

The Calgary organization committee recently made a very successful trip to the home of the P. O. I. and R. M. S. headquarters. The result being that some dozen more members have been enrolled, members who have post office experience at that, and who are sure to be live and useful fellow-workers in a good cause.

Such additions to any branch can only have the most beneficial results and will undoubtedly promote a better feeling where its possible and generate interest in the different branches of the Service which will be conducive to healthier and better attended meetings at whichever point these members are attached. Now, Moose Jaw and other divisional points, you'll have to go some to keep up the pace.

Mr. Pickup, unknowingly, was in no small measure responsible for Calgary's success in the above direction since the fact that a P. O. I. man was Organizing Secretary carried considerable weight. Mr. Pickup will without do good work in this branch of our campaign just as much as in all others.

#### BRANCH NOTES.

##### Winnipeg.

The regular monthly meeting of this branch was held on October 10th and was the best attended meeting this branch has had for some time. This is the finest kind of support that the members can give, the officers who have worked so hard to improve the working conditions of the staff. To accomplish anything every member must take an interest in the affairs of the Association as after all the Association's affairs are the individual's. Well done, boys, keep the good work up. Next meeting we elect the officers for the ensuing year and every member should be present to record his vote. This should be a banner year for the Association and for the Winnipeg branch, so rally round and do your bit by attending the annual general meeting.

Four new members were admitted to membership at this meeting and as there are only a few who are not members a little persuasion may bring the membership up to 100 per cent of the staff. This is something to work for and every member can help.

During the past month three more members decided to try the double harness. Congratulations are now in order to Messrs. R. Bowman and D. S. Phillips and S. Newton. Mr. C. Neilson is the proud daddy of a bonnie girl; congratulations, Charlie.

Mr. Morley Weir has donned the khaki and is leaving soon to assist in the final push toward Berlin. This makes fifty members of the clerical staff now on active service.

What caused the renewal of interest in submarine warfare in the Registration Department?

##### Vancouver.

Once more the members of this branch have been the recipients of sad news from the firing line. We have just learned that one of our members, Mr. H. H. Jackson, was killed in action on the 16th inst. Mr. Jackson, who was 23 years of age, was employed in the Forwarding Branch of the office, and enlisted in Vancouver's kilted battalion (72nd Seaforth Highlanders) last year. It is rather a remarkable coincidence that he enlisted on the 16th September, 1915, and was killed on the 16th September, 1916, after having been exactly 16 days in the trenches.

He was well known in athletic circles in this city, especially to devotees of the "soccer" game, and in the old days of rivalry between the Customs and the Post Office Harry was always to be found in our team. The news of his early death will be received with much regret by all his associates, both in the office and out.

We are pleased to learn that Sergeant Stafford, until recently a member of our branch, has received an appointment on Major Proctor's staff. Sgt. Stafford has been promoted Sgt.-Major and has been placed in direct charge of soldiers returned from the front for convalescence. As he himself is a returned soldier, who has gone through every stage of the game, and knowing Stafford as we do we have every reason to believe that those who come under his charge will receive every consideration and kindness.

##### Edmonton.

A radical change has been made in the internal arrangements of this office. The letter despatch which has had its habitation on the south side of the building, ever since we moved into it, has been moved bodily to the north-east corner, taking up the space formerly occupied by the P.M.'s office. It is rumoured that the P.M. will very soon emulate the example of one Tom Bowling, only in an earthly sense, of course. The new despatching area is somewhat gloomy, and as artificial light has to be used almost continuously it resembles at various periods of the day a combination of the New Jerusalem and the Black Hole of Calcutta.

The unbounded success with which the Secretary's appeal for subscriptions to *The Civilian* has been greeted proved staggering. The imagination recoils at the bare thought of what would have been the result had the sub. list remained open for another day or so.

Another happy benedict, R. H. Rae, of the Paper Despatch, is wearing that secre-