Men Are Better Paid Than on Civic Lines

THE TORONTO RAILWAY COMPANY employes have made a new demand for an increase of twenty per cent. in the wage scale, which they state is equivalent to the rate paid on the civic line, all other conditions under which they now work to continue.

While an increase of twenty per cent. would make the flat rate of wages the same as paid on the civic line, the other conditions which the men have on the Toronto Railway which do not obtain on the civic line actually, make a considerable increase in the amount of money the Toronto Railway-employes would receive over civic employes under the new scale demanded.

For instance, the civic rate is: First three months, 60c per hour; next nine months, 63c per hour, and after one year, 66c per hour. The civic lines have an eight-hour day the same as on the Toronto Railway, but overtime and holiday time are paid for at the flat rate above mentioned.

ON THE TORONTO RAILWAY, OVERTIME after eight and a half hours and holiday time is paid for at the rate of time and one-half, which on the above rates would be equivalent to 90c, 941/2c and 99c per hour for the three periods of service.

Sunday time on the civic lines is paid for at the rate of 4c per hour above daily rates, or 64c, 67c and 70c for the three periods of service.

ON THE TORONTO RAILWAY, SUNDAY TIME is paid for at the rate of time and one-quarter, which on the above rates would equal 75c, 78% and 821/2c per hour, so that in table form we have the following comparison:

CIVIC RATE.

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| Daily | 64c 67c | 66c | per hour | Daily | |

On a straight eight-hour run the earnings for a man would compare as follows:

CIVIC RATES—313 days of eight hours each, including holidays, at 66c per hour or \$5.28 per day, equals \$1,652.64 per year. Twenty-six Sundays of eight hours each at 4c additional per hour or 32c per Sunday, equals \$8.32 per year, or a total earning

On the TORONTO RAILWAY COMPANY at the same rate of 66c per hour but with our conditions, there would be 313 days

at \$5.28 per day, amounting to \$1,652.64 per year. Twenty-six Sundays of eight hours each at time and a quarter or 821/2c per hour, or \$1.32 extra per Sunday, equals \$34.32 for the year. Eight holidays at eight hours each at 99c per hour or \$2.64 additional per holiday amounts to \$21.12, making a total of \$1,708.08 per year. The yearly total for the civic line is \$1,660.96, making the increase on the TORONTO RAILWAY \$47.12.

The Toronto Railway man would therefore receive \$47.12 more on an eight-hour run and in addition would receive 33c per hour extra for any time after eight hours and thirty minutes' work; whereas the civic men get only straight time. To prove that this extra time added to the increase of \$47.12 per year, above shown, would bring the Toronto Railway man out of all proportion to what the civic man receives, we take the following example from the pay roll for the month of May:

Week days-178

This man worked during May-21 week days at 8 hrs. and 30 mins. per day, or 178 hrs. and 30 mins. 5 Sundays at 8 hrs. and 13 mins. per day, or 41 hrs. and 5 mins. 1 holiday at 8 hrs. and 22 mins. per day, or 8 hrs. and 22 mins. Overtime 24 hrs. and 55 mins.

At the maximum civic rate of 66c per hour and under civic conditions, this man would have earned:

| | CIVIC RATES. | |
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| Week days— Sundays— | 178 hours and 30 minutes at 66c per hr. 41 hours and 5 minutes at 70c per hr. | \$117.81 |
| Holidays- | o hours and 22 minutes at 66c new ha | 5 50 |
| Overtime- | 24 hours and 55 minutes at 66c per hr. | 16.44 |

\$168.51

On the Toronto Railway at the same rate of 66c, but with our Sunday, holiday and overtime rates, he would earn per month;

| TORONTO RAILWAY. | | |
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| hours and 30 minutes at 66c | perhr. | \$117 |

| Sundays- | 41 hours and 5 minutes at 821/2 | c per hr. | 33.89 |
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| Holiday- | 8 hours and 22 minutes at 99c | per hr. | 8.25 |
| Overtime- | 24 hours and 55 minutes at 99c | per hr. | 24.67 |
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An increase of 16.11 per month, which is equivalent to \$193.32 per year more than he would earn on the civic lines.

These illustrations show clearly that the new wages demanded by the men amount to much more than the men are receiving on the civic lines. It is true that the men on the civic lines are given two weeks' vacation per year; but it has not been contended, even by the employes themselves, that this Company in the last year of its franchise should grant holidays with pay; and it is quite evident that the holiday and overtime RATES OF 99c PER HOUR and SUNDAY RATE of 821/2c PER HOUR, as shown in the above illustration, would be a more expensive proposition for the Company than civic rates, even compared to a two weeks' vacation.

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