

C. S. M. Berridge, who is back on leave for a short while. After the meeting was over a social time was spent and very much enjoyed as were the refreshments which were thoughtfully provided by our member's "better half,"—in fact, one or two seemed to have some trouble with their belts. "What were you looking for, Shaw?" "Say, Dudley, it you an awful time to get your... on."

Victoria.

In common with several other branches of the Association, we of Victoria have at length awakened after our winter's sleep. A successful meeting was held on April 26th for reorganization, election of officers, discussion of war-bonus and other matters. A communication from the Regina Branch re war-bonus was read and while the meeting was heartily in accord with the desire expressed therein, the idea of branches acting individually was deprecated. Action was left in abeyance until word could be received from Mr. Green as to course recommended by Headquarters. An animated, and in parts, heated discussion took place on Bill 146, but harmony was eventually restored by the President. Officers elected for the ensuing year were — President, H. W. Adams; Vice-President, S. White; Secretary, H. G. Humber; Treasurer, re-elected, W. Liddiard. The retiring President, J. B. Sinclair, spoke a few words, urging upon members the necessity of regular attendance at the meetings, even if the agenda did not include matters affecting the pocket, and amid expressions of good-will and promises of regularity to be faithfully adhered to, the meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m. Congratulations to F. Rowley and to H. G. Humber, who have each been presented with a daughter since Victoria was last heard from.

Winnipeg.

The regular meeting was held on Sunday the 15th inst., a fair attendance being present. Interest centered mainly in arrangements for the coming Convention, and in this connection the ever present question of the H. C. L. came again to the fore.

The Dominion Secretary and Mr. Pickup spoke of efforts being made to keep the question before the Cabinet until relief eventually should come through, and the apparent strength of their belief that the much discussed War Bonus would soon materialize seemed to reassure the members.

The evident failure of the Sunday meetings to produce results in the way that its advocates anticipated, coupled with the oft-expressed dissatisfaction of many of our best attendants at Sunday meetings, led to a notice of motion to change the meeting days back to the second Tuesday as before. This will be voted on at our next meeting.

The contribution of 2% salary which the clerks at Winnipeg have been giving since the outbreak of the war to the Patriotic Fund being no longer necessary, since the Provincial Government is taking over this work, it was proposed to open a free subscription list to afford those who may wish to do so an opportunity to help out deserving charities, e. g., Red Cross, Belgium Relief, etc.

The shortage of skilled help at this office, owing to so many enlistments, is a problem that the simple equation alone won't solve, yet if the "X" be made to do extra duty we might, perhaps, manage to pull along. The proverbial squalls on the "sea of matrimony" have no terrors for Mr. E. H. Martin, we congratulate you, Ernie, and hope that the voyage may be as pleasant as we trust it will be long.

Since last month more of our members have gone to serve in other capacities. The Registration Dept. trust Georges' Prenticeship may be a pleasant one, and hardly think it necessary to recommend a "Special" mouth-wash. Louis hopes if George makes his kingly namesakes' acquaintance (who said the Fifth?) we may be all kindly remembered.

Sydney, N.S.

The Sydney branch of the Postal Clerks' Association freely admit that they have been doing an injustice to the "Postal Journal" other branches by not doing their bit in regard to Branch notes, but nevertheless we realize the necessity of keeping in touch with one another, in order that we may attain the highest point of efficiency. We are not going to make any excuses, because there are none to make. Carelessness is what causes most accidents, and the act of putting off from day to day is what leaves so much work on hand at the end of the week, hence with us—"Putting Off".—But outside of that fact are we dead to the work we have to perform? No; on the contrary very much alive. Taking an interest in the work that is being done by other branches, holding our meetings as often as circumstances will permit, and doing all we can to obtain for others as well as ourselves the necessary WAGES in order that we may keep on a level with our old friend HIGH COST OF LIVING, which is soaring higher and higher all the time and getting more and more out of our reach as the years roll by.

Resolutions as far as the Departments are concerned are like so much waste paper; some of them no doubt not even read, but scattered to the four winds of Heaven. Delegations meet with little or no success. But do we lose heart and throw up the sponge? No, not by a long sight. We send them