

slide to such an extent that it is a chaotic condition.

We believe the Editors of *The Civilian* struck the right note in their first issue of March, when they published a number of extracts from 'Hansard.'

A propos of the piece appearing elsewhere with reference to the Calgary post office, some cynics would tell us that all city post offices in this country are resorts for rats. If you fail to get this first time, give it up.

We find Russian papers in Winnipeg stating that the Ruthenian papers circulating in Western Canada are pro-German. Did we dream it or did we hear that there were Ruthenians in some city post offices. We hope their sentiments are very much the other way, if they're around.

With the holiday season here once more, we would like to remind those of our members who happen to be passing through any city in which we have a branch that it is their duty to look in and see their fellow members in other offices than their own.

St. Thomas is the latest office to enquire about amalgamation. The fact that we get sought after quicker by se-staff offices than by city offices only goes to show that they are the more unfairly dealt with of the two classes. Good-luck to you, St. Thomas, come and bring your friends.

Events during the past few months, from our association's point of view, would indicate that branches are much more alive to their responsibilities and to the work in hand at any previous time in the career of our organization. This is as it should be. Let us stay with it, boys; it's uphill work, but we'll get there if we are not too impatient and remain faithful and confident.

All our branches will appreciate the letter from the President of the Ottawa Postal Clerks' Association appearing in this issue. The writer has had 15 years' experience in the post office, which is what very few of our western members can say, so that his words should carry a great deal of weight. When we further consider that he also represents the post office at the Capital and that he is a prominent member of the Civil Service Federation, we may expect his words to command a great deal more attention in the East than any which we can pen.

Don't be forecasting evil unless it is what you can guard against. Anxiety is good for nothing if we can't turn it into a defense.—*Meyrick*.

BRANCH NOTES.

Calgary.

The March meeting was again well attended, and after the business end of same was finished about 10 p.m., the Entertainment committee took charge and provided a fine programme of music and songs. Refreshments were again provided by another bunch of our members and were thoroughly enjoyed, as was proved by the men making a clean up of all the good things on the tables. We have endeavoured, time after time, to obtain new talent in the office, but our boys seem, on the whole, not lacking in musical ability maybe, but rather shall we say, of too retiring a disposition to offer their services. Fortunately, after a lot of persuasion, we unearthed two new singers, new that is to the social side of the association. The whole of our entertainment was provided in great style by boys in the post office, the following contributing to the program: Messrs Boothman, Harper, Hallett, Sims, Holden, Goldberg and Speechly. During the evening's entertainment our President, on behalf of the boys, made presentations of wedding presents to Messrs. Braun and French, both of whom made suitable responses for same. F. M. Davies ably officiated as chairman. Advantage was taken of the occasion to give Messrs. Davies and McInnes a send-off on the eve of their departure from the office, for active service. The former is now learning to attend to the sick on the battlefield, and Mac. has at last got his wish, viz., a kiltie battalion. Next time we see him we'll see his knees. The association loses, but only temporarily we sincerely hope, undoubtedly two of its best members with the departure of these men. Fred has been representing the despatch staff on the Executive for two years and Mac. never missed a meeting unless he was on duty.

There has been quite a lot of talk lately in the office about eggs and poultry farming in general, and the Entertainment Committee are endeavouring to get one of the boys, who is the South West Calgary poultry expert, to give a lecture on the subject in the near future. A very pleasant time should be had.

Chief Porter Cheney, heavy on the Chief, is the latest to receive congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Here's to you, Bert. After taking this notice of you, perhaps you'll be good enough to see that some one pays a visit to our den at least once a week hereafter. Thanks.

In the M. O. B. the 1c piece business is now completely overshadowed by the mystery of the half rupee.