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## THAT COSTLY BOARD.

This list is so good that it is worth printing over again. It is Hon. Mr. Foster's reply to an inquiry as to the names and salaries of employees of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

The employees of the Workmen's Compensation Board, and their respective salaries are as follows:

John A. Sinclair, chairman	4,000
Frank C. Robinson, vice-chair	3,000
James L. Suggs, commissioner	2,500
H. Russell Sturdee, chief accountant	2,500
Douglas R. Brown, claims officer	1,800
Alphonse T. LeBlanc, bookkeeper	900
J. P. L. Brown, M.D., advisory medical officer	500
Miss Hilda B. Williams, secretary	780
Miss Genevieve M. Killen, claims stenographer	780
Miss Florence T. Nugent, stenographer	520
Miss Mary K. Lannen, stenographer	520
	\$10,300

Imagine, nineteen thousand three hundred dollars, for salaries alone, apart from all office expenses such as rent, light, heat, printing, telephones, telegraph, postage, janitor service, and all the other hundred and one incidentals involved in the upkeep of such an establishment. It will run into thirty-five or forty thousand dollars a year to carry on this work, and it is a work which does not require solicitation, as does ordinary liability insurance. The insurance agent who formerly carried liability policies had to go out and dig up the business for himself or have a canvasser do it. And he received for it a much lower rate than does the Workmen's Compensation Board for such service as it renders employers. But no insurance agent in Canada could live if he had to pay such salaries to such a staff as the Compensation Board carries for the same amount of business. The chairman, the vice-chairman, the commissioner, a chief accountant, a claims officer, an advisory medical officer, an auditor, and three stenographers appear to be needed to transact less business than is generally accomplished by an insurance representative, with himself as chairman, vice chairman, commissioner, chief accountant, claims officer, inspector, advisory medical officer, and with him one bookkeeper and one stenographer. And the man who would have to handle these various executive positions in an ordinary office would be quite content to draw down the salary paid to any one of the three first mentioned under the Compensation Board. This long and expensive list of officers—which does not include any returned men—accounts to a very large extent for the excessive rates demanded by the Compensation Board from employers in all branches of industry.

## A PAVING SUGGESTION.

Some years ago a suggestion was made as to a permanent policy of street paving in St. John, to which no particular attention was paid at the time, and which has possibly been forgotten. Yet it contained features which, although open to objection on the part of certain interests, were worthy of every consideration. The suggestion, briefly, was that each year a certain area of pavement should be put down, not here and there all over the city in accordance with individual requests, but working outward from King Square as a centre. The idea contained in the proposition was that, for instance, during the first year one of two blocks each on King Street East, Sydney, Leinster, Princess, Charlotte, Gormin, Canterbury, King, Union, Waterloo and Braselars should be done. That each succeeding year the work on these streets be extended a block or two further, and intersecting streets be also included, each year's operations to be confined to the expenditure outlined on the adoption of the original policy.

In this connection it was contended that while all streets are used to a certain extent by all citizens, yet the property fronting on the streets so improved would be benefited to a greater extent than would property elsewhere, and, because of this, owners of property on these improved streets should be expected to pay a proportion of the cost. This proposition, it was advised, should amount to ten, fifteen, twenty, or twenty-five per cent, of the interest and sinking fund required on a bond issue, by which the permanent paving would be paid, while the remainder of that interest and sinking fund should be included in ordinary general assessment.

By the adoption of a clear cut plan such as this the city would get away from the necessity of complying with or refusing individual requests for permanent work every here and there. It could readily afford to perform major repairs in other sections, which might not be done without, and the whole plan upon adoption would come into automatic operation, assuring to the city in the course of really a very few years the construction of miles of good pavement at a less proportionate cost than now has to be met under existing slipshod methods. It is a

simple plan; it is unfair to some sections and too generous to others, and it would cost money. But no matter what sort of a paving program is adopted the money will have to be spent, and work carried on according to a clearly defined policy will not prove as expensive as operations undertaken by chance.

