

**DUTY.**

The splendid article in *The Civilian* of January 21st showed that the Outside Service of the Post Office Department was in the van of enlistments from the Civil Service.

This is no mean honour, and if we desire to continue in this leading position we must not let the grass grow under our feet. There is little doubt, however, that recruiting from this source has been dropping off considerably and the reason for it is, we think, fairly obvious. Just so soon as the Department clearly defines its position, there is little doubt that we shall see many more of our fellow workers joining the colours. If the Department is satisfied that enough men have been drawn from the Post Office ranks, all well and good, but if these new battalions have to be raised up throughout the country, the Department will find that it is necessary for it to set the country an example by removing all such obstacles from the paths of our men as there are at present existing.

Looking from the point of active service, we now turn to the point of those who have no intention of leaving their homes, at present at any rate, for good and sufficient reason, and we find that there appear to be a number of our boys who do not yet realize their responsibilities in this direction.

We say appear not, because it is impossible for anyone of us to judge his neighbor on this or on any other matter. Nevertheless, it seems strange that in some of our offices we have some men subscribing a day's pay regularly every month to our patriotic funds while others are content to donate less than half that amount, or something-once-in-a-while and in other cases nothing whatever. As we say it is not for us to judge, all we ask is that every individual look deep down into his own conscience and ask himself whether he is satisfied with the part he is doing during this, our nation's greatest crisis.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

(Note.—No responsibility is accepted for matter appearing under this heading.)

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Calgary.

Gentlemen,—

I wonder whether any of our members have ever noticed the extraordinary efficiency that apparently prevails in the Money Order Branch of one of the larger

Eastern offices. It is quite easy to imagine that a swarm of clerks, several multi-graphs and a number of typewriters are kept constantly busy informing city postmasters, inspectors or the superintendent at Ottawa that such and such a thing has occurred and that if the clerk at fault will look up page this and section that he will find that he made a mistake. Sometimes these notices arrive direct at the office at which the error was made and sometimes they arrive via Ottawa.

We wonder whether this is a practise that every office is intended to pursue or whether this one office is in a class by itself or again whether it is found necessary to keep otherwise idle hands busy. Trusting that you will find room to publish this, and wishing you every success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,  
GUILTY M. O. CLERK.

**BRANCH NOTES.****Moose Jaw.**

On the 15th January the much looked for visit to Regina was accomplished, and of course it is needless to say that we had a royal time.

Arriving at the Capital City at 7.30 p.m. we were met by a committee and escorted to the post office where thirty minutes or so were spent in looking over the office and making the acquaintance of those boys who were unable to visit us at the time the Regina Branch came up. Regina certainly have some office. The part that made all Moose Jaw boys jealous was their association room. We are not so fortunate as to have one yet, but we are living in hopes.

About 8 o'clock we all adjourned to the Kitchener hotel, where a very enjoyable banquet was served. **SOME BANQUET, BELIEVE US.**

After satisfying the inner man, toasts and speeches were the order of the evening. Several matters of importance and of the good and welfare of the association were brought up.

It's a pity that more offices are not so favourably placed as we are; as there is no doubt that a lot of good could be done by visiting one another. Things crop up at these meetings that, were we writing, would never be thought of; besides which, there is no doubt that they help keep up the interest in the association and let people know that we are something more than a name. A great pity it is that the idea was not broached long ago. Anyway, it's never too late to mend, and there is no doubt that the other branches will hear