

Increase granted to the Excise Service.

The increase to the Excise branch foreshadowed in the act amending the civil service Act passed at the recent session, is now realized. By Order-in-Council assented to May 25, 1910, and published in the Canada Gazette of June 4, what was known before of the government's intention in outline is now revealed in detail. Roughly, the increases amount to \$400 for the first class, \$300 for the second class, and \$200 for all below—i.e., in the maximum in each case. The number in the "special class" is raised from 24 to 30. A more detailed statement as to the nature of the change will be found below and on the editorial page of the present issue. The text of the new Order-in-Council is published in full below:

Wednesday, the 25th day of May, 1910.

His Excellency in Council is pleased to order that the Order in Council of the 9th January, 1889, establishing "Regulations for the governance of the Excise Branch of the Inland Revenue Department" as amended by Orders in Council dated March 4th, 1903, December 12th, 1903, and December 18th, 1909, shall be and the same is hereby further amended as follows:—

That Sections seven, eight, ten, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, seventeen, eighteen, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, thirty and thirty-three be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

Sec. 7.—The salaries of Collectors shall be as follows:—

	Minimum.	Maximum.
1st Class	\$2,100	\$2,800
2nd Class	1,900	2,300
3rd Class	1,700	2,000
4th Class	1,500	1,800
5th Class	1,300	1,600
6th Class	900	1,400
7th Class	600	1,000

Sec. 8.—On appointment of any Collector, or upon promotion to a division of a higher class, his salary shall be determined at the minimum of that class, and he may thereafter receive an annual increase of one hundred dollars until the maximum of the class is attained.

Sec. 10.—Deputy Collectors shall be of five classes, their classification being co-ordinate with that of the division to which they are attached. Their salaries shall be as follows:—

	Minimum.	Maximum.
1st Class	\$1,600	\$2,000
2nd Class	1,400	1,700
3rd Class	1,200	1,500
4th Class	1,000	1,300
5th Class	900	1,100

Deputy Collectors who have passed the "Special Class" examination may receive an additional salary not to exceed two hundred dollars per annum.

Section 12.—All Deputy Collectors shall, when first promoted to that rank, receive the minimum salary of the class to which they are promoted. After one year's service therein, such salary may be increased by annual increments not to exceed seventy-five dollars until the maximum of the class is attained.

Section 13.—Accountants or book-keepers shall be of four classes, their classification being co-ordinate, with that of the division to which they are attached, and shall, as to salary, range as follows:—

	Minimum.	Maximum.
1st Class	\$1,300	\$1,800
2nd Class	1,100	1,500
3rd Class	900	1,300
4th Class	700	1,100

Section 14.—On appointment or promotion to any of the aforesaid classes, such officers shall receive the minimum salary of the class to which they are promoted or appointed, and, after one year's service therein, may receive an annual increment not to exceed seventy-five dollars until the maximum of the class is attained.

"No officer shall be eligible for promotion to an accountantship in a First or Second Class Division unless he shall previously have passed a First Class Excise Examination, nor shall any officer be eligible for promotion to an accountantship in a division of a lower classification unless he shall previously have passed a Second Class Examination, but any officer holding such certificates shall be eligible to the above positions respectively without passing any further examination."

Sec. 17.—During the probationary term provided for by the Civil Service Act, such third class exciseman shall be entitled to receive a salary at the rate of \$600 per annum.

Sec. 18.—At the expiration of such time he (if retained in the service) shall be entitled to a salary of \$700 per annum. After one year's service he may receive an annual increase not to exceed one hundred dollars until he shall reach a salary of \$1,000 per annum,