

mit. Of course, there are variations on the above, seeing that the maximum for the first class clerks is raised by \$200, and that of the chief clerks by \$300—\$1,500. But for the great mass of the service it forms the rule.

Reduced to first principles, therefore, the new act simply makes universal at once what otherwise would not have become universal for six or seven years' time. It enables all to reap at once the approximate advantage of the raise in maximums accomplished by the act of 1908. It is an equalizer pure and simple. No one claims anything else for it. And what more would you have? Nay, what more under the circumstances *could* you have?

THE PASSING OF THE "OUTSIDE."

On February 4th, the Hon. the Minister of the Interior laid upon the table of the House of Commons, in response to an enquiry, a list of the clerks, draughtsmen and messengers in the "outside" service of the department at Ottawa who received increases in salary after June 1, 1908, and prior to their transfer to the inside service on September 1st. The full list will have been seen by our readers in the Hansard of the current date. The following brief analysis, however, showing the nature of the increases in question will be of interest:

In all, some 285 clerks received increases in this connection. Of these 80 received an increase of \$50, and 74 an increase of \$100. Twenty-nine obtained a raise of \$200, seventeen a raise of \$250, fifteen a raise of \$300, and thirteen a raise of \$80. Next in order, eleven were increased

by \$350, six by \$400, five by \$180, three by \$130, two by \$550, two by \$470, two by \$170, and two by \$30. Individuals were granted increases amounting to \$520, \$500, \$450, \$270, \$220, \$70 and \$10.

It will be seen that the highest individual increase granted was \$550 and the lowest \$10. The aggregate amount of the increase was about \$41,810. The average increase to individuals was, therefore, in the neighborhood of \$180.

Thus, in truly characteristic fashion, "dying game" as the saying is, doth that old anomaly, the "outside," which is not outside, and never was outside, and never was intended to be outside—sore puzzle for many a year to those not up in the jargon of the Canadian civil service,—pass to its last *account*, in the place wherein of all others it flourished as the green bay tree. Nevermore shall it spread its pleasing net in the sight of the birds eager to be caught. Nevermore shall it double and elude, boosting and overpassing, and no questions asked. *Abiit, excessit, evasit, erupit.* Has the reader ever noticed at St. Anne's, where our Ottawa joins the St. Lawrence, what a turbid streak it makes—good sound water of the forest though it be? But a few miles down it is the blue St. Lawrence again! So be it with the civil service, "outside" and inside, at last, *coûte que coûte*, one and indistinguishable!

THE REORGANIZATION.

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