

RUSH OF ELECTION MAIL.

Postmaster Willcox Increases His Force to Meet the Emergency.

Under authority from Washington, Postmaster Willcox took steps yesterday to handle the enormous election mail properly and expeditiously. He promoted 100 clerks, who were receiving \$600, to \$700 per year, added twenty-five new men to his force from the Civil Service list, and distributed them among the thirty-nine Post Offices in the city. He also provided for the employment of substitutes to help the regular clerks.

Since Postmaster Willcox took office on Jan. 1, 1905, he has striven to lessen the work of his men. He has increased the force of postal clerks in Manhattan and the Bronx by 576 men, the total now being 3,517, and has increased the number of carriers to 2,075 by 254 additional men. The total Post Office force now numbers 5,592 men, an increase of 880, or nearly 15 per cent., over Jan. 1, 1905.

"While the clerks are not under the eight-hour law, I am extremely anxious to keep their work within that limit," said Postmaster Willcox yesterday. "Each addition to the force has helped me to make their work approximate more closely to the eight-hour standard. I believe that these additional twenty-five clerks and the authority to employ extra help for the election emergency will go a long way toward accomplishing this fair and desirable reduction in the hours of labor."

Nominators Asked to be Watchers.

Letters have been sent to every member of the committee of 2,500, which forms the main body of the Judiciary Nominators, asking them to perform active services as workers and watchers on Election Day. They are asked to report to P. J. McCook, Chairman of the Organization Committee, at the Union Square headquarters.