## SCRAPS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

Yesterday's papers contained answers made by members of the Government to questions submitted by representatives of the Opposition in the local Legislature. Among other things Hon. Mr. Foster, replying to Mr. Tilley, gave a list of returned soldiers who have been appointed to positions in the gift of the local government. It is a notable fact that in this connection only one man was appointed at a salary of more than ninety dollars per month, and his position is but a temporary one. Others were given jobs at from forty-five cents an hour up to sixty, seventy-five and as high as ninety dollars per month, but in only a very few instances out of the list published, were the appointments of a permanent nature. One name after another is mentioned as soldiers being given positions during the scaling season, during spare time, etc. Hon. Mr. Foster does not mention a single instance of any position of importance to which a returned man has been appointed, and as a matter of fact no returned man has been given a job worth while. These have all been reserved for the friends of the Union-Progress party, who are far drawing down decent salaries while the returned men are looking for the sixty dollars a month job.

In the case of the Compensation Board, a labor union in St. John endorsed the application of Sergeant George Hennessey, and this soldier was given unanimous endorsement by the C. W. U. A., who members are considering the matter with considerable time discussing his qualifications for the position, but he was ignored by Hon. Mr. Foster and the job was given to another representative of labor who, although of military age, had not been overseas. Nor is there any returned soldier in any position on the Compensation Board from the four thousand dollar chairman to the twenty-five hundred dollar secretary or lower. It has been the policy of the Foster Government right through the piece to give the worth while jobs to those believed to be of political value, and to endeavor to satisfy the veterans by appointments of overseas men to lower positions, a policy which no fair-minded person will agree to.

## HIS NEW DUTIES.

Honorable Walter Edward Foster, of St. John, and leader of the government, with all the dignity of his command—"Mr. Speaker, up to the present I have been very lenient with the members of this House and have been content to wink at many infractions of the rules of conduct. But I regret that certain members seem to be going beyond the bounds and that hereafter, much as I may regret it, I will find it necessary to keep a tighter check on the proceedings, and desire to warn all members present that to the future they must abide by the rules of procedure."

How characteristically modest of Honorable Walter Edward, and how thoughtful it is of him to relieve the speaker of the Legislature of the duties of his office. Mr. Foster could not bear for a moment to think of Doctor Hetherington being compelled to adopt a stern attitude towards his friends on both sides of the House, especially since he has so recently assumed the position of speaker and director of ceremonies. So to his other burdens of office the thoughtful leader of the Government has added the duties of disciplinarian. At least he thinks he has, and thought so until Mr. Potts told him differently. Mr. Potts' reply to the premier's intimation was parliamentary; it was also very much to the point. Strangely enough, the incident was not mentioned in the official report.

## WHAT THEY SAY

## Housewives' Hours.

London Free Press: A shorter day is the outlook for Canada's workers. What about the workers whose day is measured from sun to sun?

## Did What Was Needed.

Toronto Star: Nearly fifty thousand draftsmen went overseas, so that description gave quite a hand in the war notwithstanding all that its opponents have had to say about them.

## Tourists' Paradise.

Ottawa Journal: If Quebec gets a hour and wins license and all the United States and the rest of Canada goes dry, Quebec won't need any publicity department to point out its advantages as a tourist centre.

## Canada's Need.

Montreal Sentinel-Review: There is a fairly large need in Canada today for the spirit of action and for patriotic co-operation than there is for any thing else of really a very few years the construction of miles of good pavement at a less proportionate cost than now has to be met under existing slipshod methods. It is a

## The Goat.

Los Angeles Times: Between the

strike and the lockout, between the producer and the speculator, it is the simple mission of the great public to make a noise like a goat.

Oblivion. Kingston Whig: W. F. Nichol has been suggested as the future leader of the Conservative party in the Ontario Legislature. What a fate for Kingston's brilliant independent member!

Very Unreasonable. Brantford Expositor: After the world is made safe for democracy some folks will be so unreasonable that they will want the street crossings made safe for pedestrians.

See Poch. Mail and Empire: Ludendorff is seeking to slip from under in the matter of responsibility for Germany's defeat. Blame is put on Von Moltke, Von Falkenhayn and the intelligence service. For the real cause of the defeat see Poch!

