

we would be enabled to fix a figure that would be satisfactory to the majority and it is the majority that counts. The question should be thoroughly explained to every member before a vote is taken.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Robert Chambers, the popular novelist, in one of his books says, "I know of no lonelier man than he who lingers 'empty-handed among those who pore over the home mail.'" Keep this in mind and write those of your fellow workers who are overseas a little oftener.

Since the war began, the cost of living has increased in this country to the extent of 41 per cent. Which means, in other words, that the postal clerk who was, before the war, receiving \$50 per month, now gets the sum of \$30.00 or less. If a man was getting \$100.00 he is now getting less than \$60.00.

This association has always maintained that the lower paid clerks should not be required to work upon M. O. and Registration duties. From one source or another, we are constantly having the wisdom of such a regulation brought forcibly home to us. To have men earning what most outside people consider less than a living wage, employed upon responsible duties in the departments mentioned or similar work, is neither fair to the Government, the clerks themselves or to the whole office staff.

Brandon is to the fore in deciding about convention delegates. Other offices would, in many cases, do well to follow such an example.

In a very recent issue we had notes from Victoria, B.C. In this issue we have notes from Halifax, N.S.

The grand chain is now from end to end of the country and there is a link at almost every city worth while. Our next business must be, then, to strengthen that chain so that anything can be done with it by its owners and so that it can withstand any strain placed upon it by its enemies. To do this, we must strengthen each and every link, by so doing the whole is made stronger. Refuse to allow your link to be the weak one.

Any matter believed to be worthy of the attention of the Convention and which it is thought would benefit the postal clerks generally or which would promote the efficiency of our organization should be communicated to the General Secretary, Box 642, Winnipeg, with as little delay as possible.

In this issue the Secretary-Treasurer deals with the question of per capita tax in detail.

All branches would do well to take his advice and study this important question thoughtfully and thoroughly. Boiled down to a few words, it would seem to amount to this. Which is preferable, a small tax and each branch pay their own Convention expenses or a larger tax and the travelling expenses to be borne from the headquarters' funds? It is likely that, at first sight, branches with a membership of about 100 will say that there is little or no difference; branches with a larger membership may say that they prefer the smaller per capita tax and the smaller branches will probably figure the larger tax more advantageous. However, there is but one way in which to look at such a question as this, viz., not in terms of branches but in terms of the whole. Which will be the most advantageous system to the Postal Clerks' Association of the Dominion of Canada?

In the near future, our branches will be required to select their representatives for the coming Convention. Members have it in their hands to make or mar their branch's usefulness at the important conference in July. It is in the branches' power to see that this organization gets a good or a bad Convention. In appointing your delegate or delegates you yourselves decide upon what opinion your fellow branches shall hold of your own branch. For such reasons, it is very essential that branches go about the election of their representatives in a very cautious and thoughtful manner. Personalities and "staffs" have no place in such elections. Your best advocate coupled with a broad-minded thinker is the man that is wanted. Send your best men irrespective of any minor petty reasons.

BRANCH NOTES.

Halifax.

The first meeting at which we organized was very well attended and a most enthusiastic affair. The gathering was held on Sunday, March 4th, and the following officers were elected: President, R. W. Gibson; Vice-President, H. E. Hope; Secretary, C. W. Hire; Treasurer, J. H. Sullivan.

Brandon.

A well attended meeting was held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th. It was decided that this branch be represented by a delegate at the forthcoming Convention to be held in Winnipeg.

Appreciation was expressed by all the members for the efforts put forth by the delegation who went to Ottawa and hopes that their labors will not have been in vain, and judging from the fact that Toronto has joined our association, the efforts put forward by them in that city have met with