

out the entire afternoon and evening, just as free as the air you breathed, and at 6 o'clock, the race programme having concluded, large quantities of the needful ammunition were stowed away in record time. Following this great supper, Postmaster King presented the numerous prizes so generously donated by the merchants and citizens of the city.

Enough cannot be said for the untiring efforts of the committee in charge of this outing, and all who attended are agreed that heartiest thanks are due them and to the Postmaster and Mr. Elson for the great interest and wholehearted co-operation shown by them for the success of the day, not a little measure of which was due to them.

Did you notice the sign "Welcome" posted upon the P.M.'s residence? Those who invented the idea of holding the picnic in such close proximity to this residence have not been thanked enough yet.

Two pairs of "whites" were somewhat criticized. Well, well, we'll bet we see more next year. Somebody said something about Mr. Sturup's new headgear, but we didn't notice it.

The committeemen's wives were conspicuously unfortunate on the race track. Those who stop to consider who cut the sandwiches may possibly find the solution. Who, may be ask, failed to arrive home until the following morning early, and we wonder whether "clearing up" was the reason given?

#### Prince Albert.

A very enjoyable evening was spent recently in the rooms of the local branch of the Sons of England. The clerks of this branch were the guests at a card party, given by the local branch of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. Functions of this description do much to cement the good feeling that usually exists twixt the various organizations in our cities. "Wee" Willie, our "star" letter carrier, has answered the call of duty, and expects to don the khaki. "Sandy" Cook has recently joined the colours. Both these men in the 243rd. An early close of the war is now looked for. The July meeting of this branch will be a very interesting one; our delegates look with horror to the occasion, all the pet troubles of the year are apt to appear on this night. This will be the meeting prior to the convention. Alec and John went fishing, and—but that's a story you should hear John tell.

#### Regina.

As these notes for insertion in the current number of the "Postal Journal" must be despatched from Regina on the second

day of the convention, it is impossible to give a full report of the convention proceedings, but a full report of the proceedings here will be issued later.

We must content ourselves for the present with a record of the first day's happenings. Convention opened on Monday morning, July 10th, at 9 a.m., in the City Hall, and the work of the morning session was chiefly taken up with hearing reports from the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor Venables. The various committees were also formed, and an address of welcome to the delegates was made by C. Gardner, President of the Regina branch. At noon the delegates dispersed for lunch. At 1.30 p.m. the delegates met at the Post Office and were introduced by Mr. Gardner to our Postmaster, Mr. Nicoll.

Mr. Nicoll expressed his pleasure in meeting the delegates, gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped that this convention would give both instruction and pleasure to the representatives of the various branches. On behalf of the delegates, Messrs. Allan of Vancouver and Tuck of Calgary made suitable replies.

At 2.02 p.m. the delegates, accompanied by several boys from the office to act as guides, proceeded on an automobile tour of the city. The route was followed through the warehouse and business section past the new R. Simpson building, and thence to the Parliament Buildings. Many of the delegates ascended the dome from which could be seen a splendid view of Regina and the surrounding country. The "Chamber" and library were also explored, and in the latter the delegates were shown many old and historical books, and also a table which is reputed to be the one at which the "Fathers of Confederation" sat.

The next visit was to the headquarters of the Royal North West Mounted Police. Under the guidance of Sergeant Major Turner, the party was conducted through the various buildings, and shown many interesting items pertaining to the life of the famous red-coated "Riders of the Plains," including a dog team and packed outfit on the point of leaving for the far North in pursuit of the Esquimaux murderers of the late Messrs. Radford and Street, the American explorers, also the famous window in the riding school where Louis Riel was executed.

The return trip to the city was made via the residential section.

On Tuesday the convention held three sessions from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., during which time much valuable and necessary work was dealt with.