

more as time goes on of Regina and Moose Jaw.

Prince Albert.

By the time this goes to press, the examinations will be over in this office—seems more like a college than a post office. Studious expressions are on every face, each candidate digging something or other up from the Guide which were never heard of before. It's surprising the wisdom gained in things postal about the time of an examination, but the boys are beginning to view with suspicion the examinations, because the raise in pay has not come along lately.

The Whist Club at this office has hit a streak of bad luck lately, but they give the promise of better things when they get a chance to arrange the cards.

The burning question here is, "Why a certain member of the staff makes a point of arriving twenty minutes ahead of his usual time each morning lately?" Various solutions were advanced, but Jack Oliver's seems most likely. Jack says, "It's the usual result of married life, but then—'we should worry.'"

Edmonton.

The Edmonton Branch held their second whist drive and dance of the season on Wednesday, January 19th, 1916. Over one hundred guests attended this most successful affair. The post office orchestra furnished the music and their services were appreciated to the full as signified by the large number of encores.

The earlier part of the evening was spent in the playing of whist, and the winners of the prizes were:

Ladies—1st prize, Miss Mason; 2nd prize, Mrs. Appleby; booby, Mrs. Cousins.

Gent's—1st prize, Mr. P. J. Forrest; 2nd prize, Mr. J. Ganner; booby, Mr. F. W. Phelan.

Refreshments were then served, afterwards dancing held sway during the remainder of the evening.

It is the intention of the Entertainment Committee to hold an event of this nature each month during the winter.

Port Arthur.

The annual meeting of the above Branch of this association was held Monday, January 17th, with a good attendance. The following officers were elected for the coming year, all offices receiving a change:

President—Mr. E. S. Snookes.

Vice-President—Mr. W. R. Tulford.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. E. F. Goodman.

Mr. H. D. Rourke, a member of our association, joined the 94th Overseas Battalion, now training here, on January 1st or thereabouts.

Calgary.

The Executive Committee, for several reasons, decided to postpone the regular monthly meeting of this Branch for one week. The meeting is expected to be of more than ordinary interest and a report of same will appear in the next issue.

After an extended leave of absence, Miss McGarry is to be seen at her machine once again. Her Eastern trip appears to have done her a world of good.

We're all watching with keen interest, Rowley. Stay with it, you're doing fine.

Vancouver.

In order to give our members a chance to recover from the Christmas and New Year festivities (?) the January meeting was postponed for a week. The business was mostly of a routine character. A vote of confidence in the committee administering the War Fund was passed. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed with the publication in the "Journal" under the heading of Vancouver Notes of matter which had not been submitted by the association. A letter of explanation was read by the chairman of the "Journal" committee, who also stated that he hoped to have the matter put right at an early date.

After the business meeting, refreshments were served, and an auction sale of valuable (?) articles was held, "Doc" Allen officiating as auctioneer. Each article was carefully 'boxed' from view and the bidding was sometimes very spirited. Our typewriter tapper broke all records by bidding for a large box, which was found to contain only a collar stud. His face was a study to behold. Speeches were made by Lieut. B. Salmon, 158th D.C.O.R., and by R. W. Longworth, and musical selections were rendered by Messrs. Holden and Williamson. The proceedings closed with cheers for our worthy President, "Doc" Allen, who so generously donated the refreshments.

When the R.M.S. "Niagara" recently arrived in port she anchored in the stream while the mail was being brought ashore by tender. We noticed that our mail officer made the outgoing trip all right, climbing the rope ladder in real sailor fashion. His return journey was vastly different. He must have imagined himself a package of foreign matter, for he was lowered in the net to the tender by the ship's winches. We are curious to know why, and if the mail officer was not "charged" on the ship's way-bill was he "charged" on the ship?