

"From an organization viewpoint the division of the army of post office clerks, particularly factions whose interests are identical with the membership of either one clamouring for amelioration of working conditions, is detrimental to every clerk in the service. The Congress, as well as the Department, is, of course, aware of this division in the ranks, and this is one of the paramount reasons why Congress views with calm indifference—at least in most instances—the most vital issues brought to their attention."

THE BALANCE SHEET.

Balance Sheet of the Postal Clerks' Association of Western Canada for the Year 1914-1915.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward—	
Cash in bank	\$294.91
Cash on hand	2.33
Per capita tax—	
Vancouver, balance	\$26.50
Winnipeg, balance	80.00
Regina	41.25
Prince Albert	6.50
Port Arthur	5.50
New Westminster	9.00
Moose Jaw	19.50
Saskatoon	28.50
Calgary	53.25
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Brandon	11.25
Victoria	39.00
Edmonton	30.00
	351.00
Sale of stationery to branches ...	10.50
Sale of buttons and Constitutions ..	13.50
Donation from Calgary Branch ..	10.00
Interest on Bank account	5.80
	\$688.04

EXPENSES.

Convention expenses—	
President	\$22.00
Vice-President	65.70
Secretary	67.30
Treasurer	83.45
	\$238.45
Stationery	22.95
General	15.69
Postage	9.42
Balance on hand—	
Secretary	\$ 71.30
Treasurer	4.22
In Bank	326.01
	\$401.53
	\$688.04

PATRIOTISM.

The following figures, from nine branches to date, show that postal clerks are making a very creditable showing in Canada's overseas army. Around 22½ per cent of our association is surely a record of which we can justly be proud:

Office.	Members.	On Active Service.
Brandon	16	3
Calgary	75	21
Edmonton.	50	14
Lethbridge	18	4
New Westminster..	12	1
Prince Albert ...	16	5
Regina	61	11
Vancouver	114	23
Winnipeg.	178	33

The figures of the other branches have not been received up to the present.

SYMPATHY.

The sympathy of the association is extended to the Postmaster-General, whose brother, Lt.-Col. H. R. Casgrain, is seriously ill. Lt.-Col. Casgrain has for some time been in charge of one of the base hospitals in connection with the campaign in the Dardanelles.

BRANCH NOTES.

Secretaries please note: If this feature of *The Civilian* is to be a success the editor must have more news than he is at present getting. Calgary and Vancouver are not the only branches, nor is this column meant only for their use.

Owing to the fact that this copy had to be ready before the first issue was circulated, nothing very great was expected in the way of contributions, but now we're under way there must be a continual supply or we shall not be able to give the new Postal clerk subscribers to *The Civilian* the same amount of "Postal items" as we hoped to do.

Calgary.

The October monthly meeting of this branch was a great deal better attended than any during the past few months. Among other things the meeting transacted the following business: Elected a committee, composed of Messrs. Speechly, Hives and Brown, to look after all social events in connection with our association; decided to meet at 7.30 p.m. in future instead of at 8 o'clock; instructed the secretary to take up the question of overdue second-class clerkships; referred the question of uniformity of working hours in