

ernment of the necessity of admitting these men to pensions. The matter was up in Parliament recently, when Mr. McKenna challenged Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke, who had questioned the government in this connection, to define what was permanent work. In reply, the honourable member said he would do so if Mr. McKenna would define temporary work.

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John Bull says of the British civil service: "It is an undeniable fact that the lower branches of the civil service generally are treated unjustly, whilst the higher branches are receiving beneficent and wasteful treatment. The taxpayer may be, and is, overburdened, but if he has a sense of justice it is time that he made his voice heard to secure that economy is effected in the right quarters, and that the civil service vote is more justly distributed."

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A charming girl of eighteen, the daughter of a Western member of Parliament, and quite a society queen in her own city, was brought to Ottawa by her father, and at one of the receptions was presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. As her hand met the grasp of the Prime Minister, the maiden looked up at him and, smiling sweetly, said: 'I've often heard father speak of you.'

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The Post Office Appropriation Bill, reported the other day to the United States House of Representatives reaches the enormous total of \$239,812,195! The appropriation for the Post Office Department for the current fiscal year aggregated \$234,692,370! But there are other features still more interesting.

In compliance with the recommendation of the department the bill provides for the promotion of 50 per cent. of the clerks in the \$1,100 grade at first class offices to the \$1,200 grade, and 50 per cent. of the clerks in the \$1,000 grade at second class offices to the \$1,100 grade. Advances are provided for all clerks and carriers in the automatic grades subject to the classification act of 1907. No provision whatever is made, contrary to departmental recommendation, for promotions to grades above \$1,200.

The total number of clerks and employees in the service until June 30, 1911, is authorized not to exceed 33,200. The authorized number for the current year amounted to 33,153.

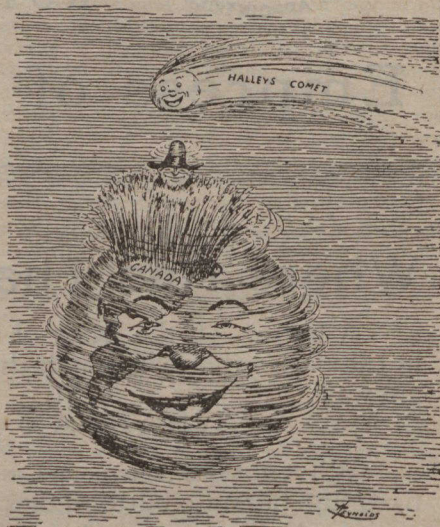
Among the increases recommended in the First Assistant Postmaster General's office are: \$900,000 for compensation of postmasters; \$80,000 for compensation to assistant postmasters; \$1,991,500 for compensation to clerks and employees at first and second class offices; \$63,000 to laborers, watchmen and messengers; and \$5,000 for substitutes for clerks on vacations. Seven hundred laborers, watchmen, etc., are author-

ized for the \$700 grade and 600 for the \$600 grade, thereby discontinuing the \$500 grade and advancing every man in the \$500 grade to the \$600 grade, while forty men in the \$600 grade are advanced to the \$700 grade.

Provision for carriers amounts to \$31,000,000, the total number of carriers in the service June 30, 1911, not to exceed 30,000.

They speak in large numbers to the south of us, and they seem to have learned the need of just dealing on the cost of living question which our own government is in spots so slow about.

Canada and the Comet.



The Heavenly Visitor: "The last time I passed that Old Sphere was baldheaded."

—From the Vancouver Daily Province.

THE PHYSICAL VERSUS THE INTELLECTUAL.

By Honoré Brenot.

Every time I have witnessed a game of hockey the unbounded enthusiasm of the spectators has been more interesting to me than the play itself. It is a study to watch the frenzied emotions induced by the zig-zags of a piece of rubber, and to witness the pandemonium which results from its entry into the nets. Nothing can give a better idea of the state of things which predominates in Ottawa.

Surprised at first by the disparity existing between the effect and the cause, you cannot help being amazed, but, on analyzing it, you soon realize that there is nothing unreasonable in these outbursts; for the minds of the spectators, being intimately riveted on