

and the rank and file of our membership must now realize that this organization has more than justified its existence. We must not, however, forget for one moment how much of our success is due to the new President (the former Secretary) of the Civil Service Federation of Canada, Mr. Frank Grierson. His enthusiasm for Civil Service reform never flags. He always knows what to do and the best way it should be done. His aggressiveness is contagious. Disappointments and setbacks never discourage him. The support and assistance he has given to your representative at Ottawa in carrying out the instructions of your Executive must be acknowledged in the near future in some tangible way. No better way suggests itself to the writer than a memorial of, say, a thousand subscriptions to *The Civilian*. Why more of our members do not subscribe to the only publication in Canada that is attempting with no small measure of success to banish patronage and establish the merit system is difficult to understand. It indicates to say the least that we are not consistent, as the chief function of the Postal Clerks' Association is to get rid of this octopus that has spread its tentacles over the whole Public Service of Canada and sapped its very life's blood. Let us therefore examine our consciences and render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. CANTWELL.

THE TORONTO CONVENTION.

For the first time since the East and West have joined hands and formed a nation-wide organization extending from coast to coast, the convention of the Postal Clerks' Association of the Dominion is to be held East of the Great Lakes. The good people of Winnipeg had the pleasure of entertaining the postal clerks last year and they set a mark that other cities will find it difficult to come up to. Judging by the programme arranged by the Toronto Branch, which has just come to hand, the Western delegates who voted the convention to Toronto last year will have no cause to regret their choice of the "Queen City."

On Wednesday, July 10th, there will be

a trip across the beautiful Lake Ontario to Niagara-on-the-Lake, thence up Niagara River, seven miles, to Lewiston, N.Y. From Lewiston the delegates will be taken through the famous Gorge Route to the equally famous Niagara Falls, N.Y.; the boundary line will then be crossed to give the delegates an opportunity of viewing the Falls from the Canadian side, and dinner will be served at the Canadian Falls. After dinner there is to be a car ride to Chippewa, which is also a very picturesque trip. From Chippewa the delegates will be taken to Queenston Heights, thence to the dock, where the steamer "Chippewa" will be boarded, and supper served while journeying back to Toronto.

For the delegates—and there are no doubt quite a number—who have never been farther East than Port Arthur, there is a treat in store that will live long in their memories. The magnificent, bewildering scenery, along the route here outlined, attracts thousands of visitors annually, who are never satisfied until they return again and again, to feast their eyes upon scenes of beauty that can be witnessed nowhere else in the universe.

On the evening of July 12th a banquet will be tendered the visiting delegates at the Prince George Hotel, which will be the convention headquarters.

The local committee particularly request that all the delegates shall make it a point to register at the "Prince George," where special low rates will be given the visitors. These rates are as follows:

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This will be the most eventful convention in the history of the Association, and branches should make a special effort to be represented by their full quota of delegates.

Don't forget that the Postal Service is shortly to be reorganized, as provided for in the new Civil Service Act, and that a great deal depends upon the representations that this convention will make to the Civil Service Commissioners on the subject.