

branches have found it impossible to be directly represented at Convention; and, whereas, the majority of those branches that have sent representatives have, as a consequence, been in a chronic financial embarrassment, notwithstanding the fact that in most cases a special levy has been made in order to help defray Convention expenses; and, whereas, we believe that the real success of this organization depends upon it being an actual coast to coast Association, and, in order for it to be really so, it is essential that all branches have direct representation at each Convention; therefore, be it resolved that this Convention go thoroughly into this matter and devise ways and means of enabling all branches to be represented at each Convention in such a manner that the financial burden in connection therewith is equally borne by the entire membership. (10).

36. Whereas, this branch of the Association has been under the impression that past Conventions of this Association had made it thoroughly understood that all matters affecting postal clerks as a whole and requiring the support of outside individuals or bodies should originate from headquarters; and, whereas, during the past year circulars have originated from two of our branches asking for action by all branches on behalf of some resolution proceeding from the said branches; and, whereas, this branch strongly condemns such action; therefore, be it resolved that this Convention pass stringent regulations in regard to such matters and devise such machinery as will make quite unnecessary such irregularities in future. (10).

37. Whereas, at the outbreak of war, a number of postal employees were in course of preparation for the Qualifying Examination; and, whereas, a number of those employees enlisted for active service; and, as a consequence, will be unable to sit for such examination until their return from the war, and then only after repeating the preparation previously taken; therefore, be it resolved that this Association petition the authorities to dispense with this examination in the cases of employees who were in the Service previous to August, 1914, and who have enlisted with the Overseas Forces. (10).

38. Whereas, many postal clerks have enlisted for active service in the present war; and, whereas, the status and consequent pay of these men remains stationary during their absence while the clerks remaining on civil duty continue, in most cases, to receive their promotions in grade and class and the consequent increases in pay; and, whereas, it would ill become the country or the Service to permanently handicap any man's civil position because of his desire to serve his country in the field during a time of war; therefore, be it resolved, that this Association endeavor to obtain the promise of the

Government that all such men will, upon their return, be placed in that classification that they would have been in by that time had they remained on civil duty. (10).

39. Whereas, the present system of conveying registered matter in closed mails is considered to be unsatisfactory; therefore, be it resolved, that this Association recommend and strongly urge the Department to adopt some system similar to that in force in the United Kingdom, which system provides for all registered matter conveyed in a closed mail to be first placed in a smaller and conspicuously marked bag, sealed by the office of origin. (10).

AN INVITATION.

We earnestly appeal to all branches to make a determined effort to be represented at the forthcoming convention. We expect that by the time this reaches you you will have made all the necessary arrangements and chosen your delegates. Should it be, however, that some branches have not done so, it is not too late and we ask them to seriously consider this final appeal.

We have a warm welcoming hand extended in each direction and feel that it is a privilege for us to be entertaining the convention upon the occasion when East and West will meet; will meet, we are convinced, to the mutual benefit of both and to the benefit of all postal clerks in the Dominion and those overseas belonging to the Dominion.

Our arrangements are now well in hand and, in the next issue, we shall publish all necessary information for delegates regarding times and place, etc.

We trust that all branches will benefit from their delegates' sojourn with us here and that the delegates themselves will have occasion to remember their trip to this city both for pleasant personal recollections and because of good work accomplished on behalf of the cause we all have at heart.

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BRANCH NOTES.

Port Arthur.

You will think that Port Arthur is dead, but such is not the case. We have had much to discourage us as have all semi-staff branches, and therein lies a possible solution to our silence. Nevertheless, we have been working; our membership is small, but our ideals are large, and those ideals act as an incentive to further effort for the obtaining of justice in the treatment to which we are subjected by the Department. Since last we wrote to the “Journal,” many important things have happened. Two of our members are in