positions are reported as likely to receive superannuation in the fall. The Tide Surveyor, John R. Power, has been identified with the service since 1881. During that time, 35 years in the spring, he has seen many changes in the Department. The passing of Mr. Power from active service will be a milestone in the history of the Halifax Customs. His administration of the outside staff has been marked with an efficiency that does credit both to him and the staff. The disciplining of men has always been his strong feature. Possessed as he is with a stern manner, he always impresses those that come in contact with him. Like most men holding such positions he is endowed with a keen sense of humour. In the opinion of the Department heads at Ottawa, he is considered one of the best men in the Service in Canada.

#### NORTHWEST ARM.

#### NOTES FROM THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Sydney Post says: With the whole of the fifty individual members of his crew remarking upon the sultriness of the weather in Sydney when the citizens felt like wearing overcoats owing to the chilliness of the air, Captain Read, of the Government steamer Minto, arrived in port from Hudson Straits after a round trip of exactly three weeks. The steamer left here on Sunday, 8th August, and since that time, when she was loaded pretty well down with provisions and other stores for the various Government stations, she has called at eight or nine stations in the far north. One of the officers of the steamer remarked that during their trip, which was attended with very fine weather on the outward run, besides discharging stores, they have

lighted up quite a few of the lights that were erected last year to give bearings to whalers and other vessels trading in the icy regions of the north. Some of these lights once they are in will burn for from six to nine months. Others will be extinguished by the last Government vessel to come down before the ice packs into the strait. In this case it will be the schooner Burley. The Minto towed the schooner Burley to Menzall Island where she herself touched besides the other stations such as Coates Island, Whale Island, Big Island, Button Island, Nottingham, Digs Island, Wikeham Bay. The weather although very cold up there was not at all stormy and fine weather was experienced during the whole time except for a few hours on the run back to Sydney. Some of the sailors who had made the trip for the first time had some amusing stories to tell of their experiences with the Eskimos. They had not had any experiences of any particular interest to relate, however, and said that the voyage, beyond being somewhat of a novelty to them, was very uneventful.

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Dr. Bell Dawson, of the Tidal Survey, is at present on Prince Edward Island, establishing automatic tide-gauge stations on the north coast.

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Mr. H. E. M. Chisholm, of the Press Gallery, House of Commons, Ottawa, is on a vacation trip to Charlottetown. Mr. Chisholm was there two years ago, a member of the party accompanying Sir Ian Hamilton and General Sir Sam Hughes.

C. C. MacNeill, Customs officer of Ottawa, and daughter, Miss Muriel, and his niece, Miss Mabel Woolner, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Park of Budlong avenue. Mr. MacNeill has not been in Los Angeles for thirty-five years. The party will tour San Diego for the Exposition before going to San Francisco, en route east.—*Los Angeles, Cal., August 16th.*

## ECHOES OF THE VANCOUVER CONVENTION.

We all express our willingness to help the association to the best of our abilities, but which of us would care to undertake Secretary Green's many and onerous duties? It is said the C. P. R. wanted to charge him excess baggage rates on the files of correspondence he brought along. That his labours are appreciated is shown by the fact that the convention decided to double the honorarium recommended by the Finance Committee, after giving the said committee a good "calling down" for not recommending a larger amount.

Seldom do we find a delegate on his first appearance display such conspicuous ability as Mr. C. Gardner, who represented the Regina Branch. Not only did he succeed, by convincing argument, in having Regina named as the place of next convention, but also carried off the office of Vice-President. The Regina Branch are to be congratulated on their choice of a delegate.

Everyone was satisfied with the election of officers. Each of the provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, has now an officer on the Executive Committee in addition to its own provincial Vice-President. The convention unani-

mously voted Mr. S. C. Berridge, of Brandon, who is serving his King and country with the 27th Battalion, to be Vice-President for Manitoba. Mr. Berridge is now in England but still finds time to read *The Civilian* and keep in touch with the association.

