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Editor's Notes.

During the past twelve months the Postal Clerks' Association of the Dominion of Canada has grown in numbers and influence. New branches have been formed to such an appreciable degree that the membership of the Association is double that of a year ago. The membership will continue to increase. A few—very few—offices remain outside the Association, but there is a measure of assurance that they will not long remain void of the essential medium through which they may air their grievances and express opinions on matters pertaining to the welfare of postal clerks. As the membership and power of the Association grows, so probably will the problems and duties of its officers and members generally. It is in this regard that a timely word of advice is offered. A postal clerk must not deceive himself into the belief that all the Association requires of him is that he pay his dues promptly. Each member should be sufficiently interested in the welfare of his branch to attend its meetings with unflinching regularity.

During the ensuing year, it is probable that the business to be transacted will be heavier than was the case during the past twelve months. Discussion should not be left to the "chosen few," but each one should take advantage of opportunity, when it comes his way, to express his ideas and desires on the question under discussion. It must be remembered that the branch meeting is the proper place to express those ideas and desires—not at the sorting rack. The intelligent interest, enthusiasm and co-operation of the members is the only foundation from which can come a well directed organization which has for its object the improvement of the working conditions of its members and the protection at all times of their material interests.

LISTEN!!!

Our members everywhere will have learned with pleasure of the Department's decision to grant vacations with pay to the temporary force. This matter was taken up strongly by the executive committee and the Department addressed on the subject on May 10th

last. Once again we have scored a hit. We regret that, at this season of the year, our space is in such demand that the letter cannot be published, at least for a few issues.

The recent order-in-council re non-payment to men enlisting in the future, has received the attention of the executive and everything possible is being done.

During the convention period, for a few issues previous and one or two after, we feel that branch notes cannot receive quite the first attention in the best interests of our readers. Should it be, therefore, that your local notes are not being published up to date just now, it is hoped that you will bear with one who is harassed for space.

Branches have recently been established at Brockville and St. Catharines, where they will be glad to hear from all or any. We shall be voicing the sentiments of the entire association if we congratulate them and hope for their success in the future.

POSTAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Editor's Report.

Mr. Chairman and Colleagues,—

Our few pages in each issue of *The Civilian* occur to me to give to you better information concerning what may be termed my policy in conducting the "Postal Journal," than anything I might report to you to-day.

The expenses for the year have amounted to the sum of twenty-eight dollars and ninety-seven cents.

I desire to take this opportunity of sincerely thanking those of you present and several who unfortunately are not in session with us who have accorded me such valuable help during the past twelve months, and I trust that they, with others, will continue to be instrumental in furthering the interests of this Association, through the medium of the "Postal Journal."

From several sources comes the plea for a widened sphere of activity in connection with the Association's efforts in this direction, and I do not doubt that you will agree that there are tremendous possibilities at such time as this Association considers itself