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## THE DEPUTATION.

From the circular letters recently issued from headquarters, branches may know that arrangements are being made to send the deputation to the Capital as authorized by the Regina convention. Doubtless we shall be criticized in some quarters for deciding to wait upon the Government's representatives at such a time as this when the war is everyone's first consideration. However, we are all able to and must meet steadfastly any such criticism that may be heard. Somehow or other, the country's business and correspondence must be kept going in these days of war just as in times of peace and, in consequence, the post office must continue to play the prominent part that it does in everyone's daily life. Going further, while the post office plays its part, we in turn, as an organization of postal clerks, must continue to play ours. When the post offices close their doors and correspondence stops will be quite time enough for the Postal Clerks' Association to suspend operations.

We are not desiring at this time to petition the Department on anything affecting the war or upon much that is in consequence of the war, the same matters being taken up for consideration as would be if the world were at peace. Furthermore, since the convention which authorized this deputation convened for no purpose of discussing working conditions as affected by the war but rather as these conditions affect clerks continually, be we at war or at peace, so then it is the purpose of this deputation to seek an interview on much the same topics and subjects as we have previously submitted memorials upon before the war started. A large majority of the subjects are those of purely a departmental character which, should our views be considered and found acceptable, would not in any way interfere with the Government's war policy nor with its treasury.

On a large number of the points which we desire to bring to the Department's attention, we believe that it is within their power to satisfy us with very little, if any, inconvenience to themselves, in fact it only needs such an interview at that which we

shall ask for and hope to obtain in the near future to clean up many of the little misunderstandings that exist at the present time.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

Those branches which have not already submitted the information asked for in the General Secretary's letter of the 5th October will kindly do so without delay. Submit all the information possible. DO IT NOW.

The Organizing Secretary has instituted a system which will keep track of the attendance of all branch meetings throughout the country together with much other valuable information. Secretaries will be co-operating to a worthy extent if they will see that their returns are sent in regularly and promptly. It now behooves members to see that their branch shows up well when compared with other offices. The reputation of each office and each member is at stake. Don't be at the bottom of the list at the end of the year.

It is to be hoped that all our postal readers have been reading the series of addresses delivered during the convention of Civil Service Commissioners at Ottawa, as they have appeared in the front pages of *The Civilian* during the past two months. They are especially worthy of everyone's attention, all being by men with considerable experience on the subjects dwelt upon. Some very striking, very true and very lamentable conditions are shown in the address delivered by Colonel Rice, which address appeared in the issue of September 29th.

It will have been noted that Lethbridge informs us that they did somewhat better this year in their departmental exams, than they did last year. Those who recall the results of their 1915 results, as published in these pages, will begin to wonder when Lethbridge will be satisfied. Not until all make 100 per cent we suppose. We raise our hat to that windy city. They believe in efficiency in the Guide as well as in the Association. As our President so truly remarked, the two should go together in individuals,—and we believe they do, too,—so why not in branches also.