As at previous conventions, few members of the local Branch attended the sessions. The officers and delegates desire to make it known that the sessions are open to any members of the association who care to attend, and would be glad to see larger numbers present at future conventions.

How time changes all things. At last year's convention the question of affiliation with the Civil Service Federation and the formation of a Dominion Association was shelved on account of opposition chiefly from British Columbia. This year the feeling was entirely in favour of both, and the latter is now an accomplished fact. It is significant that the motion to have a Dominion Association was moved by a representative from British Columbia.

The Vancouver Branch had a busy time entertaining the officers and delegates. They took advantage of their excellent scenery and varied opportunities for entertainment and are glad to learn that their efforts were appreciated. Local Secretary Hutch-

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inson, who was chiefly responsible for the arrangements, was a much worried man for several days prior to the opening session, but he and his committee wore large sized smiles when the eventful day arrived.

The convention's attitude towards the patronage question has already been published in these pages and in the press. We are glad to take our stand alongside those who have so strenuously advocated this position in the pages of *The Civilian*, and to say we are prepared to stand by them on this question, whatever the issue.

A little note to our Eastern colleagues: "We are employed by the same Department, under the same rules and regulations. Our interests are identical. Won't you join us?"

Things we would like to know:

1. Has the delegate from Calgary yet mastered the art of eating with chop-sticks?
2. Would any of the delegates now refuse the opportunity of a transfer to the "Coast"?
3. What happened to "Sergeant" Adams when he returned to the Wil-lows Camp?
4. Which of the Vancouver committee calculated exactly the amount of "refreshments" necessary on board the SS. "Enilada"?
5. Who showed our Treasurer the "beauties" of Capilano Canyon?
6. The name of the play at the Chinese theatre.
7. The name of the delegate who left the banqueting hall with a "grouch" on.

#### NOTES ABOUT WESTERN RAIL- WAY MAIL CLERKS.

G. Mallan, R.M.C., Moose Jaw division, late secretary Saskatchewan R. M. C. Association, has joined the 45th Batt., C.E.F., and is now in camp at Sewel, Man.

Jack Cadden was made the proud father of a son on Wednesday, Aug. 25th. The poor man was on the road.

The R. M. C.'s and staff of the Saskatoon division are giving either a machine gun or a big subscription to the Saskatchewan Field Ambulance. Subscriptions run from \$5.00 to \$50.00 per man.

Mr. O. L. Chrysler was elected as the Alberta delegate to the Western Mail Clerks' Federation for 1916.

The Alberta railway mail clerks, transfer agents and office staff of the Superintendent R. M. S. are subscribing one day's pay per month to the Red Cross Fund.

Mr. Harry Ching, who was wounded at Langemarek, while convalescing is working in the London Post Office, Postal Corps Dept.

#### THE LATE MRS. GIBSON.

The body of the late Mrs. (Dr.) O. K. Gibson, wife of Major Gibson, of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, was interred in Beechwood cemetery recently. There were present when the last rites were performed, Major Gibson, who came especially from England for the purpose, and Rev. W. B. Thompson. The late Mrs. Gibson died on August 29th. Major Gibson was cabled for at once, and he took the first steamer for Canada. He arrived in Ottawa from Montreal Sunday night, with Rev. Mr. Thompson, who went to Montreal to meet him. The burial was delayed until Major Gibson arrived.

Major Gibson left with the Dental Corps in early June. He is second in command, under Col. Armstrong, also of Ottawa. He came on the Metagama from England, where he had been stationed at Folkestone. The late Mrs. Gibson was living in her cottage at Kingsmere when she was taken ill with meningitis, from which she never recovered. Mrs. Gibson was in her 28th year.

## Personals.

The following list includes changes in the personnel of the Service during the month of August, 1915, as far as obtainable. Division (Div.) refers to Inside Service only:

### Appointments.

Agriculture Dept.—E. W. Savage, Div. 2B.

Veterinary inspectors: Walter Jakeman, Halifax; Claude M. Flanders, Delhi, Ont.; Geo. G. Pook, Souris, Man.; Oscar Christian, Conquest, Sask.; Allan Robertson, Vernon, B.C.

