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ONE of the leading dailies has recently referred to the subject of the smallness of the salaries of the Ontario judges. It stated, and that truly, that considering the nature and amount of the work which they perform, the occupants of the Bench in Ontario are more inadequately paid than any other class of public officials. A comparison of the amounts paid to the Canadian judges with the sums paid to the judiciary in other possessions of the Crown will show that the Ottawa Government has not been extravagant in that direction, wherever else it may have erred.

We extract our figures from "Whitaker's Almanac" for this present year of grace, remarking, by the way, that as that authority and mine of interesting statistics and information is correct as to Ontario, we will assume it is right with regard to the other countries. We give only the salaries of the Chief Justices and the Puisnes.

	Chief Justice.	Puisne.
England .....	£8,000	£5,000
Scotland .....	4,800	3,000
Ireland.....	5,000	4,000
N. W. Provinces India, per month.....	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 3,750
Bombay, per month .....	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 3,750
Ceylon .....	£2,250	£1,800
Straits Settlement.....	\$12,000	\$8,400
Hong-Kong.....	£2,500	£1,700
New South Wales.....	3,500	2,600
Victoria .....	3,500	3,000
South Australia.....	2,000	1,700
Queensland.....	2,500	2,000
West Australia .....	1,000	700
New Zealand .....	1,700	1,500
Tasmania .....	1,500	1,200
Fiji Islands.....	1,500	750
Cape Colony .....	2,000	1,750
Natal .....	1,500	1,000
Sierra Leone .....	1,500	....
Gold Coast .....	1,500	1,000
Mauritius .....	1,750	1,200
Malta.....	1,000	....
Gibraltar .....	1,250	....
Jamaica .....	2,500	....
Trinidad .....	1,800	1,200
Newward Islands.....	1,500	1,200
Barbadoes.....	1,500	....
British Guiana.....	2,500	1,500
Canada Supreme Court .....	1,649	1,440
Ontario .....	1,400	1,200

Quebec.....	1,200	1,000
Nova Scotia.....	1,000	800
New Brunswick.....	1,250	....
Manitoba.....	1,000	800
British Columbia .....	1,160	960
Prince Edward Island .....	822	657
Newfoundland.....	1,041	833

Hong-Kong is about eleven miles long, with an average width of 3 or 4 miles, and contains 10,000 people. West Australia contains only 35,000 persons.

Our American cousins share, to some extent, with us the notion that a superior article of judges can be obtained for a small price. But with them oftentimes the Bench is but a stepping-place to something higher and better, and only intended as a temporary rest.

In Oregon the Chief Justices get \$2,000; the Associate the same. Delaware, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Vermont and West Virginia give between \$2,000 and \$3,000; Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas and Maine give \$3,000; Virginia, \$3,200; Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas, \$3,500; Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, \$4,000; Minnesota, \$4,500; Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Wisconsin, \$5,000; Missouri and Rhode Island, \$5,500; California and Nevada, \$6,000; Massachusetts, \$6,500; New York, \$7,500; while New Jersey and Pennsylvania reach \$8,500. The Associate Justices either get the same, or within a couple of hundred dollars. The New York City judges get \$15,000 a year. The Bar Associations in the United States are agitating for an increase to these salaries, contending that those now paid do not decently meet the cost of living in large cities for men in high public positions. We may return to this subject again.