

The Soldier Settlement Board.



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Lt-General Currie, K.C.M.G.
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.,

Sir,

I have the honour to bring the following facts to your attention, and trust you can so use your influence as to assure me a square deal and common justice.

I entered the service of the Soldier Settlement Board a year ago last March, and although engaged at a salary of \$100.00 per month I was recommended for one of \$125.00 by the then District Superintendent on my telling him I had been offered a position in the Pay Office, Victoria.

Since that time I have been in receipt of this salary, plus a monthly bonus of \$29.00, although about last July the then Director of Organization ^{was} informed in my presence that I was to be rated as Chief Clerk, which naturally led me to expect an increase.

Last February, after having been away sick for about two weeks, I was put in another department as Senior Clerk Bookkeeper, and given to understand that although I could not be given an increase, my salary would remain the same.

Yesterday I was informed that my services could only be retained at a salary of \$110.00 per month (which carries a bonus of \$31.00 monthly) i.e. as Senior Clerk, as another man in the Stock & Equipment Department was getting \$125.00 - he was engaged at \$100.00 last September - and there could not be two Equipment Clerks at \$125.00. This it seems to me is a very unfair agreement, as there must be other positions in the office at \$125.00 which I could fill, and also other men doing the same work as I am now, are getting \$115.00 per month, plus bonus.

One of the officials here admitted that Ottawa "had it in" for me, and I know I am being made the scapegoat for the maladministration of a highly placed officer who used to be in this office.

Finally, I am a married man with a wife and child to support, and with a Mother in England to whom I've been in the habit of sending \$15.00 a month. I had over four years service, with three years in France, during part of which time I was serving with Major Houghton with the 3rd M.G. Company.