Ray inspector, Geo. L. Terry, Chatham, Ont.

Auditor-General's Office. — Rupert G. Hamlyn, Div. 2B.

Customs.—F. L. Code, Div. 2B.; J. C. Creelman, Appraiser of Customs, Truro.

External Affairs.—Avila Cote, Div. 3B.

Finance.—Annie H. Goode, Div. 3B.

Indian Affairs.—B. J. Griffith and Col. J. B. Sheridan, Indian agents, New Brunswick.

Inland Revenue.—Ernest L. Garter, Asst. Inspector Gas and Electricity, St. John; Chas. B. Schreiber, Excise Officer, Victoria; W. M. Cruthers, Asst. Inspector Gas and Electricity, Belleville; Jas. B. Attridge, Asst. Inspector Weights and Measures, Winnipeg; Melrose McSpadden, Excise Officer, Vancouver.

Interior.—Horace L. Seymour, Victor F. Murray, Div. 2B.

Marine.—Robt. S. Burton, Robt. G. Airey, Div. 2B.; Frank McGuire, Accountant, Montreal Agency.

Militia and Defence.—David H. J. Feinberg, Adolphus Lewis, Jas. A. H. O'Hagan, Anna G. Daley, Div. 3B.

Mines.—Everend L. Bruce, Reginald T. Elworthy, Cecil S. Parsons, Lilian M. McCann, Div. 3B.

Naval Service.—Thos. H. C. S. House, Div. 2B.; Jas. H. Armstrong, Edith A. Botterell, Div. 3B.

Post Office.—Florence M. Cook, Marie E. Caron, Div. 3B.; Henriette Morgenthau, Wm. E. Otto, sorters; P. J. Delisle, Clerk, Montreal; Wm. L. Carkner, Asst. Inspector, Montreal.

The following railway mail clerks: Joseph L. A. Morin, Rosario Page, Viateur Corriveau, Quebec; Joseph R. Seguin, Emmanuel Dufresne, Raul A. Massue, Montreal; Auguste E. A. Beaulieu, Quebec; Thomas A. Miller, H. A. Youngusband, David Liss, Ernest Hebert, George E. Macklem, Winnipeg; William E. Cavanagh, Ottawa; Philip L. Smith, Halifax; Alexander M. Dupuis, Ottawa; James A. Patterson, Joseph Smith, London; Thomas A.

Martin, Vancouver; George E. A. Bristow, Percy C. White, Calgary; William R. Mackay, Moose Jaw; Clarence C. Brough, Albert W. Ogston, Winnipeg.

The following to Class 3B.: Bernard Dumphy, Marie Desreux, Felicien Chartrand, Elzear Boivin, Arthur Ahern, Therese Pepin, Angeline Thomas, George Cloutier, Euclide Picard, J. L. Taschereau, Euclide Desjarlais, A. Benoit, Leopold Binette, Come Dubuc, J. A. Berube, Joseph Bonneau, H. A. Leblanc, Josephat Comtois, Arthur Faille, J. B. Allard, Thomas O'Brien, Montreal; Laffayette Barlow, Hamilton; Louis Napoleon Lemieux, Quebec, P.O.I.; Paul Emile Morin, Montreal; Enos Gordon Elliott, Edmonton; Miss Alice eDrouin, Quebec, P.O.I.; Henry Wilson Irving, Calgary, P.O.I.; Joseph Ernest Gougeon, L. W. J. Gosselin, Montreal; Miss Alice E. Therien, Francois Guillot, Paul Edouard Frechette, Roy Vincent Halpin, Joseph Philippe Donnelly, Quebec; J. F. T. Kelly, Edmonton, P.O.I.; Miss Mary McGreevy, Ottawa; Miss G. H. Sisson, Saskatoon, Supt. R.M.S.; Miss L. E. Booth, Vancouver, Supt. R.M.S.; Alfred Goodhew, Brantford.

