

A Letter From the Great Western Provinces.

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

The personnel of the Railway Mail Service in Saskatchewan is growing. The latest addition is a fine boy born July 29th, who owns a proud parent in the person of Mr. H. Penton of Brandon, Vice-President Western Federation of Railway Mail Clerks. Congratulations.

The officers of the Western Federation are: Mr. W. A. Haney, Man., President; Mr. H. Penton, Sask., vice-president; Mr. R. J. Herbert, B.C., treasurer; Mr. H. R. Williams, Alta., secretary.

I notice in one of your past issues that you printed the names of the officers elected for the Saskatchewan Division under the heading of the Western Federation. There is an association in each of the four Western Provinces and this year saw the Federation come into being. It was suggested that the yearly meetings of the Federation be held in Moose Jaw and Calgary alternately.

A paper is being printed called the "grab-bag." A sample copy was sent down some time ago to find out how it would take. I think it will be a success.

In your last issue you gave an outline of the bill giving an increase in salary to the Railway Mail Service to men of over fifteen years' service. You can understand the disappointment of the clerks out here in the West, as only about twelve clerks benefit by it. The majority of them are in the Manitoba Division. In Alberta, two; in British Columbia, three; in Saskatchewan, nil.

We are the youngest division in the Dominion, the oldest clerk having only seen seven years' service.

We live in hope.—R. HERROD.

Moose Jaw, Aug. 15th, 1913.

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The Letter Carriers' Association closed its bi-annual convention in Winnipeg on Saturday with the election of officers as follows: President, W. H. Hoop, Winnipeg; vice-president, E. Zergerie, Montreal; secretary-treasurer, Alex. McMurdie; past president, Robert Guy. The members of the executive are: Manitoba, J. B. Johnson; Ontario, Wm. Crawshaw; New Brunswick, J. Mailman; Prince Edward Island, A. B. Davison; Nova Scotia, J. F. Day; Quebec, J. Lepage; Alberta, F. J. Burchell; Saskatchewan, J. Green; British Columbia, A. J. Bird. Many important subjects were discussed at the convention, including many needed reforms. A full report will appear in these pages in a future issue.

Personals.

Mr. Chas. L. Panet, secretary, and Messrs. White and Perrin, of the Department of Militia and Defence, are in Nova Scotia on official business.

Mr. T. J. Code, Assistant Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mrs. Code, are on a vacation trip to the Gulf and Newfoundland.

Mr. W. F. Teetzel, lately provincial government agent at Nelson, B. C., has been appointed inspector of building sites in Western Canada for the Federal department of Public Works.

Mr. W. A. Jacques of the Customs Department returned from a visit to Algonquin Park.

Mr. John Mitchell, secretary to the Minister of the Interior, is in the West with Hon. Dr. Roche.

Mr. Allan Philip Starr, of the staff of the Library of Parliament, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Starr of Halifax, N.S., was married at Rouses Point, N.Y., by Rev. Adolphe Saurel, on August 18th, to Miss Bernice Chevrier, formerly of the Library, and daughter of Mrs. L. D. Chevrier of Ottawa.

Mr. W. A. Warne, Chief Trade Statistician, and Mrs. Warne, have returned from a trip to Europe.

Mr. R. A. C. Henry, B.A., B.Sc., inspecting engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, was married in St. John's Church, Ottawa, on August 21st, to Miss Hilda A. Johnson, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Henry are now on a honeymoon trip to Europe.

Miss Cameron has been transferred from the Department of Trade and Commerce to the Department of Justice.

Mr. Richard Grigg, Commissioner of Commerce, who has been in Australasia and the Orient for some months, with Hon. George E. Foster, is returning to Canada via the Trans-Siberian route and Europe.

Mr. Ernest H. Godfrey, of the Census office, has left for Vienna, where