

another resolution, this time through the member of Parliament for each locality, and from them we receive the encouragement that they will do all in their power to secure for us the necessary things which was fully intended. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, L. H. Mackinnon; Vice-Pres., D. Ross Macdonald; Sec.-Treas., M. Macdonald.

Since last meeting three of our members have left us. The president L. H. Mackinnon enlisting with the Ottawa civil service Battery; Hugh Macdonald with the Draft for the 17th field Battery, and D. C. Macdonald resigning to take a position with the Harris Abattoir Co. as travelling salesman.

This has reduced our membership to a considerable extent, but we trust that we may soon be able to count the new clerks as members of our association.

While your humble correspondent is racking his brains for something to write about, and how to express it, his eye catches the following news item in one of the daily papers which runs something like this.

"The Dominion Iron and Steel Co. situated at Sydney, N.S., are giving their employees which includes the clerks in all the offices an increase in wages of 10% which makes the third increase for the year amounting in all to 30%." Therefore, in conclusion, I think that I am justified in asking this question.

"How does the Government expect a man who is possessed with an ordinary amount of common sense and intelligence to work four years for \$50 a month or a shade more when elsewhere he can receive an increase of \$25 within 5 months, and at the same time stand a good chance for promotion?"

Edmonton.

The usual monthly meeting was held on the evening of the 9th. It was the night intended for the discussion of matter for the Convention Agenda, and for the election of our delegate. A major part of the former item of business was licked into shape, but on account of the sparse attendance the latter was held over till a special general meeting to be held on the evening of May 23rd, when it is hoped to see a thoroughly representative turn-out of members.

Vancouver.

The above branch, after a period of inaction, held a very enthusiastic meeting on April 24th for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year. It appears that there will be no election at the general meeting this year, as all the officers will

be appointed by acclamation. In spite of this seeming lack of fighting spirit, the new year promises to be a very active one, judging by the men who have been nominated. They are all men of much ability and greatly respected throughout the office. This branch has, ever since its formation, adopted a policy of changing its officers year by year, thereby bringing a larger number of members in close touch with the affairs of the association than would be the case if the same men held office year after year. The changing of officers has also brought out a keen band of critics who know whereof they talk. This year, proving no exception to the rule, we expect all the members to give the new officers, their heartiest support and help them to keep the work of the association to the fore. An interesting and important feature of the nominations is the inclusion of Mr. M. Devane of the P.O.I.'s office as vice-president. We feel that the clerks in the P.O.I.'s office who are working under practically the same conditions as ourselves, by joining our body will strengthen our hands and help to make conditions better for both branches of the Service. Therefore, we feel justified in thinking that the appointment of Mr. Devane as vice-president will have a beneficial effect in spreading the gospel among his fellow clerks. The money order branch, which at one time was accused of being a little indifferent to association affairs, appears this year in quite a different role with three officers, president, secretary and executive member among its members. No one can say now that the M.O.B. is not doing its bit. Another matter discussed at the meeting was the question of the status of our members who have been away on active service, especially as regards those who were appointed since the first of April, 1912, and who did not pass the qualifying examination previous to their enlistment. This appears to be a matter that the coming convention might very well attend to. We regret to announce that another of our members, S. J. Shaw, has been severely wounded in France. No further word has been received since the official announcement and we hope and trust that the saying, "No news is good news," will hold good in his case. He enlisted with the 72nd Highlanders, C.E.F., and has been in the trenches for nearly a year. Stan. is a very popular young man, both inside and outside the office, and his many friends hope for his speedy recovery. Friends of Mr. A. S. Black, and we know that there are many in Vancouver and wherever postal clerks meet, will regret to learn that he has been laid up for the last few weeks. We understand that he is now on the way to complete recovery and hope for his presence amongst us in the near future.