

BORROWING DULLS THE EDGE OF HUSBANDRY.

We all know the man who will not subscribe for *The Civilian* but borrows his neighbour's to read. One day last month, in reaching for the other fellow's copy he upset a bottle of red ink all over his files and a pair of new \$8 pants. In dodging the ink he overturned his chair and broke the back off it. For spoiling the files he was suspended for a week and the sweet young stenographer heard him swear and has cut him dead ever since. When he went home with his tale of woe, his wife packed up and went to her mother's. Being lonesome, he went out with the boys and woke up facing Magistrate O'Keefe. The caterpillars ate up his flower bed and Ottawa ball team lost three straight. When he came back to the office he subscribed for *The Civilian* and now good fortune smiles upon him once more. Moral—**SUBSCRIBE TO THE CIVILIAN.**

WESTERN FEDERATION OF RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS.

The above civil service association has been formed under difficulties which do not stand in the way of other bodies in the service. The officers of the association are:—

President, R. A. Borland, Moose Jaw.

Vice-President, L. N. Parker, Regina.

Treasurer, R. Herrod, Moose Jaw.

Secretary, H. Hudson, Moose Jaw.

Recording Secretary, G. Mallan, Regina.

The following comments from the pen of the treasurer, Mr. R. Herrod, will be found interesting. *The Civilian* has to thank the Railway Mail Service of Saskatchewan for giving us another poet.

Railway Mail Clerks of Western Canada.

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

I would like to write about the personnel of the Saskatchewan Division. It opened up about six years ago, with Mr. C. A. Hislop, as superintendent and twelve clerks. At the present time we have a staff of nearly one hundred. About six

only of the old guard are now running on the road.

Of the others about fifty have been in the service over two years. Clerks come and go, and every time we are called upon to take a run on another R. P. O., we meet someone new.

This makes organization very difficult, as many of the clerks do not see the necessity of joining an association for a few months. The clerks are scattered all over the province, as we have not one great central point like Winnipeg. In Moose Jaw, Regina, Brandon and Saskatoon and Rivers, are stationed from twelve to twenty clerks. In several points such as Weyburn, Outlook, Swift Current, Wolsley and Souris are stationed one or two, and as the mail service is continuous, we have found it a hard proposition to get a good representative meeting. To get over to a meeting at another town is also very inconvenient. Most of the meetings hitherto, have been held in Moose Jaw. In April a meeting was held in Regina. Next meeting called for June 15th is to be held in Saskatoon.

We have every trade and profession represented in our division. Railroad men, carpenters, farmers, and a few who had previously worn the King's uniform. I think I am safe in saying that I am about the only one out in the West who served our late King Edward VII., under the White Ensign. I would like to hear of any other old sailor. So far I have never come across one.

It is a great thing to get the different points of view from a bunch like that