

HEADS OF POSTAL FEDERATION FEAR RESULTS OF CUT

Proposed Reduction Comes As
Surprise To Officials in
Session.

SINGLE MEN TO LOSE

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Ottawa, March 19.—The reduction in bonuses in the civil service came as a bombshell today to members of the Canadian Postal Federation in conference here, and officers of the federation fear for the results. Members of the federation are even now taking a strike vote, and the action of the government is expected to greatly influence the members to take drastic action.

Demands made at the conference were for immediate salary revision without bonus, or with adequate bonus until salaries have been revised. The government announcement of a general salary revision is considered inadequate for immediate needs, and officers of the federation will endeavor within the next few days to ascertain when such revisions will be made.

CUTS ARE ANNOUNCED.

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Ottawa, March 19.—On the tabling of the estimates in the House of Commons this afternoon Premier King said that the government, in view of the retrenchment under way, did not feel justified in continuing the bonus to members of the civil service who are unmarried and have no one dependent upon them. On the other hand it was represented to the government that to withhold the bonus from members of the service with dependents would work a hardship. It had, therefore, been decided that the bonus would be discontinued in the case of civil servants who were unmarried or had no dependents. In the case of those with dependents, employees receiving \$1,200 or under, would be paid

the bonus at the same rate as last year. Those in receipt of more than \$1,200 and up to \$1,500 would be paid two-thirds of last year's bonus, and from \$1,500 to \$1,800 the bonus would be one-third of last year. Higher paid civil servants would receive no bonus.

Mr. King drew the attention of the House to the fact that the item in the estimates covering the bonus was for \$3,800,000 or \$1,700,000 less than the amount voted last year. He announced that a complete revision of the salaries of civil servants would be undertaken and with this in view the civil service commission was being asked to make a report on the whole question of salaries. Members of the service were being given an opportunity to express their views in regard to their salaries.

The prime minister expressed the view that since the granting of the bonus in the first place, there had been many cases of salary increases. He announced that the government had intended to bring in a new superannuation bill this session.

Hon. Mr. Meighen asked whether the newly constituted board of audit passed last session or whether they had been extended. Premier King replied that he thought the act of last session gave the government power to extend the powers of the board by order-in-council.

QUESTION OF PENSIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Superannuation and Retirement
of C. N. R. Employees Now
Being Considered.

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Ottawa, March 19.—Old age pensions will be the subject of an investigation by special committee of parliament this session, it was stated today in answer to a question.

The question of superannuation and retirement of employees of Canadian National Railways is at present under consideration by the railway management. When the matter is settled between representatives of the employees and the board of directors, the government will provide requisite legislation.

INCREASE ASKED INSTEAD OF CUT

Civil Service Employees Send
Telegram Regarding
Bonus Plans.

Special to The Advertiser.

Guelph, March 19.—Local members of the civil service wired Premier King today protesting against the cutting off of bonuses of government employees. They pointed out that an upward revision in salaries for civil servants was imperative immediately and that any deviation from these requests would create a serious situation.

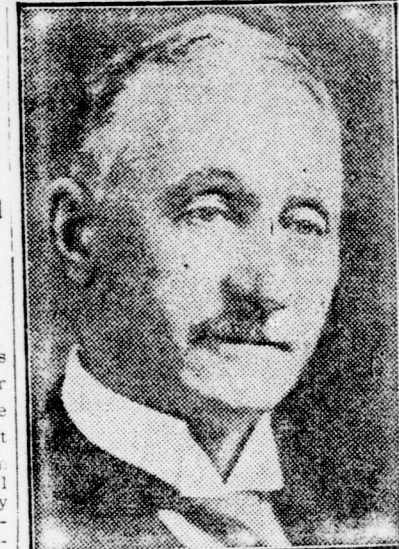
PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR COUNTY OF ESSEX

Plan To Tell the World All
the Advantages of the
Peninsula.

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Windsor, March 19.—Representative citizens from all sections of the county tonight formed an organization to advertise to the world the advantages of Essex county as an agricultural centre. It is proposed to launch a huge advertising campaign, not only in Canada, but in the United States and Europe, telling of the natural advantages to be found in the Western Ontario peninsula.

R. A. Holland of Walkerville acted as chairman, and Dr. J. W. Brien of Essex, ex-M.P., was toastmaster at the banquet held in the Prince Edward Hotel preceding the business meeting. Among those in attendance were Edward Mullins, president of the Corn Growers Association; Angus McKinney, Ruthven, J. O. Duke, Ruthven; Mayor Edward Odette, Tilbury; Justus Miller, Essex; W. W. Woollett, warden of Essex county; and J. Coghill, of Kingsville.



HON. J. A. ROBB.

Acting minister of finance, who yesterday tabled the estimates for 1924 in the House of Commons. He announces a reduction in proposed expenditures of \$15,000,000.

president of the Co-operative Tobacco Growers' Association.

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Galt, March 19.—Wilbur Sweet, Pleasant Grove, president of the World's Fair, Rockton, and one of the most widely-known farmers in Beverly Township, was found dead in bed this morning. He had been in rather poor health for some time. He was 75 years of age, and had lived at Pleasant Grove for 42 years. He had been identified with the Rockton Fair as a director since 1898. One son, Frank, survives.

NINE RESIDENTS OF FOREST WILL APPEAR IN TRIAL

Ex-Officials, Officials and Of-
ficials-Elect Receive
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TOWN A DEFENDANT

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Forest, March 19.—Nine officials and ex-officials of the town were subpoenaed this afternoon by Provincial Officer Scott of Sarnia to appear in court, which will be held here Friday at 2:30 p.m., with County Magistrate C. S. Woodrow presiding, when Crown Attorney Wilson will present the case of the provincial authorities against the town for non-compliance with an order of the provincial board of health to install a waterworks system.

A subpoena was also served on the municipality represented by Town Clerk W. J. English.

The following were subpoenaed: Mayor-elect J. W. Bell, ex-Mayor William Scott, Councillors-elect R. G. B. McGill, A. Marshall and G. Hamilton, Councillors J. J. Maylor and ex-Councillors G. Van Valkenburg, G. McFarlane and J. J. Prout.

Reeve Hair, Councillors Cope and Duncan, who voted to carry out the board's orders, were not subpoenaed.

The town interests will be represented by John Cowan, K.C., of Sarnia, and special counsel will defend the resigned officials.

The newly-elected officials have not taken declarations of office, having 20 days in which to do so, and have had no official part, so far, in refusing to carry out the order.

Resigned members state that both Dr. Forbes Godfrey and the best legal talent told them that they could either carry out the order or resign.

Great interest is shown here, and the town hall will be overcrowded Friday.

If the crown gets a decision in the case there will be a fine of \$100 a day against the town, dating from March 5.

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