

Collectors .....	2.00
Parcel Post Carriers .....	10.00
	<u>\$1,238.05</u>
Nov. 2.	
By Loan to Carrier F. Edwards ...\$	75.00
Wool to be knitted into socks by young ladies in P. O. I.'s Office, for our men at the front .....	8.00
Vancouver Daily Province, pa- pers .....	1.75
22 parcels to our "boys" in England, France and Dar- danelles .....	56.25
Nov. 3.	
Parcel of food to prisoner of war .....	2.40
Assisting return to Scotland of sick soldier of 47th Bat- talion. ....	50.00
Nov. 6.	
Assistance to destitute cases of tuberculosis .....	50.00
Nov. 10.	
Assistance to soldiers' families awaiting pay .....	100.00
Nov. 19.	
Donation to North Vancouver Red Cross Fund .....	50.00
Nov. 26.	
Wrappers .....	1.20
Donation to local relief fund Vancouver city .....	250.00
Donation to local relief fund Municipality of South Van- couver .....	250.00
Donation to South Vancouver Red Cross Fund .....	50.00
Postage .....	13.36
Nov. 30.	
Balance at Bank .....	280.09
	<u>\$1,238.05</u>

#### HAROLD HARGREAVES,

Treasurer.

There will be no collection for this fund on December 31st. There being a good balance on hand (including a collection not announced above), it is thought well to omit the collection during the holiday rush.

#### AFTER THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS WEEK AT THE CALGARY OFFICE.

We're all pleased to see the acting asst. P.M. back for the rush, after a prolonged illness. May your health continue to improve, Mr. Elson.

The "Chicago Lunch" was busier than usual between 5 and 7 p.m.

The M.O. boys were the guests of the Registration most nights.

If the condition of his chin on 'Xmas morning was anything to go by, Billy must have had less time to himself than anyone else around the office.

Our long, lean Secretary was to be seen 'Xmas eve, late at night, with puckered brow and far away gaze, in a toy store. More worrying than sortation by his appearance, we imagine.

Adolph knows what's good.

There was no "British" to spoil things at the last moment.

F.E.G. made a splendid speech late on 'Xmas eve to an audience of three. 'Tis a pity there were not more to hear him.

There was an epidemic of raffles. Packie senr. won the turkey and we believe Packie junr. helped him eat it.

If only those cigars were labelled with the donors' names, we'd know whom to bless and whom to curse.

Freddy Cousins, who was up from Niagara for a few days, looked as if he'd been "fed up" for Christmas.

Why does our pianist remind us of a bull? Because he seems to hate the sight of red.

We were always under the impression that the Scotch were so fond of Haggis. Then how is it that the Registration boys, a large majority of whom come from the land of the thistle, wouldn't have it in the place?

#### GROOVES IN THE POSTAL SERVICE.

How many of the clerks in the Postal Service are in a groove, and how many of them in this groove are able to rise out of it? These ruts, or grooves, surely exist in the service, and before a clerk can become a really efficient postal clerk the ruts must be abolished. In several offices the situation at present is this: A clerk enters one of the offices and is allotted to a certain department, either on the Dispatch, Incoming, General Delivery, or other of the various departments contained under the heading of Postal Service. If the clerk in question is a man good at his work, it is often an unfortunate circumstance for him for he becomes too valuable a man for the department, in which he works, to lose, and consequently, he stays in that department and gets into a rut from which it is hard for him to escape. In many offices, it is only the man who is of such value that his department can easily spare him, who is given a trial in some other department and is thus enabled to obtain an all round postal experience.

Every clerk entering the Service does so with an ideal before him, and his hopes are usually centred on the possibility of