

length. The following sentence, however, is very hard to pass over without a second thought: "Furthermore, if the law governing the Outside Service is not being observed, the Commissioners have power to investigate and report upon the abuses which they find to exist." It would seem then, from that, that if there is any abuse in the Outside Service, the Commissioners are either not aware of it, or they are quite willing that this branch of the Service should be abused. Now that we know, we're thinking that those self same Commissioners, all due respect to them, are likely to hear from The Postal Clerks' Association ere long.

BRANCH NOTES.

Brandon.

At the October meeting of this branch, which was well attended, the boys were glad to welcome back the big mogul, Mr. W. B. Bain. Mr. Bain, who has been to see the Exposition at San Francisco, reported a most enjoyable time. He was also full of praise for the splendid manner in which Uncle Sam's post offices appear to be fitted up, he having had the pleasure of going over those at Frisco, Seattle and Kansas City.

At the present time we're all busy digging down in our jeans for a little hay to fix up a box of small comforts for one of the best association workers we have ever had, Sid. Beveridge, who is at present "somewhere in France."

Calgary.

Mr. Bruce Robinson and Mr. Tweedie, M.L.A., spent half an hour recently addressing our association on behalf of the Patriotic Fund. After the speakers had outlined the policy of the Fund, the meeting decided to give 75 per cent of the Calgary P. C. Patriotic Fund to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

"Tiny" was a busy news vendor the day he received the first "Postal Journal," but not for long as he soon sold out and has doubled his order for the future.

Mr. C. B. Sturup has moved into Calgary for the winter.

Edmonton.

We continue to send our quota towards helping to "keep the flag flying," Messrs. Jacques, Lyttle and Cook having enlisted in the 63rd Batt., C.E.F.

Another side of our branch is now under way and promises to be of added interest and usefulness in our social affairs, viz., the new Postal Clerks' Orchestra. About a dozen members have been showing their musical powers already and the initial effort of our musicians at their first practice points to success in this fine art.

In order to extend the "glad hand" to our boys on active service "somewhere in France," we are using every means of locating them in order to send them suitable Christmas gifts.

A movement is on foot for the formation of a Civil Service Club. A committee of three has been appointed to locate suitable rooms and it is our intention to have these rooms fitted up with every comfort and convenience in order that they may be of service to any civil servant when down town or "between hours."

Queries one asks after the last meeting: Who was the member who wore the ugly look after the meeting and for the next few days? Who wore the big smile when the election of officers was made known? Who asked if there wasn't a better method for cleaning the office floors than by using damp sawdust? Was it you, Jack?

Regina.

This Branch held a most successful meeting on Sunday, Oct. 17. The chief business of the evening was the nomination of officers to be elected at the annual meeting in November. The following were nominated and will stand for office: To be President, C. Gardner; to be Vice-President, A. T. Child; to be Secretary, R. Beauchamp; to be Treasurer, A. Henderson and G. Pethrick. To be Executive members, Messrs. Hand, Parker, Smith, Selby, Carter, Cunningham and Smith.

The nominees are all members that have shown a keen interest in the work of the Association and a lively election is looked for. Mr. G. P. Brewis has undertaken the agency for *The Civilian* and will attend to all business appertaining to subscriptions and renewals.

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Branch secretaries please note.—Your very best efforts in the way of matter for publication are especially requested during the next few weeks, in order that those responsible for editing this journal may get a little forward previous to the Christmas rush of office business. THANK YOU.

In order to save our general secretary as much unnecessary work as possible, branches are requested to negotiate all business in connection with subscriptions to *The Civilian* direct with the Editors, Box 484, Ottawa.

GIVEN PROMOTION.

Mr. Eugene Paradis, former Private Secretary to Hon. Louis Coderre, has been appointed Chief of the Distribution of Public Documents. He joined the Civil Service in 1891 as Secretary to Hon. J. A. Chapleau, and afterwards filled several positions, among others those of Secretary to Sir Joseph Pope and French Secretary to the Board of Civil Service Examiners.