

Guiana have been amended, and new conventions have been made with the Bahamas and Mexico. Under these amended and new conventions the rate of postage on parcels sent to each of the countries and colonies mentioned is 12 cents for each pound or fraction thereof, and the maximum weight for a single parcel is 11 pounds.

Automatic stamp vending machines. During the year the Department has tried the experiment of placing automatic stamp vending machines in the principal cities of the Dominion. The machine adopted is one of great simplicity of operation. Before adopting it the Department made very careful inquiries, and learned that this machine was being used with great success in London, England. A special test was also made at the Toronto Exhibition last year, and the machine there sold on a busy day nearly 3,000 stamps.

Anglican bi-centenary and the Eucharistic Congress. In September two ecclesiastical events created widespread interest, viz., the bi-centenary celebrations of the Church of England in Canada, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, including the dedication of All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax, as a memorial of the first Anglican service in Canada on October 10 [o.s.] 1710, and the 21st Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church at Montreal. His Majesty King George sent gracious replies to loyal messages from the representatives of both bodies.

Award of the Albert Medal. The London Gazette of April 26 announced that H. M. The King had been pleased to confer the Albert Medal of the First Class upon Mr. Thomas Reynolds, railway conductor, of North Bay, Ontario, for conspicuous gallantry in saving the lives of eleven persons on the occasion of the disaster on the Canadian Pacific Railway at the Spanish River Bridge on January 21 1910. The medal was presented to Mr. Reynolds in the name of His Majesty by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada at Montreal on March 16.

General thanksgiving. Monday October 31 was observed as a day of general thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest and all other blessings with which Canada has been favoured during the year.

The Senate. The Hon. Louis Lavergne of Arthabaska, Quebec, was appointed and sworn in as a Senator for the electoral division of Kennebec, Quebec, in the room and stead of the Hon. Sir George A. Drummond, deceased.

House of Commons. The following three members were elected to fill vacancies in the House of Commons which occurred during the year, viz., John D. Sperry, for Lunenburg, Nova Scotia; Albert Allard for the city of Ottawa; Arthur Gilbert for Drummond and Arthabaska, Quebec.

Obituary. The following deaths occurred during the year: Feb. 2. The Hon. Sir George Alexander Drummond, K.C.M.G., C.V.O.,