

CIVIL SERVICE NEWS FROM THE WEST.

A new civil service organ has arisen in the West. Its name is the "Grab Bag," and Calgary is its home. It will be heartily welcomed as another cog in the wheel of C. S. publicity and education. *The Civilian* takes the liberty of clipping some items of news from the pages of this rising champion of civil rights. The items follow:—

P. O. Dept. First Annual Smoking Concert in Calgary.

A very enjoyable smoking concert was held in Calgary on Jan. 29th, under the auspices of the Alberta R. M. C. Association, the Letter Carriers' Association and the Postal Clerks Association. The chair was taken by Mr. G. D. Davidson, Supt. of R. M. Service, supported by Mr. Holden of the P. O. Dept. and H. R. Williams of the R.M.S.

A letter from Postmaster King was read, regretting his inability to be present, and enclosing a box of cigars. Some 120 were present. The concert was the outcome of a suggestion of President Eason of the Alberta R. M. C. Assn., and of 47 clerks running out of Calgary some ten appeared to support their Association. The credit for arranging such an excellent programme is due to Messrs. Toyo and Venables of the P. O. Dept.

Mr. Walker of the Cal. and Van., arrived late in the evening on train 14, and provided the only talent contributed by the R. M. S. He brought the house down with two clever humorous songs in both of which his fine voice was heard to advantage.

Mr. Davidson proved an excellent chairman; he made one of the shortest speeches on record—like a soft voice in a woman, a capital trait in a chairman. That the audience appreciated his kindness in presiding was evident from the hearty manner in which they sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

G. D. Ross and H. R. Williams formed the Alberta R. M. S. Association entertainment committee.

Western Railway Mail Clerks' Federation.

Minutes of the Third Meeting held in Moose Jaw Jan. 21st, 1914.

Present: Manitoba, W. A. Haney; Saskatchewan, H. Penton; Alberta, J. B. Aitken; British Columbia, absent.

Minutes of meeting of Nov. 17th, 1913, read and confirmed.

The following letters were read and discussion: Letter from the Controller in reply to lettergram from the Hon. the Postmaster General, letter and resignation from H. R. Williams.

Election of officers, 1914:—President, W. A. Heney, Manitoba; vice-president, H. Penton, Saskatchewan; secretary, W. B. Aitken, Alberta.

Moved and carried that the British Columbia delegate be elected treasurer and that the secretary act as such *pro tem*.

Since the above meeting the British Columbia Association have appointed, or, rather, re-elected Mr. R. J. Herbert as their delegate. Mr. Herbert will, therefore, continue as Federation treasurer.

Alberta Railway Mail Clerks' Association—Officers 1914.

President—A. R. Eason.

Vice-President—J. E. Johnson.

Secretary-Treasurer—E. C. Ironside.

OTTAWA EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ORGANIZE.

The Public Works employees of Ottawa held a very important meeting in the workshop at the corner of Queen and O'Connor streets on the evening of Feb. 28th. The occasion of the meeting was the visit to Ottawa of Messrs. Mathison and Enright from Toronto, who represent an association of Public Works employees of that city. There were present: Mr. John Shearer, superintendent of Dominion buildings, and his assistant, Mr. Wylie; Mr. B. Nolan, electrician; Mr. F. Jakes, steamfitter; Mr. D. Sullivan; Mr. D. A. Hewitt, of the architects' branch; Mr. R. Briggs, mason; Mr. Jas. Devine, foreman of telephones and bells; Mr. J. Lafortune, foreman of carpenters; Paul Reinhardt, clerk of works.

The meeting chose Mr. T. Ferguson as chairman, who called on Mr. Mathison, and he delivered an address of thirty minutes, full of earnest enthusiasm, on behalf of the principle of organizing in order to properly represent to the Government the actual