

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The Civilian, in its issue of Nov. 12th, contained an interesting letter by "Outside Customs." We have no wish to get into an argument, but there is many a postal clerk who would be interested to know just where the Outside Postal Service has advantage over the Outside Customs. Let us, however, be content to inform our friend that we certainly do find it advantageous to be organized and sincerely hope that his suggestion of an organized Customs may bear fruitful result.

This season's postal business is liable to be just as heavy as any other Christmas, although most offices will have a much depleted, efficient staff to handle it. Let every man, therefore, put his shoulder to the wheel and give the Department the best that's in him. If any one of us thinks he's overworked, maybe the thought of one who worked alongside of him last Xmas season and who is spending this one in trenches, knee deep in mud and water, will help to make him think he's got a "cinch."

Recent branch notes from Brandon, Edmonton, Calgary, Victoria and other places go to show that our boys away in France are being more regularly thought of in a practical way than would likely be the case if there was no association to run things on a systematic basis.

Your attention is drawn to the Regina branch notes from which we learn that the live bunch in the Saskatchewan capital have arranged a meeting with the Moose Jaw branch. This is a big step in entirely the right direction, and one which, if it can be copied throughout our organization, will have far reaching results for good. Of course we're not all lucky enough to be as close to one another as these two cities are, but, nevertheless, there are great possibilities in this fine idea. Congratulations to Regina and Moose Jaw, more especially to the latter who (they won't mind admitting it) have been a little off color until recently. Once more they are fully alive again and we're all glad to see it.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

An exceedingly generous contribution to war funds has been made by E. W. Southern, keeper of a lighthouse at Westport, Digby county. Mr. Southern has written to Hon. J. D. Hazen authorizing a deduction of one hundred dollars from his salary during 1916 to be used at his discretion in connection with the war. He was appointed in 1890 and is receiving a salary of \$520 a year.

"THE RALLY."

By "B. B.," P. C. Assn.

Mother England, we are coming,
Swift as steam and sail can speed,
From the mainlands, from the islands,
From the lands of every breed.
From the mountains, from the valleys,
From the prairies vast and wide,
From the jungle, from the desert,
We are coming to your side.
From the goldfields, from the pearlings,
From the sheep-run, from the sea,
From the trap-line, from the sealing,
We are hurrying to thee.

We are coming,—not for bloodlust,
Not for glory, nor for fee,
But because our honour bids us
Help our Empire to keep free.
And we know that 'tis our duty,
From the bully to save the oppressed,
To uphold the cause of justice,
And the flag of freedom blessed.
Well we know, Oh! Mother England,
That our cause is just and right;
'Tis for this that we are coming,
May we help you in the fight!

BRANCH NOTES.

Brandon.

Dave Mercer returned from annual leave recently. He has been living the simple life, out with the cows and chickens and says he feels like a second "white hope."

Kid Shaw's face does not look natural these days. He's growing a shrubbery on his upper lip and promises that if he gets a good crop, to sport a Van Dyke also.

Cap. Jimmy Munn has a fine team of bronchos down at the ten-pin alley and, if what he said is right, all the other teams might as well vacate right now. However, he suffers with this kind of pipe dreams quite often, but, nevertheless, he'll be in line at the finish even if it's at the tail end, after which he'll put them out to pasture all summer for next season. No offence, Cap.

Calgary.

Roy Cummer is no longer with us; he's to be found among the P. O. boys in the 82nd. Good luck to you, Roy; we were tickled to see you at the last meeting.

Congratulations to R. G. Kirkby, who announces the birth of a daughter.

Ask the M. O. Dept. the tale of the 3c. piece!

Regina.

The annual meeting of this branch was held on Nov. 21st, and much interesting business was transacted. The officers elect-