

Moved by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bell: That the report of the Treasurer be accepted, balance sheet to be reported on by the Financial Committee in the usual manner. Carried.

Mr. Venables, Editor of the "Postal Journal," submitted a report for the consideration of the Convention.

EDITOR'S REPORT, 1915-1916.

Mr. Chairman and Colleagues,—

In submitting my report of the work of the "Postal Journal" for the past year I desire, in the first place, to sincerely thank those responsible for my election to the editorship at the last Convention, and I earnestly trust that this gathering will, after reviewing my work, have no cause to regret the confidence placed in me by those gentlemen. Those of you who have read our few pages in each issue of *The Civilian* since last September will have noticed that our journal has consisted of an article or two upon some associational matter, notes on postal affairs of passing interest, letters to the editor, Branch Notes and amusing skits on different branches of the service. In many instances, our articles have been written with the intention of bringing in the Eastern offices to our organization, and I have every reason to believe that they have, in conjunction with work performed by others, borne result, some now in evidence and some to show at a later date. Our letters from readers have not been as numerous as might be wished, but the future in this direction looks more interesting. I have throughout considered the Branch Notes to be the most important end of our work and I have, in practically every instance, given them the preference over all other matter. In this respect, I may say that the results have been far in excess of my expectations, every branch without an exception having contributed some notes during the year, and many of the branches being quite regular. I desire to express my deep appreciation for the valuable help in the way of contributions and suggestions from several of our officers and members, and, while it is not usually advisable to mention any one name in a number, yet I must inform this association of the thanks due to Mr. H. L. Doyle of Prince Albert for his untiring efforts to make our little journal a success. The only complaints received have been in connection with omissions or delays, and these have been quite unavoidable owing to the limited space at our command. Certain mild criticism has reached me with reference to the "tone" of some of our work compared to the general tone of *The Civilian*. This I leave with you, but would

remind you that we possibly have a somewhat different element to cater for than the average *Civilian* reader. The total expenses in connection with the "Journal" from September to the end of our year have been \$50.38. This includes the cost of a second-hand typewriter, \$35.00, and excludes letter paper and envelopes. So much for the past. Looking forward into the future for the present year, I must say that there is little doubt but that we shall find our present space—a minimum of four pages and occasionally five or six—in great demand, and I regret to say that there is little likelihood of our space being increased for so far as the editors of *The Civilian* are concerned, very sufficient and satisfying reasons. I would point out that outstanding matter takes up a rather large proportion of our limited space. In conclusion, I wish to recommend to this convention that a very sincere vote of thanks and appreciation be extended to Mr. C. A. Halladay and the editors of *The Civilian* for space afforded us in the past, which, I may add, is out of all proportion to the strength of our association as compared to the number of pages at the disposal of the remainder of the Civil Service.

Fraternally yours,

A. VENABLES,

Editor.

July 10th, 1916.

Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Beauchamp: that the report of Mr. Venables be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. White: That a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Venables for the great services rendered to the Association in connection with his duties as editor of the "Postal Journal." Carried.

Mr. White pointed out that Mr. Venables had done very much to cement the branches together and that his services had been of inestimable value to the Association.

The following committees were then appointed by the President:

Working Conditions — Messrs. Talbot, Fridfinnson, Doyle, White and Tuck.

Finance — Messrs. Simms, Hutchinson and Sutton.

Resolutions and New Business—Messrs. Tease, Gardner and Venables.

Press—Messrs. Beauchamp and Green.

Moved by Mr. Tuck, seconded by Mr. Fridfinnson: That Mr. Tease be asked to act as assistant to the Secretary during the period of the Convention.

Amendment by Mr. Tease, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson: That Mr. Venables be asked to act in the capacity of Assistant Secretary. Motion carried.