

partment, and it is not likely that the officials will allow their staffs to be drained to such an extent that the public's service is too considerably handicapped. Postal clerks then have the opportunity of placing the responsibility on other shoulders than their own should it be their desire to do their duty in this war, and it is to be hoped and there is every reason to believe that our association will continue to show the splendid record in willingness to serve that it has shown during the past two years. If a man has tried to enlist and is prevented by either the postal or medical authorities then he has done all that can be expected of him. When registration becomes a reality, as it will any time now, what showing are we, as an organization, going to make?

#### AN APPRECIATION.

Edmonton, Sept. 26th, 1916.

The Editor of the "Postal Journal":

Dear Sir,—I feel confident that I shall be voicing the sentiments of all our members when I say that I sincerely regret to hear that the association and the executive have lost the active services of one of the most staunch and level-headed members through the resignation from the position of Organizing Secretary of Mr. A. S. Black, of Vancouver, our late President and first Treasurer. Mr. Black, by his genial manner, made fast personal friends of those who had the pleasure of coming into contact with him at the various conventions and by the conscientious attention he has given to the duties devolving upon him he has won the highest regard of all members of the Postal Clerks' Association. I feel confident that Mr. Black would not have resigned his position if he could possibly have found time to make a success of the business of Organizing Secretary, as he has shown that his heart is in the association's work.

H. D. TALBOT.

#### BRANCH NOTES.

##### Calgary.

All readers are requested to note that our monthly meeting night has been changed to the third Thursday of each month and that the Robinson & Linton hall replaces No. 309 in future. Kindly remember this and inform your neighbour.

The entertainment men are very busy these days and promise us a good time next meeting, but we understand the November meet is to put all previous efforts in the shade.

Congratulations to Secretary Boothman. George is setting a fine example and seems determined to keep ahead of all others in the office in this respect.

Sgt. Jenner is back from the Saree P. O. and making things hum on his old job once again. 'What have you to offer'?

Mr. Bushell, for a number of years Secretary of the Letter Carriers' local, has decided to don khaki and is at present awaiting the necessary authority from Ottawa. Good luck to you, Fred.

##### Letbridge.

On September 20th our greatly depleted P.C.A. met to reorganize and to discuss the advisability of studying for the Civil Service exams. All thought it a good idea, but felt dreadfully "rusty" when example papers were read over. However, it was decided to study and probably sit for the qualifying exam. in November, 1917. It was resolved to have Branch Notes for each issue of the "Journal" and, at the suggestion of 'Heb', a lady member has undertaken the job. There is a good reason why this should be so as our "Old Fogie" is our only male member, all our boys being on active service. Lucky "Old Fogie." Our executive was reformed, consisting of Miss A. Butler, Miss B. M. Garrison and Mr. H. S. White, and Miss E. Washbrook elected collector of fees, to make her rounds on pay-day so that there need now be no excuses. From now on we are busy hunting up old school books to study this winter. The results of our Guide exams. arrived to-day and, on the whole, are better than last year.

##### Port Arthur.

The criticism of Mr. Doyle of semi-staff offices not regularly contributing Branch Notes is well deserved, at least the cap fits us. However, now that the annual three weeks' wandering fever has worn off and the members once more back in harness, we hope renewed interest will be taken in association matters. The report of our delegate to convention has removed the last traces of doubt as to what good the association is to semi-offices from the minds of all. The P. C. A. has been and is the greatest benefit to these offices and, in fact, their only hope as a means to obtain what we believe is their due. Everyone wants to be a delegate to the next convention, but if they all go each will have to provide his own—"fish and chips." Some comment has been heard about the published report of the P. O. revenue for last year and several are figuring how much of that \$2,849,271 surplus it would have taken to give them the increases they expected. One of our members who has spent his vacation in Toronto says that the best sight there is the pretty girls in Eaton's store. Of course he's single! Our Fort William brothers have not yet broken the ice by contributing notes to the Journal, but the ice around Fort William is always thick and they are a bashful lot over