

terest. Formerly no more than \$1,000 could be accepted from a depositor in one year, and the maximum limit of an account was \$3,000.

For some years past the British Post Office has been endeavouring to have British postal notes adopted as a universal medium of exchange throughout the Empire. Owing however to the fact that Canada has already a postal note system of its own the Canadian Post Office Department has seen great difficulty in acceding to this scheme in its entirety; but has, during the past year, made arrangements by which British postal notes drawn on Canada will be paid at the post offices of the various cities in Canada.

British postal notes payable in Canada.

A convention has been entered into for a direct exchange of parcels by post between Canada and France, the steamers of the Allan Line plying between Montreal and Havre being employed for the service. This is supplementary to the existing parcel post exchange with France by way of England. While the direct service is by slower steamers than those employed in the parcel post service by way of England the rates of postage on parcels sent direct are considerably lower. A convention for the direct exchange of parcels by post between Canada and St. Vincent, British West Indies, came into operation on October 1 1910.

Direct exchange of parcels by post.

The London Gazette of September 21 announced that H. M. the King had been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the First Class to Mrs. McFall, widow of the late William McFall, of Ottawa, who on April 14 under circumstances described remained heroically at his post, sustaining fatal injuries but preventing serious loss of life which in all probability would otherwise have occurred amongst 40 passengers on the train. On March 1 the Edward Medal of the second class was awarded by His Majesty to Albert H. Adcock for risking his life to save a little girl from being run over by a railway train at St. John, New Brunswick, on August 25 1909.

Awards of the Edward Medal.

Monday October 30 was observed as a day of general thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest and other blessings with which Canada has been favoured during the year.

General Thanksgiving.

Jan. 1 1912. To be sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council: Robert Laird Borden, Prime Minister of Canada.

Privy Councillors.

To be members of the King's Privy Council for Canada: Aug. 11. Henri Séverin Béland, B.A., M.D. Oct. 6. The Hon. Charles Marcell. The Hon. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, K.C. Oct. 10. Robert Laird Borden, Martin Burrell, Francis Cochrane, Thomas Wilson Crothers, Charles Joseph Doherty, John Douglas Hazen, Samuel Hughes, Albert Edward Kemp, James Alexander Lougheed, Frederick Debartzch Monk, Wilfrid Bruno Nantel, Louis Philippe Pelletier, George Halsey Perley, John Dowsley Reid, William James Roche, Robert Rogers.