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Halifax, N.S.

At the regular monthly meeting held on Sunday, June 3, Ernest W. Melvin was elected Assistant Secretary.

Married—June 2, 1917, H. S. Harris and Miss Olive Wilson, Halifax. The happy couple left for a honeymoon in St. John, Montreal and Toronto.

Lethbridge.

This branch is alive and busy. Progressive also, as manifested at recent election of officers. Ladies secured the honorable positions of President and Treasurer, in the persons of Miss E. M. Washbrook and Miss D. H. Glayzer respectively. Mr. H. S. White is Secretary.

Regret is felt at the departure of Mr. 'Bobby' White, who leaves the branch for a few months at Taber, Alta.

It was a great shock to all of us to hear that our Postmaster, Major A. Ripley, had been killed at the front. We know from the letters that have come from friends that he did his duty fearlessly and was beloved by all the men under him. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family in their loss.

Vancouver.

A reverend gentleman was once crossing the Atlantic during the winter. In the midst of a storm, appealing to the captain to find out if all was well, he was told that as long as the crew were swearing there was little danger. A few hours later, as the storm was raging worse than ever, the minister, listening at the door of the fore-castle, was heard to remark, "Thank God, they are swearing." By the tone of the last meeting of this branch there must be lots of life in the association. Not that any profane language was used, but the discussions certainly waxed hot and long. One of the largest gatherings of members was on hand. The election of a delegate to the convention being partly responsible for the good attendance. With such a large and representative meeting many opinions were aired on the different subjects, and by the amount of business transacted Secretary Clucas will be a busy man for the next week or two. Mr. David MacCulloch, who was elected delegate to the convention, has been an active worker for the association for many years. During the 1914-15 term he held office as Vice-President and was ever in the forefront when any hard work was in sight. As representative of the clerks on the Post Office War Fund Committee he did good work and made a reputation his successors find hard to beat. With his experience of post office conditions and association mat-

ters, Mr. MacCulloch will undoubtedly uphold the reputation of this branch at convention. A pleasant feature of the election was the fact that a resolution declaring Mr. MacCulloch elected was proposed and seconded by his opponents. Mr. MacCulloch in a brief speech thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him and promised to do his best for the interests of the members. After the business meeting refreshments were served and a very fine musical programme was enjoyed by all present.

Congratulations are in order. To Bill, on passing the qualifying examination. We are pleased to know that Scotland is back on the map. Also to Mr. and Mrs. E. Knapp-ton on the birth of a daughter.

Winnipeg.

The regular monthly meeting of this association was held Tuesday, 12th inst., a fair representation being in attendance. A variety of questions of local concern came in for discussion. Interest also centered in proposed arrangements for convention, and the "will-o'-the-wisp" war bonus. Our boys are weary chasing the "light that lures," and wonder that the Department, seeing the advance in salaries in commercial life, can be satisfied to postpone the day of gladness. But we're learning something—everybody now knows the meaning of "Supplementary Estimates."

With the prospect of Conscription, Winnipeg boys who had made, in some cases, repeated application for military leave and were refused for departmental reasons, are wondering, in view of the latest Order-in-Council, how they would be placed in the event of their being called to the colors. Here is a question that opens up the possibility of the greatest fight this association has yet faced, as the injustices—moral, financial and otherwise—liable to be perpetrated are the severest men could be forced to endure. We believe, however, that the situation has only to be explained to the proper authorities to receive just and proper treatment.

In Winnipeg air-raids a re unknown, and the presence of the aeroplane seldom disturbs its busy thoroughfares. The frequent visitations of the stork, however, cause quite a flutter in many of its happy homes, and, among the latest, "bombs"—live ones—have been dropped in the laps of Messrs. Rees and Clapperton—both fine boys. God bless 'em!

C. Wilford took farewell for France last week. "Watty" and Scott are ringing the echoes at Petawawa.

Saving is a good deal like shaving. You may as well not do it at all as do it seldom, or by fits or starts.