

down to Branch Secretaries. It is probable that a system of periodical reports will shortly be put into operation calling for detailed particulars along certain lines. Unless the branch secretaries stand prepared to do their part by promptly giving all the desired information the whole scheme falls down and becomes a failure. Branches must provide themselves with the very best service that they can procure in the form of a live secretary who realizes the help he can be, not only to his own branch but to the whole association, and then we are confident that the desired results will very soon be forthcoming. Everyone realizes and is willing to admit that many men in all branches have toiled ceaselessly for the good of our cause, yet, notwithstanding this, it is to be regretted that the General Secretary finds his work continually held up and added to by the failure of some branches to reply promptly to communications. We desire to respectfully remind branch secretaries that for every letter they get from the general officers of the association those officers are probably writing twenty similar ones. Roughly speaking, the general officers have twenty times as much work passing through their hands as branch officers. To date we have heard practically no complaints upon the work of the general officers. Branches, it is your duty to see that a similar state of affairs exists at your end.

REFLECTIONS BY RAMBLER.

The Dominion Postal Clerks' Association has come to stay, of that there is not the slightest doubt, but the longer I am a member of this great organization the more convinced do I become that the persuasive policy of the D.P.C.A. will before long come to a close where new members are concerned. It has been the custom of the association to come down from its exalted position in an effort to show the postal clerks of the Dominion the way of progress and in several cases has received little for its trouble. However, in these particular cases, I don't think we need unduly interest ourselves. An old age says: "None are so blind as those that won't see. The clerk who fails to see the good work of the association is something else other than devoid of brains.

We find men who when approached on the association question ask: what do I benefit by joining? or some such question in which "self" appears first and last. I can only suggest to such men that their room is more valuable than their company. A pension scheme is, I find, what these men are most anxious about.

The Semi-Office.—By the time these notes go to press the official report of the convention will be in the hands of our members, and it will be noticed that the semi-office question received very generous treatment. There is no doubt in my humble estimation that the way is paved for a solution to this vexed question. The handling of this matter by deputation is exactly as it should be; let us hope for the best.

Mail Clerks' Association.—In a recent issue I commented on the re-awakening of this association. It appears that through a little internal trouble there has been a split up in the Saskatchewan branch, and from the resulting (shall I say mix-up) there has sprung a Saskatoon branch duly affiliated, etc. It seems a pity that what could be a very strong organization should be so divided; it only exhibits a weakness. There is no doubt, however, that the men who are handling this new association are of a go-ahead turn of mind, and are, from what I have actually seen, out to make the thing go, and in face of that deserve all the encouragement they can get. It is common knowledge that the Mail Clerks' Association has been dormant for a long time, and I can only say it is pleasing to see a movement somewhere.

More Copies.—In a recent issue of the "Journal" we find in the Branch Notes an item from Calgary regarding the newsboy of this office learning how to dispose of more copies. In the future I shall have something to say on this matter. I venture to suggest that if this matter was made interesting enough the circulation could be doubled in three issues. It is a matter that rests with the powers at Ottawa.

RAMBLER.

ON MURDERERS' TRAIL.

Captain French, with two sergeants and four constables of the Northwest Mounted Police, is preparing to start on an expedition into the Arctic regions in search of the Eskimos who murdered Radford and Street, the explorers, two years ago. The trip, it is expected, will occupy three years. The Mounted Police never let a murderer escape in their territory. The chase is invariably maintained until the shedders of blood are brought to justice or perish in the wilderness. That is why far northern Canada is a pretty safe country to travel in.—*Montreal Gazette.*