

The recent notification with respect to the manner in which postage stamps will henceforth be issued from the Stamp Branch will have been received with delight by all those clerks interested. Although, at the time of writing, we understand the new method is not yet actually in practise, we believe that it will be found to be of incalculable benefit to all those who are directly affected. Much time will undoubtedly be saved all clerks working in Stamp Supply offices and also outside Postmasters, and there is surely credit due to those responsible for the new labor saving device.

Branches would do well to begin looking ahead in connection with resolutions for the convention which is due to take place in Winnipeg in July. In order that the agenda may be issued through the "Postal Journal," to all branches and members previous to their June meeting, it will be necessary to have all matter for the convention's consideration in the secretary's hands a great deal earlier than has been customary. If you leave such affairs to the last moment, you will be so crowded down with the many and various subjects that due consideration to all of them will be an impossibility. During your next two or three meetings is the time in which to go over those subjects that you wish brought to the attention of the convention.

Before a committee of Congress the First Assistant P.M.G. of the United States was asked whether there was not some law in force in the Canadian service which allowed men engaged upon night work shorter hours than those working during the day. Not yet, not yet, but hope is still with us.

The above and many similar questions go to show that the postal clerks to the South of us have many friends in Congress who are continually watching their interests. The reason for that can quite easily be found if one remembers that the strongest postal organization in the States is affiliated with the Trades and Labour Council.

Messrs. Gardner, Green and Pickup, President, Secretary-Treasurer and Organizing Secretary respectively, have now settled down again after their trip on behalf of the Association to Ottawa and eastern points. All members will appreciate the reception given our delegates while in Ottawa, and our thanks are due to those responsible for the excellent banquet tendered them while in that city.

According to the Ottawa "Citizen," Mr. Pickup made an "eloquent and forceful appeal for service," and those of us who have heard him already know that he has the ability to put force behind his remarks. Mr. Cantwell, President of our Ottawa branch, and one of our delegates to the P.M.G., was in the chair at the banquet and it is to be hoped that he will be seen this summer at the 'Peg. In our next issue we hope to be

in a position to publish reports from those of our officers who made this successful trip, one of the results of which is the formation of a branch at Montreal.

Will our branches be good enough to continue the efforts so successfully made, previous to the Christmas rush, with regard to Branch Notes. As will be noticed, this item of general interest has not yet 'come back' to its regular strength.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to our newly formed branches at Portage la Prairie and Montreal, and we sincerely hope that it will be to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

"You cannot be loyal without doing your duty, and you cannot do your duty without being loyal. A man, to earn the title of a loyalist, should be loyal to his country, his King and himself. To do your duty to your country, you must be loyal to it. To be loyal to your King you must do your duty to him, and to do your duty to your humble self you must not only be loyal to yourself but also to your colleagues and your association. Now some people think that to be loyal you must be as docile as a tabby cat, never expound an idea that would benefit yourself, or your colleagues, but if you are given a few minutes' command over others, temporary or otherwise, bully them as much as possible. Their sense of bullying, or tactless supervision, is their only sense of loyalty to their superiors. Unfortunately, this kind of interpretation of loyalty has been encouraged by the governing classes of Britain for some years, and the policy has become a national calamity. It has created a feeling of national unrest which is dangerous to the loyalty, and the duty, of the workers."—"Postal and Telegraph Record."

The following appeared in a recent issue of the Calgary Daily Herald:

"The suggestion of a correspondent that the people should show their patriotism by patronizing the postal department with all their money order business and parcels post trade instead of putting it in the hands of the banks and express companies is quite reasonable in these times when practical patriotism counts for so much.

"That the suggestion should be necessary at all seems remarkable, for the post office department, which belongs to the people, has been handling business of this description for a long time and it seems only reasonable to expect that the people would patronize their own institutions.

"But there are reasons why it has not been done in the past and why it is not done now. One of them is that while the post office department conducts a money order business which is quite as cheap and fully as safe as any conducted by private