

expressed in the term. "Best yet," and were a more "get-together" spirit prevalent throughout the semi-detached staffs this event was but evidence of what might be done to socialize the members and families of the postal clerks. The committee was further urged to continue the programme with "whist-drive and dance" events, and one is promised for the first week in April. Let the more enthusiastic put their best foot forward, see that it's the right one, and remember that it has other uses than to kick. We have lots of material lying dormant, e.g., "Gene" might once more render "John Brown's Body," accompanied by the irrepressible "Teare," while the "Minstrel Boys" get busy in "Dixie"—lots of "Black" (and White) George; but the spirit of the Niggers as it "Simmers" will be nothing to ours when the boiling point is reached. The lady was garbed in a veil of mystery, said R.A.S.—all we observed was the cloak.

Messrs. Watkins, Buchan and McCullough with the 76th Field Battery are already picturing the sights of "Potsdam." That bunch, especially the versatile Frank, are pretty well known for their "shooting" capabilities.

Moose Jaw.

No, we are NOT dead! Just hibernating as it were, and with the coming of spring we are waking up.

It's no use referring back—we have forgotten things in our sleep.

The branch is in a very good state,—all members. Our meetings have been regular and well attended since the New Year.

One of the events of the season took place on February 28th—our second annual banquet. About 25 of our Regina brethren joined us and helped to make a very pleasant evening. Previous to the dinner we had a special meeting, where Mr. Gardner gave us a report on the delegation to Ottawa. We sincerely hope that the good things promised materialize—especially that increase! With "spuds" \$2 a bushel we can sure do with it.

After a vote of thanks had been tendered Mr. Gardner for his very interesting report we repaired to the dining room where covers had been laid for 54.

Besides our Regina friends we had the pleasure of the company of the P.O.I., P.M. and the Asst. P.M., also Prv. Bowyer of the P.O.I. staff who has been invalided home from the front minus a leg.

With the coming of the coffee and cigars, our President and Chairman cast his eagle around with the usual, "We will now have a few words," or "The next will be a song," etc.

And so the time slipped away till shortly after midnight, when a very pleasant even-

ing was brought to a close with the singing of "God Save the King."

"Brig," who has been holding down the paper despatch, says he is tired of throwing papers and, being an old woodsman, he wants to throw trees around again, so he has joined the Foresters Batt. We wish him the best of luck.

Edmonton.

Two more of our association members have left us on overseas service, Bill Scott and Bill Griffiths having enlisted in the Royal Navy. These will constitute our sole representatives in the senior service, but we are persuaded that they will render a good account of themselves in any attempt made to successfully dispose of a third Bill, he of Potsdam.

It is with great gratification that we record this item concerning Scott, on account of the fact that some few months ago we had occasion to refer, indirectly, to his obtaining leave of absence, and not utilising it; we are pleased to have the opportunity of making the "amende honourable."

It would appear that we in Edmonton are not solus in our difficulties with the Patriotic Fund. The Calgary scribe records a similar state of affairs in his office. The only logical solution to this problem is to have the subs docked off (much as we abhor that word docked) and to make no bones about it. But how to do it? that is the question.

The Department seems very loath to take any drastic steps, the onus must therefore lie with the Postmaster, if he be approached with resolution and unanimity.

The coming convention is now very much to the fore, and the time has arrived for our budding reformers to get their particular topics and grievances in good condition for this July; now is the accepted time; let us not stand upon the order of our going, but in the words of Mr. Peter Keary, "get on or get out."

An unconfirmed rumour has reached our aural extremities (they do obtrude a trifle, but like the lady in the Coon song, we were born that way) that the epidemic of Scotsmen, which has for some time past harassed the Reg. Dept., is successfully allayed. They even permit a mere Englishman to work in there now. "For this relief, much thanks."

THE LATE LT.COL. L. J. O. DUCHARME

A Winnipeg Landmark.

One of the landmarks of the Winnipeg P. O. has passed out with the tide and the beloved Major has crossed the "harbour bar." And may there be no moaning. His death, while unexpected, came swiftly and