

of our own boys are in actual conflict with the enemy, as is indicated by the casualty lists.

Winnipeg.

The monthly meeting of this branch was held in the Industrial Bureau on June 8th, and although poorly attended, some important business was dealt with, and discussion of the agenda for convention was entered into. The personal of our delegation to the convention is Messrs. Fridfinson, Sutton, Tease and Pickup.

Marriages! Gosh! there seems to be an epidemic going the rounds of our office just now. The June benedicts are Hugh G. Findlay, our honorable local Secretary; W. Smith and Jack Johnson,—pugilist? well, no, not just yet! After squaring up with the parson, Findlay left for Detroit lakes, and Smith for the Lake of the Woods. May good luck go with them; the boys hope that their only troubles will be little ones. That reminds me that Jamie Brown of the G.D. was presented with a son just recently. Congratulations, Jamie.

The Picnic Committee has full arrangements made for the annual picnic on Saturdays, the 8th and 15th July. The destination is Selkirk, and as an excellent programme has been arranged a good time is assured all those who go. "Jayub."

Victoria.

The monthly meeting of this branch was held on June 15th, and once again the attendance was small, but perhaps the fact that it happened to be pay-day may have had some bearing on this. The agenda for the forthcoming convention at Regina formed the basis for several animated discussions, but several members managed to remain cool throughout by sitting in their shirt sleeves. Three more members have answered their country's call, F. B. Shaver and C. de Sausmarez of the Registry and A. Gaiger of the Despatch. Two of the mail clerks formerly operating out of this office, A. L. S. Emsley and M. R. Treadwell have also enlisted for active service. Good luck and a speedy return to all. Word has been received from the front that Sergt. F. A. Goddard has been put in charge of the field post office "H. X." Bully for you, Joe!

We have just been honored by several visits from R. B. Strange of the Calgary office, known to his associates as "Tiny." He was heard to remark that for lighting and general convenience he would rather work in the Victoria office than in Calgary and from his own account we are disposed to agree with him. Still, whatever his opinion of the office may be, it was apparent to all who had the pleasure of meet-

ing him that he was inclined to look down on the staff. If Calgary has many more like him they must have specially constructed doors.

Edmonton.

At our June meeting we passed our "pros and cons" on the convention agenda which has just come to hand. Our delegate was kept busy tabbing off the many points raised. The studying of the agenda matter for the coming convention is very instructive and appears to us as being a sign of the powerful means of service we have at our disposal in this young Association of ours.

We are in receipt of cards of thanks from some of our boys in the trenches for the tobacco gifts we sent them as Christmas cheer last year. Their cards are dated May 21st, 1916. From this we surmise that we had better forward their next Christmas gifts next month so as to reach them in time for next Yuletide.

Our latest recruit into our Association is Dick Gordon of the M. O. Dept. Why didn't you think of this before, Dick? Better late than never, Richard.

Harry Neal no longer seeks the mail for his regiment in the South Side office, as he is now at Sarcee camp.

The Strathecona boys (and girls) have every reason for registering a big kick in the lack of help and their deferred increases.

Boost the semi-staff offices' welfare, you delegates at the convention.

Sid Surtees and Bill Scott are feeling the call of the colors, and are waiting their leave being granted.

The strange silence that haunts our office has at last been accounted for. Bill Warne is now down at Sarcee camp; that's the reason.

There are quite a few of the clerks who would do well to "keep the home fires burning" by joining up with our branch. Many of these fellows have benefited by the work of the Association despite their non-membership. "Come on in, boys, the water's fine."

The Registration boys are having a "fine" time these days; another \$2.00, Charlie? Get your receipt, boy.

A man with knowledge, but without energy, is a house furnished, but not inhabited; a man with energy, but no knowledge; a house dwelt in, but unfurnished.—*John Sterling.*