

in the East to make formal application for admission.

Let me take the liberty of pointing out just a few reasons why the Eastern Associations should not waste any time in sending in their applications. In the first place, the unamalgamated units in the East cannot hope to accomplish anything acting independently, for the simple reason that any representations they might make to the department would be merely the expression of opinion of a comparatively small body of men, a fact that would not be lost sight of by the department in dealing with those representations. Then, again, local Associations might, and sometimes do, hold different views on the same subject, due to the fact that they have not perhaps given the matter as much careful consideration as its importance merited; or, because they viewed the situation from a purely local standpoint, forgetting for the moment that the Department must (in dealing with most matters) consider the Service as a whole. The result is that the Department would be confronted with two different sets of opinions on the same subject, diametrically opposed to each other. I honestly believe that is why the Department—or at least some of the officials—sometimes conclude that movements which are inaugurated from time to time are conceived and developed by a few disgruntled and dissatisfied agitators, and are therefore consigned to the waste paper basket. We are expending a lot of useless energy and not accomplishing anything.

What a different reception they would receive if when waiting on the Honourable the Postmaster General our representatives were in a position to state that they represented a united Postal Service extending from Coast to Coast, and could explain intelligently what we wanted, and why we wanted it.

If we would stop and consider for a moment what the Inside Service has accomplished by intelligent and energetic organization, I think we would conclude that we have been enacting the role of Rip Van Winkle long enough, and that, if we ever expect to accomplish anything, the sooner we go about it the better. Take for example the Civil Service measure introduced at the last session of Parliament by the Hon. the Minister of Finance. While it does not meet with the entire approval of the Inside Service, it must be conceded that it is an honest effort on the part of the Government to place on the statutes some sort of comprehensive legislation governing the Civil Service. But to what extent does its provisions apply to the Postal Service? Absolutely no changes whatever are made. If you wish to know why this is,

the question is very easily answered. When the Bill was being drafted, the Inside Service, who have an organization worthy of the name, were constantly in touch with the officials who had this work in hand, and made it their business to point out the errors of previous legislation, and to urge, at every favourable opportunity that presented itself, the reforms which are embodied in the proposed measure. While all this was taking place, the poor Outside Service was "fast in the arms of Morpheus," and in their dreams fondly caressing the delusion that it would share the good things for which the Inside Service was working day and night. We are in the same position as the man who was brought to the top of a high precipice, shown the promised land, and then pushed over. But let us forget the past, unless by remembering it we can in the future avoid the mistakes with which it is strewn. Let us take advantage of the unavoidable delay in passing the White Bill, and at the coming Convention so perfect our organization that we will be in a position to elect an Executive thoroughly representative of the entire Postal Service.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

In this issue we publish some reflections by "Rambler." Whatever you may think of the ideas and suggestions contained therein please remember that our pages, so far as space permits, are open to one and all alike. We shall be glad to receive any opinions on the lines this interested member suggests.

All our readers will readily admit that conditions must verily be worth complaining about from a clerks' point of view, when the citizens of Calgary state that the office is unsanitary for them to work in. It is certainly great to find the people looking after our welfare. In all sincerity, we thank them.

Our last pay cheque reminds us, once again, that we would feel much better about that deduction, if we were permitted to know more about the Guarantee Fund.

Reports from all branches recently show that the association and its committees are feeling the results of recruiting very keenly. If those who are left in the office forget for a minute their duty to those away, in association matters, they will, without doubt, regret it one day, perhaps when it is too late, and they have let their branch back-