Public Works.—C. A. Narraway, Div. 2B.; D. H. Thorburn, J. H. Lemay, Div. 3B.; Henri Grant, Horace L. Davey, messengers.

Trade and Commerce.—C. E. Austin, General Manager, Government Grain Elevators.

### Promotions.

Customs.—C. P. Roche, G. H. Prentiss, to Div. 2A.; Robt. Telford, to Div. 1B.

Post Office Dept.—John S. Hale, to Div. 1B.

Trade and Commerce.—Wm. Dougan, to Div. 2B.

### Transfers.

S. C. Greenwood, Customs Dept., from Saskatoon to Inside Service; Wm. J. Nelson, Customs Dept., from Winnipeg to Prince Rupert; Edith M. McLellan, from Post Office Dept. to Insurance Dept.; A. V. Brooker, from Inside to Outside Service Post Office Dept.

### Superannuations.

J. E. Asselin, 3A Clerk, House of Commons.

### Resignations.

Miss Adelaide Busby, Finance Dept.; David H. Dillon, Inspector Weights and Measures, Halifax; Annie C. Nolan, Interior Dept.; Miss M. A. D. E. Beaudet, Div. 3A., Post Office Dept.; Miss Lilian Taylor, Div. 3A., Post Office Dept.; Miss Helene Beaulieu, Quebec Post Office; Rebe S. Little, Montreal Post Office; P. A. Gough, Veterinary Inspector, Halifax.

### General.

Major Ernest W. Hubbell has left on a two months' tour through Northern Alberta.

The engagement is announced of Miss Florence Adeline Tait, M.A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tait, Glencoe, Ont., to Stuart James Schofield, M.A., Ph.D., of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Schofield, Kingston, Ont. The marriage will take place quietly at Banff, late in October.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Abson announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Grace Muriel, to George G. Rogers, of the Department of Public Works. The marriage will take place quietly this month.

Lewis — Sherwood. — On Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1915, at St. George's church, Ottawa, by Rev. J. M. Snowdon, Esther Isabel Sherwood, second daughter of Col. A. P. and Mrs. Sherwood, to F. Harold Lewis, son of Mr. F. J. and Mrs. Lewis of Montreal.

So far as known yet, there were only three Ottawans on the Hesperian. They were Arthur H. W. Cleave, Superintendent of the Royal Mint; C. S. Blue, of the Hansard Staff, and Lieut. S. A. ("Coo") Dion of the 3rd Battalion. Cables have been received from all three announcing their safety.

Lawrence Stafford, a Quebec lawyer, has been appointed legal adviser of the Post Office Department in succession to the late Elzear Fiset. Mr. Stafford was twice Conservative candidate in Portneuf.

The wedding of Miss Edith Venn, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Venn, and Mr. Norman MacRostie, of the Post Office Department, took place on Wednesday, August 25. Rev. Dr. I. Campbell, former pastor of Erskine Church, performed the ceremony.

Only relatives and a few personal friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride wore a gown of white embroidered net over white satin with veil of tulle. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Bessie Ardsley, was gowned in pink silk crepe de chene. Mr. I. Newton, organist of Erskine Church, played the wedding march.

The couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents, attesting to their popularity. A purse of gold and a substantial roll of bank notes were among the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. MacRostie left for Toronto and other Western points on their honeymoon. On their return they will reside at 71B Elm street.

Wm. Merrifield, of the Post Office staff at Niagara Falls, was married on August 30th to Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Parks of that city.

Dr. T. B. and Mrs. Flint have returned to Ottawa from Yarmouth, N.S.

Mr. A. P. Couture, of the Central Laboratory, Ottawa, was married to Miss Marie Anne Dostaler of Cumberland street, Ottawa, on Sept. 6th, at Sacred Heart church. They are spending their honeymoon at Toronto, Niagara and Buffalo.

