

the benefits of being a member of the association he has only to make enquiry of the above-mentioned clerks. How much the promotion may eventually mean will be apparent to anyone who has read the item in a recent number of *The Civilian* regarding the future policy of the Department in respect to promotions and increases. Writing to one of our members from "Somewhere in France," Mr. Hardwicke, now a sergeant in the Canadian Army Dental Corps, says in part: "It was good of you to let me hear the cheerful news so quickly. I can tell you I am very pleased to know I have assumed my rating, and, although it may be late, I am certainly thankful for what I have received. Will you please convey to the committee my thanks for their successful efforts."

On the fighting line one of our 'boys' remembers what the association has accomplished, and is grateful. It is for those who remain to show that they also are alive to the needs of the moment by lending to their committees and officers all the support they can.

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Extract from Form 42-A. Enquiry for missing mail matter:

Question 18:—Evidence of posting.

Answer of applicant: "I have no real evidence; only my own word."

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Periodically, whenever there is a Departmental Examination about to be held, we find men in heated argument over the interpretation of some regulation or another. This would lead one to think that it might easily be possible for the authorities to make some of their orders a little clearer than they do. A striking example of this was before us recently. What disposition should be made of a letter weighing 1½ oz., and having a two cent stamp upon it. Now it is contended that this letter has been paid as being under the ounce but that the war tax has been omitted. Therefore the letter cannot be sent forward until the tax is paid. However, on the other hand, it is declared that previous to April, 1915, a letter for delivery in Canada could be sent forward providing it had at least one stamp upon it. Further, that any stamp may be used for war tax or for postage. Cannot it therefore be reasoned that this two cent stamp is part war tax and part postage, and consequently the letter would go forward.

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We were gratified to hear from Montreal recently that their association was inter-

ested in our organization and was looking towards us. We can assure the staff of the Montreal office that we shall ever be ready to help them come a little closer and join hands with an association that is monthly growing bigger and stronger. Don't wait and hang back to be the last, Montreal.

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When Mr. Samuel relinquished the position of Postmaster General of the United Kingdom recently, the postal clerks' organization made it quite plain to the Premier that they could see nothing but trouble ahead if Mr. Hobhouse received the portfolio which he had previously held for a short period. Mr. Pease has been appointed Postmaster General of the United Kingdom.

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Very quietly, without any big type or glaring tributes, we find Mr. F. Grierson is in khaki on active service. As Secretary-Treasurer of the Civil Service Federation and as an Editor of *The Civilian*, Mr. Grierson must have devoted a large amount of time to the cause of an organized Civil Service. Without knowing a great deal about Federation affairs at the Capital, we believe that he will surely be greatly missed. Those outside men who have come into contact with him through correspondence will and already have missed him considerably. Hats off, the P.C.A., to Mr. Grierson.

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The city of Calgary has recently written the Government on the question of the city post office. It would appear that the lease has run out on the temporary building which has now been in use for over three years, and the fire and building inspectors' departments of the city want to know what's what. The present structure evidently conforms with neither of these good people's requirements. We're not surprised. However, we shall be surprised if their writing to Ottawa makes very much difference. Nevertheless, we very much hope that it does.

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It has come to the attention of the officers of this association that one of our branches has, up to the present, failed to receive a reply to a letter of enquiry directed to the Department. Even in the event of the Department being unable to furnish the desired information, an acknowledgment would only have been courteous. Every effort will be made to ascertain the reason for this unusual behaviour.