

be restricted to established clerks, and that the question of admitting unestablished officers should be discussed more fully at a subsequent meeting. Miss Cale, the honorary secretary of the Association of Post Office Women Clerks, who had convened the meeting, gave an outline of the events leading up to the formation of that society in 1901, and enumerated the advantages of having the machinery of organisation ready to hand in case of emergency. She stated that quite apart from any pecuniary benefits that had been gained, the existence of an organisation such as that was most valuable in that it enabled them to meet their colleagues in other parts of the service, and to keep in touch with their conditions, their needs, and their difficulties in a manner otherwise impossible. Going on to speak of the objects they had in view, she recommended that, in order to secure so smooth working and unanimity of aim, the new society should adopt the programme of the Post Office Women Clerks' Association, viz. :—

1. To protect and promote the interests of its members.

2. That men and women employed in the same class of work should be paid on the same scale of salary.

3. That women shall be eligible for admission to all civil service appointments.

4. That the higher posts in the service shall be open to women.

It was decided that reports of the proceedings at that meeting should be circulated to the divisional offices in Glasgow, Warrington, and Doncaster, and that suggestions should be invited, a further meeting being called to consider any proposals received from those offices.

#### R. W. BREADNER REAPPOINTED.

The government has reappointed to his old office, as Dominion ap-

praiser, Mr. R. W. Breadner, who resigned three years ago to take a more remunerative position as tariff expert for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Toronto.

Mr. Breadner, for twenty-four years, was in the customs department and is recognized as one of the highest authorities on the tariff and the customs act in Canada. Seldom has a civil servant received the appreciation, first, of an offer at doubled salary to leave the service, followed by an offer to return at still higher remuneration.

#### COST OF LIVING FOR CIVIL SERVANTS IN THE WEST.

An investigation into the cost of living in the West, insofar as it affects government employees, has been conducted by Mr. R. S. Lake of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Lake visited the principal centres and has ascertained that owing to the salaries paid and the high living cost great difficulty is experienced by the government in holding its employees or obtaining those who are efficient. An instance is cited where 70 per cent. of the employees of a post office resigned in one year. Private corporations pay larger salaries, and different government departments do not pay the same scale. The situation, we are assured, will be dealt with fully and a number of recommendations made. The inquiry is the upshot of the representations made by the Civil Service Federation and others to the commission.

CONSOLING. — If you're not pretty when you're young, this consolation hold — That in some thirty years or so You will be pretty old!

CHILLY—"Why haven't you called on my cousin lately?" "Too cold!" "Nonsense, man! The weather has been——" "You misunderstand me. I referred to the lady!"