

half re salaries. To keep in line with other offices and in view of the coming summer weather it was decided to form an entertainment committee and the matter was left over till the next meeting. In the meantime there will be a boat trip up the river for members of the staff and lady friends, C. E. Melton's motor launch, "Dolphin," having been secured for the occasion. Mr. Melton assures us that in case of an overflow of ladies, the top deck will seat five, the lower deck thirty. He will be on top anticipating the overflow.

"Dock" had never seen the natty little catch on an American tiesack and was recently noticed to be opening such a sack with a hammer and cold chisel.

"Sandy" Crawford is very much incensed because someone has "gotten amay mit his Journal."

Would members of this branch take note that in future Sir Blake will be known as Mr. Blake. The distinction has been meritoriously earned. The twins are in fine shape and Sir swears they know him.

Vancouver.

Spring has been "sprung" on us in Vancouver. When may we expect the straw hat, Reggie?

Is it correct that "Missouri" is now addicted to the motor habit? "The carriage waits, me lord" now reads "Ho, Missoula, here's your gas wagon."

How is it that those members who do the most knocking are always the ones who do the least to help make things better? Think this over, those of you who say that meetings are uninteresting, and make other excuses for not doing a little, and if you're still of the same opinion then it's up to you to try and remedy matters, and see what YOU can do to make things better for us all. Don't knock the other fellow unless you are prepared to do more than he is doing. Better still, don't knock at all. Anyone can be destructive, but it takes ability and character to be constructive. Verb. sap. The attendance at the April meeting was disappointing, but excellent progress was made with the business on hand. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year were numerous, but the number of nominees willing to accept office was not what it ought to be. Messrs. F. G. Allen and T. R. Haworth were nominated for President and Secretary respectively, and will be elected by acclamation. Other nominations are Messrs. Nutt and Williamson for Vice-President, J. W. McGregor and F. Thompson for Treasurer, and Messrs. Holden, Grantham, Walker, Perler and Evans for Executive. Election

of officers takes place at the annual general meeting in May. Messrs. G. A. Hutchinson, D. McCulloch and N. Williamson were nominated for delegate to the annual convention. This election takes place in June.

Two more of our numbers have enrolled for active service, and in keeping with the example set them by those who enlisted some time ago, Messrs. Cairns and Kendall have donned the kilt. We wish them the best of luck.

Appropriate colours to be worn at this year's convention: "Black and Green"!! What do you think?

NOTES BY THE WAY.

We recently heard that one of our branches was thinking that they might have to close down "because they had LOST so many members through the war." We don't think that this particular branch is liable to take this step, but in case there may be others that are thinking along any such lines as this we want to say that never could a poorer excuse be offered for a branch of this association closing down. We don't lose our members when they join the colours, they have leave of absence for military duty from the department, and we earnestly hope to see the majority of them back at their old jobs once more just as soon as their services are no longer required with the army. If a man, when he's at his ordinary everyday occupation, looks after his neighbor's and his own interests by being a loyal member of this association, are his interests to be neglected because he's away fighting for the far, far bigger interests of his country's and ours? The least we who stay at home can do is to pay his dues for him and to watch his interests at home while he is away. We are not saying that the absent man's interests are at stake, nor that they ever will be, but in any case it is the bounden duty of every one of us to be prepared. The only logical way to do this is to keep your association going and to leave no stone unturned in your endeavour to help its growth. How should we feel if our fellow members were to come back and say, "We left you a good sound organization here which was to look after our cause as postal clerks. What have you done with it? Aren't we postal clerks any longer!" Whether you trouble to look after your own interests or not is up to each individual himself when he's on the spot, but those away must necessarily leave it to those at home to look after