

CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT—*Con.*

*Doherty, C. J.* (Montreal, Ste. Anne)—6952.

Perceives this resolution allows collectors of customs to get \$4,500, 6952. The increase does not adequately meet what justice requires in particular instances, 6953.

*Fisher, Hon. Sydney* (Minister of Agriculture)—6949.

Resolution refers only to the employment of extra clerks required for the census, 6949. Mr. Blue had absolute power and control over the whole census, 6950. A provision that certain temporary clerks be brought into subdivision 'B' of the second division, 6951. A few who may be employed as superior clerks, 6952. The Act of which this is an amendment fixes the salaries outside of Ottawa, 6953. In other departments of the outside service ministers are at liberty to increase the salaries as they see fit, 6955. Moves the first reading of the Bill, 6962.

*Gervais, Honoré* (Montreal, St. James)—6949.

There will be no joint commissioner with Mr. Blue, 6949. Understood Mr. Cote had equal power with Mr. Blue, 6950.

*Haggart, Hon. J. G.* (South Lanark)—6951.

You could employ the whole of these clerks you take in at \$800, 6951.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Postmaster General)—6955.

Intends by this to give increases to four categories of the outside service, 6955. Reads the scale giving the maximum, 6956. Believes the increases proposed this year meet with the approval of the country, 6957. The railway mail clerk works only on some days of the week, and has days off, 6958. His maximum is now \$1,200, besides his mileage, 6959. Take the best young men we can secure for the service, 6960. Nothing of the privileges of members has been barred by any order in council, 6961. The clerks in the different branches can pass from one class to another, 6962.

*Paterson, Hon. Wm.* (Minister of Customs)—6953.

Wanted to increase the salary of Montreal collector, and possibly the Toronto, 6953. Cannot change the amount in this resolution, better let it go, 6954.

*Russell Joseph* (Toronto East)—6958.

Asks what increase the mail clerks received in 1903, 6958. Asks if stampers and sorters have to pass the examination, 6961-2.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—6950.

They are to be employed as ordinary temporary clerks commencing at \$500, 6950. They start at \$800 and go up to \$1,600, 6951. Yes, but they are employed as temporary clerks, 6952. The objection is this resolution only deals with a fraction of the service, 6954. Expected it would have included the whole service,

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6955. The middle classes he has not dealt with at all, 6957. They are subject to dangers, privations, hardships, and extra expense, 6958.

## CLAIMS AGAINST GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

House in Committee on Bill 151. Hon. G. P. Graham, 6600.

*Graham, Hon. G. P.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—6600.

Certainly intends to make it a part of his Bill, 6600. Intends to ask that that Bill and another or two be included as amendments to his Bill, 6601.

*Lancaster, E. A.* (Lincoln and Niagara)—6601.

Does not understand how a counter claim could be very well raised by the Crown, 6601.

*Meighen, Arthur* (Portage la Prairie)—6600.

Asks what are the prospects of Bill 55 which he introduced, 6600.

## CLASSIFICATION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

Inquiry—Mr. J. A. Currie, 7071.

*Currie, J. A.* (North Simcoe)—7071.

Asks if the report on the new classification will be discussed, 7071.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—7071.

Will have to inquire, 7071.

## CLEAN CURRENCY.

Remarks—Mr. E. N. Lewis, 7188.

*Lewis, E. N.* (West Huron)—7188.

Reads an article in the *Free Press* on the use of dirty dollar bills, 7188-9-90.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—7190.

Sorry the Minister of Finance is not here, 7190.

## COAL SUPPLY FOR NOVA SCOTIA LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS.

Request for information—Mr. R. L. Borden, 8585.

*Borden, R. L.* (Halifax)—8585.

Reads a letter and asks for information on the subject, 8585.

*Templeman, Hon. Wm.* (Minister of Inland Revenue)—8585.

Will have an answer to-morrow morning, 8585.

## COMBINATIONS IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE.

Inquiry by Mr. Sproule, 1363.