

versity, and our high schools, it ought to be possible to correlate with these educational institutions the work of the civil service commission, and some day, let us hope, we will be able to develop a sort of civil service West Point which will train public servants for a dignified and honourable career.

The Rural Mail Delivery Man.

Git-ap Nellie, hit the gravel,
You have got to travel,
We've a mile or two of road
Yet to cover with this load.
Git-ap Nellie, keep a-skatin'
Cant afford to lose time waitin'
All this mail we've got today
Must be handled some old way,
Git-ap Nellie.

Whoa! Good morning! Late today,
Roads are bad most of the way,
Hard to make the old mare jog;
Here's your mail, a catalogue
From Toronto, latest ads,
All the new fandangle fads;
Say, that wheat there does look prime,
Well, we'll talk some other time,
Git-ap, Nellie!

Whoa! Good morning, Mrs. Brown,
Letter here from John in town,
Postal too, from Sarah Jane;
Folks have gone post card insane,
Read three dozen on the way,
How is that for just one day?
Sam Jones got held up last night—
Old Skinfint, it serves him right,
Git-ap, Nellie!

Whoa! Good morning, Johnny White,
Say, that girl forgot to write,
'Nother fellow, so they say;
What do you care anyway?
Git-ap, Nellie. Whoa! what's that?
Money Order for a hat?
Sure, I'll get it soon's I ken;
Lot's more girls John, try again.
Git-ap, Nellie!

Whoa! Look her now, Abner Drew,
I've a bone to pick with you;
Either you'll take down that gate
Or your rural mail can wait;
That lane there's a right of way,
Saves me just three miles a day;
Don't you know you'll land in jail
If you block the rural mail?
Git-ap, Nellie!

OTTAWA CO-OPERATIVE NOTES

The Civil Service Co-operative Supply Association is now well on in its fourth year of existence better organized and with a better equipped store than ever. The balance sheet for the past year, ending March 31st, notwithstanding some fears to the contrary, shows that satisfactory progress has been made, notwithstanding the severe business depression which existed. Although the operating expenses were somewhat greater than in the previous year, owing to the added expense of auditing, and increases in salaries to the staff, there was a sufficient balance available for the declaration of a two per cent. dividend on purchases, leaving about \$150 to be added to the reserve.

No change in the directorate took place at the adjourned annual meeting, Messrs. F. J. Alexander, J. H. Brown and E. D. Eddy, the retiring directors, being re-elected. At a subsequent meeting of the Board, the following officers were elected:

President, Mr. John McLeish; Vice-President, Mr. H. T. Owens; Honourary Secretary, Mr. W. W. Edgar; Honourary Treasurer, Mr. D. McR. Minard; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. George Bracewell. With the view to getting into closer touch with the business of the Association, the following committees were formed, the first named member of which is the convenor in each instance: Finance Committee, Messrs. Minard, McLeish and Paré; Trading Committee, Messrs. Owens, Bleakney and Eddy; Propaganda Committee, Messrs. Edgar, Alexander and Brown.

It is greatly to be regretted that more interest is not shown by members at the general meetings of the Association. Out of a membership of about six hundred, there were less than twenty at the annual meeting, and of these a large proportion were directors.