Mr. C. C. Forward, of the Halifax Branch, Inland Revenue, was married to Miss Olive Brown of Ogdensburg, N.Y. The ceremony took place at Iroquois, 17th August, and the bride and groom spent their honeymoon by motoring to Prescott and travelling from there to their home in Halifax, by boat, via Montreal, Quebec and Cape Breton.

Branches of the Inland Revenue Laboratories have been opened during the past year at Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Mr. C. C. Forward was transferred to Halifax to take charge and Mr. A. J. Landry as assistant. Mr. E. L. C. Forster was transferred to Winnipeg to take charge and Mr. W. A. Davidson as assistant. Mr. J. A. M. Dawson was transferred to Vancouver to take charge and Mr. P. T. Kirwan as assistant.

John Fraser, Auditor-General, and Mrs. Fraser, who returned recently from the Maritime Provinces, where they spent the summer, have left on a trip to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Bennetts announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Edith Eleanor, to Humphrey S. Grove, Montreal, son of the late Rev. Wm. Henry Grove, formerly rector of Cliffe, Kent, Eng. The marriage will take place early in October.

### Obituary.

Postmaster Ingram of St. Thomas died on Sunday evening, Sept. 12th, aged 66 years. He had held office since 1904, previous to which time he was Collector of Customs.

On Friday, September 3rd, at the residence of her father, Captain L. A. Demers, Dominion Wreck Commissioner, 84 Fourth avenue, there passed away, after a very brief attack of heart failure, a well known member of the younger set, in the person of Miss Hazel Demers. The late Miss Demers was born in Montreal some fourteen years ago, but has lived the greater part of her life in Ottawa. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her parents, two younger brothers, Cecil and Arthur. The funeral, which took place from her father's residence to Blessed Sacrament church, where requiem service was chanted by the Reverend Father O'Gorman, thence to Notre Dame cemetery, was very well attended and some very prominent personages were noted,

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amongst those present including officers and others of the Knights of Columbus. The fellow employees of Captain Demers in the Department of Marine showed their sympathy with him in his bereavement in a marked manner, not only by the floral tribute which they made, in the shape of a lighthouse, but also by their attendance at the funeral.

Elizabeth R. O'Gorman, wife of John O'Gorman, of the office of the Auditor-General, died suddenly on September 12th, aged fifty-six years. She was a native of Ottawa, being a daughter of the late James Warnock. Besides her husband she leaves three children, Rev. Father O'Gorman, Gerald O'Gorman, of the Department of Militia and Defence, and Miss Florence O'Gorman.

## RECREATION CLUB.

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### Fall Programme.

*Dancing.*—At the Racquet Court. Classes open October 1st. Advanced pupils, Thursdays at 8 o'clock; beginners, Tuesdays at 8 o'clock, Fridays at 6.30 o'clock. Standard and modern dances. Terms: 20 lessons for \$5.00.

*Esthetic Dancing.*—Only 16 (advanced pupils) can be enrolled in this class, which will study stage and solo work. Terms on application.

Intending members are asked to send their names at once (stating which class or classes they wish to join) to Miss L. Noel, Secretary of State's Department, East Block. Please do not telephone. Write.

*Riding.*—The riding class will open about the end of September. Rates, 12 lessons for \$12 (being a one-third reduction). If you wish to join this class send your name at once to Miss F. A. Brown, Census Dept., Canadian Building. Please do not telephone. Write.

Announcement will be made shortly in regard to classes in Wood-carving, Architecture, Astronomy, and Dramatic Art.

The constitution of the Recreation Club provides for two classes of mem-

bers, *i.e.*, "Members—Members of the Women's Branch of the Civil Service Association. Associate members—Others."

"Candidates for associate membership must be proposed and seconded by members of the Club . . ."

"Membership fee: Members, 50c.; associate members, \$1.00."

Application forms for associate membership may be obtained from the Secretary, Miss M. Angela MacDonald, Forestry Branch, Journal Bldg.

