

mail. One of the comments that reached us stated that "it wasn't the poor postman's fault." We are not inclined to doubt that statement at all but rather, we are inclined to extend it to cover the "poor clerks" so hidden away from the public, under a mass of mail, that they are entirely forgotten and the carrier gets all the sympathy. Of course there is the second side to every question and whether the delivery was slow in some places or not, we are not prepared to say, but the public must certainly learn the other side of the story and that is, that, with about fifty per cent of the regular staff O. A. S., and, in most cases, a large percentage of that fifty per cent are the very best type of hands, is it reasonable for the public to expect all the attention and convenience and consideration which they have been accustomed to in the past?

We are prepared to go a step further and, since we haven't yet had brought to our attention, any praise from the press, we slap our own backs and say that we are of the opinion that, the fact that the public was served in the efficient manner that it seems to have been during the recent holiday rush, is in no small measure due to the clerks and carriers themselves. Not that we consider this phenomenal, but rather it seems to us a poor time for the public to criticise the mail service without very good grounds.

And then, on top of all that, comes National Service Cards!! In this matter, in some of our cities, the boy-scouts have, once again had a splendid opportunity of showing in an active manner, their usefulness and patriotism. In some offices, these lads have been on the job from 7.30 until 5 or 6 and with the exception of at lunch time—we don't know that we should omit this period tho'—have been working all the time. The great work done and help offered by this organization during National Service week, should make the Country more than ever proud of the good work continually being accomplished by the Boy Scouts.

HERE AND THERE

The Organizing Secretary is pleased to report that a Branch has been formed at Portage LaPrairie, Man., and that a Branch is being formed at Fredericton, N. B. A further Branch will probably be in existence in an Ontario city ere long.

The delegates who went to Ottawa in your behalf should be rewarded for their efforts by an increased interest in the work of the Association. Make it a point to attend your Branch meeting regularly. You will soon become keenly interested in its purpose. Don't be afraid to make suggestions. You may not be a speaker or an orator, but at least you can get on your feet and say a word

or two. Do this once or twice, and you will soon get over the difficulties that may now confront you. You will be ever so much better for speaking your mind, and so will the Branch. These hole and corner meetings must be a thing of the past, and the sooner, the better.

The date of the convention is a long way off, but how are the finances of your Branch? Don't neglect this essential phase of the matter. The next convention will likely be the most important in the history of the Association. The east is beginning to see the necessity for consolidated action. Our organization is in an excellent condition, and the prospects for the future are such as to make it extremely important that the next convention be thoroughly representative.

—"L.P."

The following figures, which are taken from the Report of the Postmaster General for the year ending March 31st, 1916, and which has just been published, show the gross revenue at some of our branches.

Brandon.....	\$ 87,653.80
Brantford.....	101,942.66
Calgary.....	371,490.08
Edmonton.....	260,320.54
Fredericton.....	42,403.87
Fort William.....	55,564.62
Kingston.....	103,047.60
Lethbridge.....	49,421.99
Moose Jaw.....	104,550.34
Medicine Hat.....	44,932.44
New Westminster.....	48,227.20
Niagara Falls.....	50,720.90
Port Arthur.....	43,696.41
Ottawa.....	378,692.90
Portage la Prairie.....	29,675.21
Prince Albert.....	31,551.98
Regina.....	253,735.92
St. Thomas.....	46,913.89
Sarnia.....	46,832.07
Saskatoon.....	157,792.92
Sydney.....	44,204.31
Vancouver.....	565,746.34
Victoria.....	198,869.67
Winnipeg.....	1,928,959.82

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

When a Knebworth Herts, postman sent in his resignation after forty-two years' service, he was told by the postal authorities, that nine days' holiday was due to him from his first year in the service, and he was allowed to take the holiday—forty-one years overdue.

A fool and his money are a combination you don't meet every day.