

there. Once they start, however, it will take a lot to stop them and a strict censorship will have to be kept over their notes.

Winnipeg.

The first regular monthly meeting held since the holidays which met in the Industrial Bureau on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, was largely attended.

Many matters of a very interesting nature were taken up and dealt with in a satisfactory manner. A number of grievances were brought to the notice of the members and a committee of the executive were appointed to interview the heads of the departments affected to have these matters adjusted.

The executive were very pleased to see that the members are taking more interest in the affairs of the association. This is just as it should be, as without live branches it cannot be expected that the association will accomplish much. The executive are grateful for the interest shown and hope it will grow until every member is at every meeting.

The amount contributed to the Manitoba Patriotic Fund by the P. O. staff for the past year was \$6,686.61. Of this amount the clerks gave \$3,590.01. This Branch is represented on the executive of the Patriotic Fund by two of our live members, Messrs. Pickup and Sutton, who keep in close touch with the work being done and report to the members at every meeting.

Mr. S. Tease, Dominion Vice-President, read a very interesting report of the convention, Messrs. Fridfinson, Sutton, Pickup and Dominion Secretary Green supplemented the report with some very favourable comments on the amount of work done and also on the way the members attending were entertained. The Branch accorded the delegates a hearty vote of thanks.

Two new members were admitted to membership.

Prince Albert.

Owing to the train service being unsuitable, the proposed trip of the Saskatoon boys was postponed as was the picnic which was to have been held in their honour. The weather was of a horrible description so that it was as well as it was. Tom Pickering of our staff, and recently of the Canadian Postal Corps, has transferred to the Artillery. Good for Tom; he was a keen starter and is proving a keen finisher. George, his brother, who has recently returned from the front, is now a member of our staff and has recently joined our association. By the way, the said George was recently very much in the dumps. So was "Dock," and there's a reason. That ever flourishing organiza-

tion, the Letter Carriers' Association, has a lively Branch here, and Sid Blake is the new Secretary. By all appearances he is out to make it go. Go to it, Sid. The whist club is about to commence its antics. Watch their notes for the results. We hardly expect the good results of last year owing to the absence of our mascot, John Pickett. The social side of our association should now be asserting itself. The winter evenings are upon us.

Saskatoon.

Our boys are still in the thick of it and appear to still be receiving a very fair share of casualties. Pte. David Morrison, 53rd Batt., is laying in No. 13 Stationary Hospital, France, with a serious gunshot in the head. That is all we know about it, and a whole lot more than we care about. We earnestly hope that it is not as bad as it sounds. October is with us once more and along comes the Guide exams. That's done it. Sherman, in his splendid description of war, should most certainly have included Guide exams.

Edmonton.

While we do not anticipate, at any time, a "Massey Hall" throng, the executive would heartily welcome a better attendance at the monthly meetings than they have had of late. Now that the holidays are over, we trust to see a vast improvement. The sympathies of the office are extended in a very heartfelt manner to Miss Miller of the Postmaster's office, owing to the death in action of her brother, Lieut. A. Miller, C. E.F. We are awaiting with interest to learn the immediate plans of two gentlemen who do not work one thousand miles from this point. Having obtained leave of absence to enlist we are rather curious to find out when they propose to take advantage of the said leave. We have had the privilege of securing a private view of the office Roll of Honour, which under the talented hand of Mr. Fred. Southgate of the Registration Department, is rapidly nearing completion. We may whisper in all confidence that it will prove a credit to the designer, and a lasting honour to those for whom it has been designed and compiled. The month of October has once more enveloped us and with it comes the baneful thought of a species of things known to the initiated as Guide exams. Clerks may be witnessed in all forms and postures of mental anguish endeavouring to grapple with the postal rates to "Ultima Thule, Arabia Felix, the former Sanjak of Noxar Bazar," and other trans-marine localities both British and Thibetan. In the words of the Koran, "to him who knoweth the rates cometh the raise." Sometimes.