

the local office to the Executive Committee to deal with; appointed Mr. R. Strange agent for *The Civilian*.

As we haven't all gone to the front, not yet anyway, it may be of interest to tell something of what the stay-at-homes are doing. The clerks in this office decided to contribute monthly, so long as the war lasts, to what is known as the Calgary Postal Clerks' Patriotic Fund. The energetic committee in charge of this fund is composed of Messrs. Scott, Boothman, Boode, Holden, Cunningham and Venables, *ex-officio*. Also there is another way in which we try to do our part. We have a tobacco fund the object of which is to provide a quantity of smokes, etc., every week for all local clerks in the firing line, so that our comrades-in-arms, although so far from us, may know that our thoughts are with them continually.

At a recent meeting of the Sick Benefit Society, Mr. F. M. Davies tendered his resignation as secretary, owing to the fact that he expects soon to be on active service. Mr. Davies has passed his medical examination for the Army Medical Corps and is only waiting permission to absent himself from the despatch staff. Too much cannot be said for the painstaking way Mr. Davies has handled this benefit scheme and no discredit will be passed on his successor if we say that he will be greatly missed. There would have been no such society in existence in this office were it not for the late secretary, who originally suggested the idea and did all the necessary hard work in connection with the formation of this affair. Good luck to you, Fred! and may you never need sick benefit on the firing line. Mr. F. Paekman was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the above resignation.

Any who suffer from sleeplessness may possibly find that an arm-chair and the Postal Laws and Regulations may do the trick. For further particulars apply to the clerk in charge of the Stamp Branch.

A certain clerk, well known in association circles, is experiencing great difficulty these days in seeing his feet from an upright position. Any suggestions in the way of a remedy should be sent to the enquiry wicket.

#### Vancouver Branch.

The question of making meetings of the different branches of the Association sufficiently attractive to the members to ensure a good attendance is one which has doubtless given the various branch committees much thought. Many plans have been tried, with varying success, but the Vancouver committee seem to have solved the difficulty in their new venture. Meet-

ings were formerly held in a room, the use of which was kindly granted by the superintendent R. M. Service, but it was thought advisable to secure a meeting place with better facilities in the way of seating accommodation, etc., and by way of an experiment the Lesser Hall in the Oddfellows' Building was engaged for the October meeting. It was announced that in addition to the business to be transacted, a concert would be held, and the response to this invitation astonished even the committee. The attendance was quadrupled, and with the concert in view, the business was transacted in record time. Then the members settled down to enjoy the treat in store, and—well, we never knew before what talent there was in the Vancouver office. Several of our regular artists contributed their quota, and then the chairman, "Doc" Allen, our worthy president, announced that everyone called on would be required to do his bit,—and they did it in no uncertain way. The contributors to the programme were Messrs. Holden, Nash, Eve, MacCullough, Haworth, Walker, Middlemiss, Black, Allen, Hargreaves, Davidson, and Renwick, and Mr. J. E. Holden acted in an able and efficient manner as accompanist. The evening was voted a complete success and it is the intention of the committee to run a series of these social evenings throughout the winter months, the programme being varied each time to include music, debates, whist drive, etc. By so doing it is hoped to make the meetings attractive to all members and with the larger attendance assured, the decisions come to by the meetings will be more representative of the Branch as a whole than has previously been the case.

Another of our members, Mr. J. S. Shaw, has proceeded on active service. He goes with the 72nd Regiment, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. The "Kilties" seem to find great favour amongst our boys.

Another enterprise which has engaged the attention of several members of the Vancouver Branch has been the establishment, under the auspices of the Board of School Trustees, of an evening class for the study of subjects required for the qualifying examination. About 30 members having signified their desire to attend such a class, the School Board were approached in the matter and all arrangements have now been completed. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday nights from October to March, and the fees are nominal. In fact all fees are returned to students making 80 per cent of attendances, so that an excellent opportunity is being given our members to qualify for this examination without expense.