



GEORGE D. FORISTALL

Retiring Postmaster at Tewksbury.

George D. Foristall, who retires as postmaster at Tewksbury when the appointment of his successor is confirmed, has held that office for 17 years, and is probably rated as one of the most conscientious men serving the government in that capacity in New England.

He is 81 years of age, though he bears them lightly, and consequently was not eligible for reappointment under the law. His retirement after so long a term of faithful service of necessity causes a passing regret on the part of the many townspeople with whom he has come so frequently into friendly relation.

Mr. Foristall was born in Bellingham, Mass., and went to Tewksbury 30 years ago to become superintendent of the farm at the State infirmary. He was appointed postmaster under President McKinley, and has devoted all of his time to the position since then.

Ordinarily the postmastership in a small town is not a position of very serious responsibility, but the 2500 people at the State infirmary within the town makes the Tewksbury office an important one, and it has grown in business until it is almost in the third postoffice class.

Mr. Foristall will retire from the office when his successor is ready to assume it, with the knowledge that he has served both the government and the town with great fidelity.