

ters on account of the increased cost of living. One thing THEY did not have to wait. We cannot speak too strongly on this matter because we in conjunction with our comrades in other parts of the Dominion are assured that we have been badly treated, and yet a recent circular from the Department asks us for the loyal co-operation of the staff to assist with the Military Service Act. Of that assistance the Department may rest assured, but for God's sake let the Department give its employees a living wage.

Congratulations to Calgary in their patriotic efforts. Regina also has a patriotic fund, and later we hope to send our annual report. Our next meeting is billed for the last Sunday in October, when nomination of officers will take place. May the best men be nominated.

Prince Albert.

In silence we have been waiting and waiting, and we are still waiting—for the bonus. We are hoping we won't need to wait much longer. Correspondence to hand via our semi-staff representative on the Executive Board, who is working along quietly but doggedly—plugging away—as it were, shows that at any rate we are being taken notice of in the Government circles; something that is really new, and don't we deserve it! We of this branch appreciate very deeply the efforts of Mr. Green in our behalf. Perhaps we are in a good position to judge the value of our Secretary-Treasurer in this line than any other semi-staff office. We repeat we appreciate the opportunity to express our thanks. All will have read the recent circular from the Department re the extra work expected from us in the interest of the Military Service Act. We are with Doctor Coulter—to a man—we stand behind him, and will carry out the order to the letter. But what of our interests? A war bonus would have given us more heart. We are in the fight for our right to the end, and will not give up till we are down and out—or win.

ANNUAL CONVENTION, 1917.

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Horswell—Boothman: That this convention go on record as being in favour of the Public Service Reform Movement, inaugurated at Edmonton, Alberta, such movement having for its object the elimination of the patronage system and the adoption of the merit system throughout the Dominion.

Amendment by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Foster: That our Edmonton representative be asked to forward to the Secretaries of local branches copies of the Con-

stitution relative to the so-called Public Service Reform Movement, and that local branches support the same according to their opinion. Amendment carried.

Adams—Sutton: That this convention bring to the notice of the Department the ever-increasing practice of careless persons enclosing both coin and bills in ordinary mail, whereby clerks are often subject to unjust suspicion when such mail, or the all too obvious contents of same, is lost. Carried.

Venables—Adams: That this convention go on record as being unanimously in favour of the abolition of the patronage system and the adoption of the merit system, as embodied in a resolution passed by this Association in convention at Vancouver, 1915, and again introduced and carried at the Regina convention, 1916. Carried unanimously.

Venables—Foster: Resolved, that the Postal Clerks' Association of the Dominion of Canada, in convention assembled, Winnipeg, 1917, in all solemnity, pay silent tribute to our heroic dead who have fallen on the battlefield in order that the best traditions of our Empire's history may be preserved and enjoyed by future generations. "The race is not always to the swift or the battle to the strong." Resolution acted on.

Adams—Walsh: That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Winnipeg branch of the splendid arrangements made in connection with the fifth annual convention of the Postal Clerks' Association of the Dominion of Canada, and that deep appreciation be extended for the generous entertainment provided at every conceivable opportunity. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Tease, President of the Winnipeg branch, replied.

Cantwell—Venables: That a Committee on Constitution and By-laws be appointed, composed of the incoming President and Secretary-Treasurer, with instructions to bring in a report at the next convention. The report of this committee to take priority over all other business at that convention. Carried.

Cantwell—Tease: That all unfinished business be left to the incoming Executive to dispose of. Carried.

Election of Officers:

The President appointed Messrs. Sargent and Stewart, members of the Winnipeg branch, to act as scrutineers.

President: Messrs. Gardner, Tease, Sutton and Venables were nominated.

Mr. Tease, Winnipeg, elected.

Vice-President: Messrs. Jacques and Crate were nominated. Mr. Jacques declined.

Mr. Crate elected by acclamation. (Toronto).

Secretary-Treasurer — Messrs. Cantwell and Green nominated. Mr. Cantwell declined.