

joy themselves pretty well, and all were wiser than previously. It was found that cups were a very good substitute for glasses and somebody learned that Octavius could play a good game of crib.

Is there any truth in the rumour that the P. N. branch may have to make application to be moved further away from the G. D.? What's all this Lena stuff about anyway!

Edmonton.

Our annual meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Blue Moon Tea Rooms. The election of officers took place at this meeting with the following result: Hon. President, G. S. Armstrong, Esq., Postmaster; President, H. D. Talbot; Vice-President, G. Duckworth; Secretary, E. Crossland; Treasurer, E. H. Mitchell; Committee, D. McPherson, J. Cook and G. E. Goodall. The Secretary read the annual report of the proceedings during the past year. Our Postmaster was our guest of the evening and in an inspiring address expressed great pleasure at being with the boys at their meeting. Our President in a few well chosen words thanked the speaker for his kind sentiments and moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Postmaster, which was carried unanimously. Our co-workers put in a welcome appearance and some matters of vital importance to our Stratheona members were put through in quick style. The reports of the officers was the next item, which was passed by unanimous approval. The National Anthem closed the enjoyable evening.

One of our members is wearing the "big smile" these days. It's a girl. Congratulations Leslie.

The Edmonton branch sends heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings to all the Postal Clerks' Association branches throughout the Dominion.

Moose Jaw.

Ten members of the Regina branch, including Messrs. Gardner and Beauchamp, President and Secretary, respectively, were the guests of our branch at a banquet held at the Royal George hotel on November 24th. The Regina members arrived at 1 o'clock and were taken up to the post office where views were exchanged of the different ways of working the two offices. At 5 o'clock they were taken to the Rex theatre and about 8 o'clock to the Royal George. After a very enjoyable evening they left on the Tri-City train at 10 p.m.

Saskatoon.

Our branch, notwithstanding the fact that we have sent 15 members away to the war, is still progressing. We have never been in a better position either numerically or financially. During the year, in co-operation with the Letter Carriers' Union,

we have been successful in obtaining for the use of the clerks a recreation room. The thanks of the staff are due to the Postmaster, Mr. M. Isbister, for his efforts to bring our endeavours to a satisfactory conclusion.

In the field of sport, too, our boys have been successful in winning the premier position in the Mercantile League Football competition, only losing one match in the whole series.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President, W. Rosson; Vice-President, H. W. Gibson; Secretary, S. W. Foster; Treasurer, R. D. Torbet; Executive, Messrs. Anderson, Howarth, Francey, Mellis and Simpson.

We are hoping to run a series of debates at the conclusion of the monthly meetings and we feel that this will create further interest in the association and its work.

Out of a total staff of about 75 men, we have sent no fewer than 26 to the King's army. Our casualties to date are as follows: Killed, Sergt. S. M. King, Sergt. W. Harding and Pte. F. R. Smith. Pte. H. M. Good is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Regina.

Regina notes will appear next issue. My correspondent is getting married.—Editor.

POSTAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 22nd, 1915.

Editor of the "Postal Journal," Calgary:

Dear Sir,—In the issue of the "Postal Journal" of the 12th November, 1915, there appears an article setting forth resolutions regarding letter carriers and the Service generally, which were passed at the Trades and Labour Congress held at Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 20th to 25th.

Its inclusion in our pages has given rise to questions concerning the attitude and relation of the association towards trades unionism, and in reply to these queries, I wish to state that a proposal to affiliate with the Trades and Labour Council was defeated by a large majority in the year 1914. Also, this association is entirely independent and has no connection with any other body. Its only intended affiliation is with the Civil Service Federation.

I might also state that the association does not agree with all of the resolutions outlined in the article in question.

A. S. BLACK, President.

NOTE.—Our readers will find that Branch Notes always conclude the matter contained in the "Postal Journal." The above letter is therefore published in case there are any who imagined that the article referred to was published as part of the "Postal Journal."—Editor.