For Defence. Montreal Gazette: General Seely announces it is the intention of the local Legislature. Among other things Hon. Mr. Foster, replying to Mr. Tilley, gave a list of returned soldiers who have been appointed to positions in the gift of the local government. It is a notable fact that in this connection only one man was appointed at a salary of more than ninety dollars per month, and his position is but a temporary one. Others were given jobs at from forty-five cents an hour up to sixty, seventy-five and as high as ninety dollars per month, but in only a very few instances out of the list published, were the appointments of a permanent nature. One name after another is mentioned as soldiers being given positions during the scaling season, during spare time, etc. Hon. Mr. Foster does not mention a single instance of any position of importance to which a returned man has been appointed, and as a matter of fact no returned man has been given a job worth while. These have all been reserved for the friends of the Union-Progress party, who are far drawing down decent salaries while the returned men are looking for the sixty dollars a month job.

Westminster Gazette: The new House of Commons is more impatient of Ministers and members who can not or will not take themselves audibly and the cry of "speech!" is frequently heard. New members cannot understand why Mr. Bonar Law should set such a bad example, and after having heard of Mr. Churchill's oratorical powers, they are surprised to find him addressing most of his remarks to his boots.

## A BIT OF VERSE

## DANTE REMEMBERED.

(By Edith Burr.)

Unveiled is the glory of Italy's hour;  
The soul of her beauty a full-blown flower;  
Ambrosial rays of light gleam—  
Enthralling splendor fills the street.  
The nightingale full-voiced I hear—  
Gone is the menace, the brooding fear,  
And the strong deep tones of tremulous bells  
Are borne to the winds to the mountain dells.  
Smiling is heaven, and every one  
Is dancing, singing beneath the sun.  
The soul of love is near to loss,  
And the quivering day is loveliness.

The spirit of Dante seems to glide  
Through the golden sheen of this noon-tide—  
A presence that walks through the blossoming trees  
From a stately realm on the wave of the breeze.  
Out of celestial light it came—  
The essence of Dante—a glorious flame  
That fires the world, and his quicken  
To Italy's heart is fondly pressed.  
And out from the roses, up from the stream  
Comes a deeper fragrance—the heart's fire—  
And Italy, wrapped in Love's embrace  
Remembers Dante with joy-dashed face.

## A BIT OF FUN

## Sympathetic.

"Has he a sympathetic nature?"  
"Very. I have never met him when he wasn't sorry for himself."

## Seemed Suspicious.

"I fear your father does not favor our marriage."  
"Why do you say that?"  
"I have saved some money for the happy event."  
"Well?"  
"And he wants me to put it into a scheme."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## A Case.

"Why are you angry at your son in 'Why do you live within his line'?"  
"Why, the young villain can't live within his and mine combined."—Boston Evening Transcript.

## Both the Same.

Davis—Everything I have in this world I owe to my wife.  
Henpeck—I'm almost like you, too. Everything I owe for in this world my wife bought.—London Answers.

## On the Fly.

Mrs. Eze—So you hired a new cook yesterday. What's her name?  
Mrs. Wye—Her name? I don't know. She didn't stay long enough for us to learn that.

## Why Don't They?

I often hear the critics say—  
That they could write a better play  
Than that which they review;  
I would not say to them they lie,  
I merely rise to wonder why  
It is they never do.

## Of Course Not.

The Germans do not like the terms  
Which force them to be good,  
But, goodness, man! Poch didn't plan  
To write them so they would.

## Takes Courage.

"Allice never passes a mirror without looking in it."  
"Brave girl!"

## Congested Weapons.

"What is the man charged with?"  
"Carrying congested weapons, your Honor."

## Carrying what?

"Congested weapons. He soaked Murphy in the eye with a chunk of ice."—New Haven Register.

## War Not Over For Harry.

John Willis—You look as if you had lost your last friend. What is wrong?

Marie Gillette—I've just discovered that Harry is false to me. He wrote me from France that he wasn't even looking at any other girl and now I see in the paper that he has just been decorated for gallantry.

## Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

There is many differences between the army and the navy, the main one being that the navy is full of sailors, while if you saw a sailor in the army you would think he was lost, which he probably would be. The easiest way to tell a sailor from a soldier is by his pants, being so wide at the bottom you might think the sailor forgot with end of a sailor his waist. Another easy way is by his hat, being a little round hat on the top of his head, only you know it really his rite hat because all the other sailors have not one just like it.

Instead of a house a sailor has a ship, only if you work up in the morning and found your house was about 300 miles some place else, you would be much more surprised than what the sailor is. Proving it you would get use to a thing, you expect it.

If a sailor wants to know exactly where he is when there isn't anything around but water all looking alike, all he has to do is ask the captain what latitude and longitude it is, and that's where he is. He can also tell which way north is by his compass, and if his compass ever got broke, some other sailor would lend him his. Proving that no matter how lonesome a sailor gets, he always has the satisfaction of knowing which way he is looking.

## THE RED FLAG IN BRITISH NAVY

(Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.)

"The London Daily Telegraph" gives the details of an extraordinary case of mutiny in the British navy, in the course of which the red flag was hoisted on a destroyer, the cause of the trouble being the question whether the crew should be divided into two watches or three. The account given by "The Daily Telegraph" follows: "An extraordinary case was heard at Devonport today at a naval court martial, of which Captain H. J. T. Marshall was president. Leading Seaman Arthur Thomas Parn and Able Seaman John Ellis, Benjamin Talbot, W. A. Forbes, W. C. Purdy, James Nagle, Francis Davies and A. B. Serivener were charged with having on January 13 last, joined in a mutiny, not accompanied by violence, on board his majesty's ship Kilmale. All pleaded not guilty.

## In Dale Roads.

It was alleged that at 2 o'clock on the day in question the Kilmale left a buoy at Milford Haven and proceeded to Dale Roads to anchor and await the arrival of the remainder of the unit. While the first lieutenant (Butt) Lieutenant G. L. F. Jones, R.N.V.R., was on the forecastle before anchoring in Dale Roads, Parn came to ask whether the seamen would be in two or three watches. He replied that the two watches were the captain's order, whereupon a request was made to see the commanding officer, and to state the men's grievances. Parn was taken to the commanding officer, Lieutenant Marshall, R.N.V.R., who was asked to place the seamen in three watches.

He replied, "In this ship two watches and a watchboard will be kept. Parn replied, 'Thank you, sir.' About 3 o'clock Parn told Petty Officer Curriel that the seamen wished to see the commanding officer, and had fallen in with that purpose. Lieutenant Marshall sent the first lieutenant to investigate, informing him to adhere to the decision of the two watches, and that if the men refused to carry out instructions he would proceed to Milford Haven. The first lieutenant found the men had fallen in, and after they had been informed of the captain's decision they fell out on both orders. Able Seaman Ellis said if the commanding officer was not careful the other half of the navy would be on strike along with the rest.

Refused to Obey. Accused were asked whether they would obey orders as to two watches, and with the exception of Parn, replied, 'No.' Parn said he would obey the first lieutenant having informed the commanding officer that the men refused duty unless they had three watches, the anchor was weighed by the first lieutenant and the crew, assisted by the engine-room staff, Midshipman D. J. Tansley took the wheel, and in this manner the Kilmale proceeded to Milford Haven where the commanding officer landed to report the matter to Commander S. C. Patterson, R.N.V.R. During his absence the distinguished flag of the unit was hoisted down from the masthead and a red flag hoisted in its place. The first lieutenant ordered the red flag to be hoisted down, and this was immediately done.

On the question being asked who hoisted the red flag, Able Seaman Ellis replied that he and the company did, and that they would hoist it again. Commander Patterson came on board and cautioned the accused as to the seriousness of their action, but they refused to alter their decision. Able Seaman Ellis remarking, 'half the navy are on strike and the other half will soon be on strike.' Lieutenant V. Marsh, R.N.V.R., gave evidence, and in reply to questions as to whether there was trouble in the ship when he was there trouble in the ship when he was there.

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