## Athletics.

### Lawn Bowling in Ottawa.

A very pleasing feature of the City Lawn Bowling Tournament was the success which came the way of the Civil Service Club, two of its rinks being in the final of that competition, thus carrying off 1st and 2nd prizes, a feat which is seldom equalled by any club. Out of an entry of 39 rinks, the Service placed six in the field, when after the first round of the competition three of these were alive. It was unfortunate that two of those should clash, as one had to be eliminated, and what was Jack Doyle's loss (his rink comprised Messrs. Tapley, Reid and Dougan) was C. P. Roche's gain. Roche before reaching the final had to take the measure of some strong combinations, those falling to his prowess being Messrs. McJanet, Ottawa; Doyle, Civil Service; Dr. Whitton and Morley, both of the Victorias. The other successful skiff was Addison, his work disposing of T. Cunningham, Macpherson and W. Cunningham, all of the Victorias, and Campbell, of the Ottawas. The final was played off on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., before an interested crowd of spectators, but the night's play did not touch that high standard which characterized the finalists' previous play, owing no doubt to the soggy condition

of the green, but notwithstanding the spectators were treated to some interesting play. Though the best of camaraderie was shown by the players, each side was out to win the honor and victory ultimately rested with Addison's four by 8 shots, scores being 15-7. Players taking part were Messrs. C. W. Steeves, P. McDonald, S. L. T. McKnight and C. P. Roche, skip, and Messrs. C. A. Wallace, J. S. Craig, W. J. McCaffery and Geo. Addison, skip. It is worthy of note that two of the successful finalists, W. J. McCaffery and Geo. Addison, were also finalists in the Eastern Lawn Bowling Tournament recently held in Ottawa, Mr. McCaffery playing skip and Mr. Addison third. The Service is to be congratulated in having such a successful season, and have proved themselves opponents worthy of the very best steel.

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The Civil Service lawn bowlers lost the Rosenthal Cup to the Vittoria Club on Saturday, the 11th. The scores by rinks is as follows:

AT THE CIVIL SERVICE GREENS.

*Vittoria.*

J. McIlquham, skip .....	15
Dr. Whitton, skip .....	20
R. W. Morley, skip .....	23
.....	—
Total.....	58

*Civil Service.*

Geo. Beardsley, skip .....	20
C. P. Roche, skip .....	7
C. W. Steeves, skip .....	17
.....	—
Total.....	44

AT THE VITTORIA GREENS.

*Vittoria.*

J. Kilgallin, skip .....	31
W. Cunningham, skip .....	18
T. Cunningham, skip .....	8
.....	—
Total.....	57

*Civil Service.*

W. A. Little, skip .....	8
J. Doyle, skip .....	10
Geo. Addison, skip .....	16
.....	—
Total.....	34

Grand totals—Vittoria, 115; Civil Service, 78. Majority for Vittorias, 37 shots.

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The lawn bowling championship of Ottawa will be decided to-morrow afternoon, September 18th, by a match between the Ottawa and Vittoria clubs for the Rosenthal Trophy. This cup was put up in 1909 for six years' play, the leading club at the end of that period to hold it permanently. From the beginning it was a struggle between the Ottawa and Vittoria clubs, and this spring, after five seasons' play, they commenced the final struggle on even terms. Ottawas have beaten Vittorias once and Civil Service once and also lost one to Civil Service. Vittorias have beaten Civil Service twice (the second time last Saturday) and lost to Ottawas once. This makes two wins and one loss each for the leading teams and still leaves them tied with one game to play. Tomorrow the competition will be waged,—ten rinks a side, five on Ottawa lawns and five on Vittoria grounds, and the Rosenthal Cup will become the permanent possession of either the Ottawa or the Vittoria lawn bowling club.

Mr. George Finlayson, of the Finance Department, Ottawa, spent his holidays in Charlottetown, P.E.I., a guest of his parents, Captain Finlayson and Mrs. Finlayson.

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John, after drinking a glass of stout with evident appreciation: "Really, this is splendid stuff! They say that it is both meat and drink." Pat: "Sure, it's roight ye are, sor; an' if ye take plenty av it it'll foind ye lodgings!"