

### A ROYAL COMMISSION FOR THE POST OFFICE?

Postal clerks, and indeed the entire Civil Service, will realize that the Dominion has a true countryman and the Service a real friend in the member for Halifax, Mr. A. K. MacLean. His criticism of the patronage evil, much of which was upheld by the Hon. Geo. Foster, was very much to the point. Both these members of the House are disinterested enough to say that which many others know to be the case, viz., that the condition of affairs in this regard is very disgraceful and very serious. The man in the everyday walk of life knows something of this, too, but we are of the opinion that it is the man in the Service, provided he is also an intelligent, loyal and interested member of the community, who is in a better position to see these things than either the members who have no use for the patronage business or the man in the street. It is the man in the Service, the man whose actual life it affects, the man who gets pushed this way and that by its unjust force, who sees the whole question in its true light. These men can see the cruel injustice which the system allows to go on without any opportunity for appeal, the shameful abuse of power and the shocking inefficiency that is permitted to exist as a result of this diabolical patronage system. If the suggestion made by Mr. MacLean that a Royal Commission be appointed, should be permitted to materialize, we believe that it would be one of the greatest blessings that this Dominion of ours has ever had and the greatest that the Civil Service is ever likely to know.

### REGINA WHISPERS.

Hello, everybody; we are not dead, but a touch of grippe and preparation for the Guide exam. have kept us quiet for a while.

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"The Guide exams.; the Guide exams.;  
"They are the cause of many \_\_\_\_\_  
(Censored).

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What percentage do you think you've got? I guess that you're wrong in your thinking. Never mind, wait and see.

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The Moose Jaw Branch favoured us with a visit on January 15th, and we believe that they had a good time. Anyhow, the crowd round the table was a happy one. There were only two toasts for Saskatchewan is dry, but they were good ones.

Mr. J. T. Smith proposed "The King," and Mr. E. Senior "Our Fellow Members in Uniform, Here and at the Front." After the toasts, Mr. White, President of the Moose Jaw Branch, spoke and expressed his pleasure in being present, stating that he believed these inter-branch meetings did real good in cementing the friendly spirit among branches. Mr. Bell of Moose Jaw also spoke, seconding Mr. White's sentiments of approval and touching upon several questions of interest to the clerks, particularly the questions of holiday work, overtime, a mutual benefit society, and the convention. After this everybody began to feel more confident, and speeches followed from nearly all present.

Like all good things the meeting had to come to an end, but not before everyone present had voted it a huge success, and the hope was expressed that another joint meeting be held at an early date.

These joint meetings are splendid for the exchanging of ideas, the promotion of the real association spirit between branches, and the discussion of various questions of interest and importance to members. We recommend such branches as are within visiting distance of each other to try a joint meeting as an experiment. Get to know the fellows of the other branches, and you will find that your interest in them, their interest in you, and joint interest in the association and its work greatly stimulated.

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The general monthly meeting of the Regina Branch was held on Jan. 16th, but owing to non-attendance caused through enlistment and sickness, the number of members present was not up to the average.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the committee who had so successfully handled the banquet tendered to the Moose Jaw Branch on the occasion of their visit.

Treasurer A. Henderson resigned, having enlisted with the C.A.S.C. Moved by H. Pethrick, seconded by A. Bannister, that "A hearty vote of thanks be extended to our retiring Treasurer, and that his report be adopted." Carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Selby was elected Treasurer for the balance of the year.

The vacancies of Messrs. Selby and Hand on the Executive Committee were left over to be filled at the February meeting.

Some will always be above others. Destroy the inequality to-day, and it will appear again to-morrow.—*Emerson.*