

in a position to obtain greater scope for such undertaking.

In conclusion, I desire to direct your attention to the following two points. Firstly, as to the advisability of the Association requiring all, or at any rate some, of its executive officials to periodically review the activities of the organization, in the "Postal Journal." Secondly, at the proper session of this convention, I hope that you will bear in mind the desirability of editing the "Postal Journal" in some place a great deal nearer the city of publication than at present, as I am of the opinion that such would tend to be in the best interests of the Association.

All of which, gentlemen, is respectfully submitted.

A. VENABLES,
Editor.

BRANCH NOTES.

Vancouver.

Convention has come and gone and we are pleased to see by the local papers that the much looked for war bonus is assured. Our members are awaiting with keen interest the report of their delegate, when further information on this all important matter is expected. The report of the recent delegation to Ottawa should prove interesting in view of the statement that 75 per cent of our requests were granted. Judging by the size of the Agenda the convention must have put in some very heavy sessions in order to dispose of the questions to the satisfaction of the delegates. We know that many of the questions would cause intense discussion. It seems to us that with the programme of entertainment mapped out by the Winnipeg branch, the delegates would hardly find time to sleep.

The election of officers has produced what appears to be a very strong and representative board. Mr. Tease we know as a very level-headed and able gentleman and will adorn the office of President, while the re-election of Mr. Green to the office of Secretary-Treasurer will give entire satisfaction throughout the Association. The inclusion of Mr. Crate of the Toronto branch as Vice-President will go far to consolidate our Association into a truly Dominion wide one. Even as far west as Vancouver have we heard of the abilities of Mr. Crate. Mr. Pickup, as Editor of the "Postal Journal," will continue the good work so ably carried out by Mr. Venables during the past two years. We cannot but feel that the success of the "Journal" has in the past been due in a very large measure to the hard and earnest work of Mr. Venables, and the Vancouver branch is but echoing the sentiments of all the branches

by stating that Mr. Venables has our very best thanks for work well done. The semi-staff offices will appreciate the re-election of Mr. Doyle of Prince Albert, who may be summed up in the expression, "a real live wire," whilst Mr. Foster of Saskatoon we think will ably fill the responsible position of Organizing Secretary, a position that has been rendered extremely difficult owing to the great record made by the late occupant of that office.

Judging by the calibre of the officers, this branch looks to the ensuing year to be a banner one, providing that each individual member of the Association realizes that without his co-operation the work of the officers will be in vain.

OBITUARY.

The members of this branch wish to express to Mr. E. H. Whitehead, of the Forwarding Branch, their heartfelt sympathy in his recent sad bereavement. A standing vote to this effect was passed at last meeting.

Saskatoon.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that we record the death by drowning in the Saskatchewan river of F. J. Luker, one of our letter carriers, on July 17th.

The death of the late Mr. Luker is the more painful to us because of the fact that he was aboard the Lusitania when she was torpedoed, where he performed some heroic work in saving the lives of others. He was picked up after he had been swimming around for two hours.

It seems like a cruel fate that a man should risk his life for others as he did in the Irish sea, and to escape, only to be drowned a few feet from land.

The Saskatoon branch is pleased, indeed, that its delegate to the convention returned home as an officer of the Association. Mr. S. W. Foster is one of those unassuming kind of chaps, but we felt sure that he would render a good account of himself, and did so to the extent of being elected by the unanimous vote of the convention to the office of Organizing Secretary.

The "Postal Journal" Editor intimated that a contribution from the new President might be looked for. Up to going to press it had not arrived.

Ed. *Civilian*.

I have no hesitation in saying that in the need which these weeks present, men and women may with a clear conscience do field work for Sunday. —
The Archbishop of Canterbury.