

## Outside Service Increases.

General indications as to how the money provided for Civil Service salary increases in the Supplementary Estimates is to be spent were given by the Ministers when the votes were up in Committee of Supply. The following extracts are of interest, but Outside Service salaries are so various in schedule and arrangement that increases have to be especially determined in many individual cases.

*Immigration.*—Hon. Dr. Roche intimated intention to give \$100 per year advance to Outside employees in Canada and other countries whose salaries are now less than \$1,000 per year.

*Dominion Lands and Parks.*—\$20,000 to be expended on the same principle as the Immigration vote.

*Customs.*—Hon. Dr. Reid explained the \$300,000 for "salaries and contingent expenses" of ports, etc. He said that 3,000 persons, many now receiving less than \$1,000, would get \$100 each. The \$50,000 for preventive and inspection services will benefit 230 persons, each getting from \$50 to \$200 according to his present salary,—lower salaries getting larger increases.

*Post Office.*—In explaining the extra \$600,000 for this department, Hon. Mr. Doherty referred to the great disappointment and serious financial loss sustained by railway mail clerks and others by the failure to pass a bill of 1914 to the proposals of which both Houses had agreed but which was lost because of a clause referring to another matter being unacceptable. That bill made the annual increase \$100 in place of \$50. Representatives of the railway mail clerks had pressed for re-introduction of that bill, with a retroactive clause, but it was too late in the session to do so. The \$100 now granted was a compromise measure. "We look forward in the future to rectify the injustice done to them," said the Minister.

The item, as passed, read: "To increase the minimum salary of railway mail clerks from \$500 to \$600 and to raise the annual statutory increases of railway mail clerks from \$50 to

\$100 in cases where the salary is over \$800 . . . also to provide for the payment of a provisional allowance of \$100 each to Civil Service employees of the Outside Service of the Post Office Dept. whose salaries are \$1,600 and under . . ."

Discussing the latter part of the item, Mr. Doherty said: "I understand it would cover every class of employee in the Post Office Dept. of the Outside Service. We are not making a distinction between the different classes. We have letter carriers and clerks, and they are subdivided into different classes. There are railway mail clerks, clerks in the Service, in the post office, letter carriers, and a large number of different denominations of employees, and we use the word 'employees' to make it cover everybody."

Questioned concerning "semi-staff" offices and the handicap suffered by clerks employed therein, the acting Minister said that he was newly and transiently in charge of the department, and that he was puzzled by the system referred to and would look into the reason for its existence and if there was apparent injustice would endeavor to remedy it.

### Civil Service Casualties—Continued.

The father, Neil McKinnon, is postmaster at Priceville.

JOHN A. HEISLER, of Public Works, formerly of Trade and Commerce, has been shell-shocked. He enlisted with the 80th Battalion, transferred to the 67th Western Scots and subsequently to another unit.

JOSEPH MULVANEY, of Public Works, is posted as missing. He went to the front with the 62nd Battalion and had been twice wounded.