

success. The delegates are asked to please accept the thanks of this branch for the earnest work they did on our behalf and all postal clerks generally.

Another of our members, Mr. W. G. Smith, has offered his services and been accepted in defence of King and Country and enlisted with the 181st, stationed in this city. He leaves us with our united best wishes for a speedy and safe return. A letter has been received by the secretary from one of our members overseas, Pte. R. A. Goodman, who is stationed at the Duchess of Connaught's Hospital, Taplow, England. He speaks of the "Postal Journal," which he and the other boys are very glad to get, and wishes the Association continued success.

#### Prince Albert.

We are wondering how many semi-office delegates will turn out for the Convention. We hope considerably more than last year. It should surely be easier this year in view of distance for the Eastern offices to put in an appearance. Ours is ready, war bonus or no war bonus.

The recent licking inflicted on our whist club by the local farmers was returned recently. In the first match they plowed deep, etc., etc., but they returned to their homesteads this time, duly beaten, with the stamp of good play, they are now posted in their proper category.

"Hugh" wishes to announce at the earliest moment that "flat feet" was the cause of his recent downfall before the medical board. We did not wish to imply otherwise, Hugh; sorry, old chap.

After a long period of deep thought, Papa Sinclair suggests that our "back pay" would be acceptable in war certificates. Brains!!!

"Bob" cannot understand how "Pauly" came to "Sing Him to Sleep" recently. It was a case of the survival of the fittest.

"Our" orchestra is 'sitting.' We are dreading the hatching period. We would suggest to "Dock" the danger of toying with misfortune,—leave it alone, Dock, and keep to the fiddle.

#### Calgary.

It is with deep regret and concern that we again lose our esteemed fell worker and senior clerk, Mr. E. B. Elson. We understand that he intends trying a cure upon an Eastern farm and the entire staff without an exception will wish him better health than he has had recently.

We have, since our last notes, three of our old fellow workers and association members back with us. One from the trenches in France, one from England, and one, who, unfortunately, was unable to get further than Winnipeg. The first mentioned, 'Doc'

Nicholls, enlisted and left us at the very outbreak of war and became a member of the famous 10th. He was wounded at St. Julien and has been in hospital for 19 months. He is glad to be with us again, but no better pleased than we are to have him. Our member from England is W. W. Brown, who has been invalided home, but expects to be working with us very shortly. We can do with you, Billy.

#### Regina.

No more interesting event has occurred in the annals of this branch than the journey to Moose Jaw of about 25 of our members to be the guests of Moose Jaw branch on Wednesday, March 28, 1917.

Upon arrival at Moose Jaw, at 4 p.m., we were met by Mr. Bell, and proceeded to the post office and introduced to the Asst. P.M. and the Moose Jaw members on duty.

The spacious, well ventilated office, coupled with the Asst. P.M.'s genial disposition, was admired by all.

At 5 p.m., at the invitation of our host, a number of the boys took in a picture show, and a very pleasant hour was spent in that manner; others took a walk around the city to see the sights.

Two of our number at least had this lone hour booked; one Harry Selby was officially reported missing, and treasurer Joe Calhoun was observed travelling hurriedly in a certain direction carrying, a small brown paper parcel, box shape, which, without examination, of course, appeared to be sweetmeat, supposedly for some fair one.

At 6 p.m. a joint meeting was held in the parlor of the Brunswick Hotel, at which the Regina boys became acquainted and here President Gardner described his trip to Ottawa and the future of the association was discussed generally. After the meeting a banquet was provided and we all partook of a sumptuous repast.

A number of toasts were down on the programme, but owing to the late hour the majority of Regina members could not stay and were bidden farewell as they departed on the 10 p.m. train.

Six noble warriors defied their wives and did stay behind and had the pleasure of speaking to various toasts.

President Gardner spoke to the toast "Our Association," and was listened to with rapt attention as he declared "that good associationalists are always good clerks."

Inspector McKinnon and Postmaster Smith were also honored guests and spoke expressing themselves in a fitting manner.

Several returned soldiers were present, and those of us who were privileged to hear the story of one returned as he graphically described the heroism of two Moose Jaw boys under fire in France will not forget the picture he painted on the canvas of our imagination.