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Outside Customs' Salaries.

The salaries of the officers of the Outside Division of the Customs Department came in for revision at the hands of the Honourable Dr. Reid and the Honourable Minister is to be sincerely congratulated for thus early in his administration giving his attention to so vital a matter. While the Customs officers must feel grateful that the fact of insufficient salaries received consideration from their minister, it is also true that many a customs servant of the Crown, in making up his domestic profit and loss account, has come to the conclusion that the increase granted has not been sufficient to keep up with

the increase in the cost of living.

No record was kept in Canada as to the increase in living expenses from Confederation to 1890. The Labour Department, however, announces that the cost of the articles actually necessary to the preservation of life has increased about 60% from the year 1900 to present time. On this basis the increases granted to the Outside Customs are wofully inadequate. A table has been prepared showing the old and the new schedule of salaries, the actual increase, and the increase necessary to keep up with the excessive upward tendency of food, clothing, etc.:—

OFFICER.	Salary to 1911.	New Salary made 1911	Increase made	Increase to meet 60% advance in cost of living should be
Collectors	\$300 to 4,000	\$300 to 4,500	\$500	\$2,400
Chief Inspector .....	.....	3,200 to 4,000	.....	.....
Inspectors of Ports	1,600 to 2,500	2,000 to 3,000	500	1,500
Assistant Inspectors .....	.....	1,600 to 2,000	.....	.....
Chief Clerks	1,200 to 2,000	1,200 to 2,200	200	1,200
Senior Chief Clerks .....	.....	2,200 to 2,800	.....	.....
Surveyors	1,200 to 2,400	1,200 to 2,800	400	1,440
Assistant Surveyors (comprising tide Surveyors, Chief Landing waiters, and Chief Lockers	800 to 1,200	1,200 to 1,500	300	720
TECHNICAL OFFICERS.				
Dom. Appraisers .....	.....	2,200 to 2,600	.....	.....
Appraisers	800 to 2,000	1,200 to 2,200	200	1,200
Assistant Appraisers	600 to 1,500	900 to 1,600	100	900
Gaugers	600 to 1,200	900 to 1,600	400	720
OTHER CLASSES.				
Senior Clerks .....	.....	1,200 to 1,600	.....	.....
Clerks & Landing Waiters	400 to 1,200	400 to 1,200	Nil	720
Examining Officers, Prev. Officers and Lockers	400 to 1,000	400 to 1,000	Nil	600
Packers and Messengers	300 to 600	400 to 800	200	360