

The vote taken on the delegate for convention at Regina resulted in our genial Secretary, S. W. Foster, being chosen to represent Saskatoon.

A discussion on the order from the Department re smoking in public buildings was interesting and, in parts, amusing. One member pointed out that Deputy Ministers had had—as he put it—to cut out the smoking. Which brought the growl, “But I’m not a Deputy Minister.” It was felt that, in the case of a man working a straight eight hours, the order came hard, as most men were in the habit of having a pipe after a meal and to forego this was decidedly rough. The fact remains, however, that “orders is orders,” and the only thing is to make a virtue of necessity by following the example of the above mentioned D.M.’s

With the departure of W. K. Upton, enlisted in the 196th University Battalion, we are short one more jolly good fellow. He is the third member of his family to answer the call. The staff presented him with a wrist watch on his departure. Good luck, Billy, old sock, and a safe return.

The suggestion of “Rambler” in the issue of March 31st is a good one, viz., the exchanging of visits by officers, and in fact some such scheme was brought forward at one of our recent meetings, being laid over for consideration in the near future.

Surely P. A. & Sask. are near enough to exchange visits, while there is no reason why Regina and even M. J. should not be visited if the idea takes hold. There is not the slightest doubt that such visits would be productive of much good, in a clearer understanding and binding together of the association.

This enlisting business is getting fierce. Seems to be like measles, contagious. Three more of ’em have done it. J. Johnson of the despatch

staff and D. Moody of the carriers have joined the Saskatchewan Hospital unit, while Bill Williams, also of the carriers, has enlisted with the 65th Battalion. Bill, by the way, is a veteran of the South African war, and a more popular fellow was never connected with this office.

Pat Murphy has been strutting around the office, apparently under the impression that he is the P.M.G. Latest reports are that Miss Murphy is a fine young lady with great vocal powers.

Those who didn’t turn up on the evening of April 5th certainly missed a good time, Mr. and Mrs. Rippingale having invited the members of the association to their home on this date. Some 14 men turned up and a most delightful time was spent. During the evening a dainty supper was served and if it were needed to show proof as to how this was enjoyed it would be sufficient to say that if things went with a swing before supper, after they simply bubbled. The good time like everything else had to come to an end, so after singing God Save the King and He’s a Jolly Good Fellow, and she ditto, the party broke up amid cheers and good mornings. Syd at the piano was great stuff, playing everything and anything that was needed. Among the artists were Mrs. Rippingale, Miss Boyte, Messrs. Rosson, Gibson, Bale, Torbett and Anderson.

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## BRANCH NOTES.

### Brandon.

We wish the best of luck and a safe return to four more members who have recently answered the call of duty, viz., Messrs. Munn, McKellar, Lang and Goodman. Our General Secretary has also enlisted for “active service,” but in another direction, having joined the noble army of benedicts. Here’s wishing you and your wife all the