

## HEAVIEST CUT COMMON LABOR

Railway Headquarters Completing Re-classification of Wages

**CLERICAL STAFFS**  
More Complication Revision Here Than in Case of Trades

Office staffs in railway headquarters are busy this week completing the reclassification of wage schedules which will be presented to Canadian Railway employees, probably this week, for acceptance as of July first.

Maintenance of way and shop crafts will probably not receive their definite schedules until next week as the matter of the wages is still under advisement by the Railway Labor Board and no decision is expected for a few days. When it does come it will have to be made to conform with Canadian schedules before the unions receive their advice. They have already been notified, however, that the revision is pending and is expected to become operative at the same time as other reductions.

Canadian schedules vary very slightly from those effective in the United States and so far as the running trades are concerned there is slight difficulty in working out the reductions which are proposed.

The clerical staffs present a more complex problem. The advances granted last July and which are now to be cut by approximately 46 per cent. were not distributed on a percentage basis. Owing to the lack of uniformity in clerical labor a lump sum equal to 20 per cent. of the total payroll was handed over to department heads and apportioned as was considered most equitable. In the downward revision a similar

policy has to be kept in mind and the procedure is necessarily much slower than in the case of trades where the reduction is on a straight percentage basis.

**Common Labor**  
Common labor will receive the heaviest cut from a relative standpoint. The entire increase of 8.1-2 cents per hour which was granted last year is scheduled to be wiped out. Freight truckers average pay will range under the new schedule about \$97 per month and track laborers at approximately \$77. Sectionmen are expected to receive about \$3 per day under the revision. With regard to the running trades it is declared the new schedules will provide an adequate livelihood. The last averages taken off in eastern

Canada show the following results, the figures having been obtained by taking ten men from each branch of labor at random from various roads.

Ten passenger engineers averaged \$311 per month; ten freight engineers averaged \$288 per month; ten passenger firemen averaged \$223; ten freight firemen averaged \$206; ten passenger conductors averaged \$276; ten freight conductors averaged

\$268; passenger trainmen averaged \$205 and ten freight trainmen (brakemen) averaged \$190. These averages were struck before last year's twenty per cent. increase was granted, the new reduction will still leave the schedule eight per cent. higher than they were when these wages were earned.

**Clerical Staff.**  
Some important revision is likely

in the wages paid to clerical help joining railway staffs. The existing schedule is upwards of \$100 per month and is likely to be revised to \$70 per month for the first six months and \$80 for the second six months. Employees in this class are usually youths and young women under twenty years of age.

Comment in labor circles here almost uniformly recognizes the reduction as essential to the necessary stimulation of both commerce and industry. While there is some disposition to endeavor to have the cur made lighter than that effective in the United States and also to have its imposition delayed, the general opinion is that it will be accepted with good grace in the belief that a return of good times will speed the return to higher wages.

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