

History of Branch No. 3 Hamilton Letter Carriers Association

BRANCH No. 3, Letter Carriers' Association, Hamilton, was organized in the year 1891 at a meeting held at the old Gore Coffee Tavern, Hughson St. N. At this meeting the following Carriers were present: Messrs. Cootes, Flooks, Franks, North, Thomas, Haulon, Dowrie, Rolston, McKeown, Cox, Wilson, Fielding, Austy, Austin, James, Gardner, McDonald, Thomas Charters, Lawrence, McFarlane, Ferriside, Guy, A. Thomas, Strongman, Phillips, Springate.

John North was elected Chairman and Wm. James Secretary. The organization at this time was for the good and welfare of the Hamilton Letter Carriers, there not being a Federated Organization at this time. The wages of a Carrier was minimum \$10 per month, maximum \$50 per month, with \$1 per month for superannuation. In 1892 the present Federated body, Dominion wide, was organized in Toronto, and the Hamilton Branch was represented at the Toronto meeting by D. Dawrie and Wm. James.

At a meeting held shortly after the Toronto meeting, the Hamilton Carriers decided to enter the F. A. L. C., being granted No. 3 charter. For a number of years the Hamilton Branch held only its yearly meetings. At this time only insurance members were allowed in the organization. In later years non-insurance Carriers were allowed to join. As the Branch grew bigger monthly meetings, instead of yearly meetings, were held. At the present time the membership is 120.

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