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Increased Civil List Provides Generously for Royal Family



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—PRINCE HENRY, 10; PRINCE OF WALES, 16; PRINCE JOHN, 5; PRINCE ALBERT, 14; PRINCESS MAY, 13; PRINCE GEORGE, 7.

London, July 20.—The Civil List charge for the present reign, as recommended in the report of the select committee of the House of Commons, is £634,000, as against £621,000 for the late reign. The apparent net increase is not consequent on recommendations made by the committee, but arises out of the arrangements made by Parliament on the accession of King Edward. In fact, the committee have adopted the list as it stood, but while on the one hand there is a decrease of £50,000 owing to the deaths of certain members of the royal family, and of £7,000 owing to a decrease in provisions for pensions, there is, on the other hand, an increase of £70,000 owing to the provision made in 1901 for Queen Alexandra, to take effect on the death of King Edward. To the new list must be added, however, contingent charges on account of the Princess of Wales, should his Royal Highness marry, and on account of the younger children of his present Majesty. The comparison between the charge for the late reign and that for the present reign is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1901, 1910. Rows include Civil list, Pensions transferred to Consolidated Fund, Provision for other members of the Royal Family, Queen Alexandra, Prince of Wales, Princess of Wales, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, Duke of Connaught, Duchess of Edinburgh, Duchess of Albany, Princess Henry of Battenberg, The Duke of Cambridge, The Grand Duchess of Strelitz, His late Majesty's Daughters.

The committee consisted of the following members: The Prime Minister, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. Cave, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Edwin Cornwall, Sir Henry Dalziel, Mr. Dickinson, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Akers Douglas, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Hayes Fisher, Sir David Brynmor Jones, Mr. Lansdale, Mr. Eitel-Maitland, Mr. Midway, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. Stuart Wortley.

In addition to the chairman's draft report, a draft report was submitted by Mr. Barnes and reflected, only Mr. Balfour voting for it. The report, as agreed to by the committee, is as follows:— The Civil List of his late Majesty as fixed by the act of I. Edw. VII, cap. 4 (July 2, 1901) was as follows: Class I, Their Majesties' Privy Purse, £110,000; Class II, salaries of His Majesty's household and retinue, £125,800; Class III, expenses of His Majesty's household, £193,000; Class IV, works, £20,000; Class V, royal bounty, alms and special services, £13,200; Class VI, unappropriated, £8,000.

Total, £470,000. The provision for other members of the Royal Family at the death of his late Majesty was as follows: His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, £20,000.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, £10,000; His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, £25,000; Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, £6,000; Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, £6,000; Her Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, £6,000; Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, £6,000; Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, £3,000; His Majesty's daughters, £18,000. Total, £106,000. The total provision thus made for the Royal Family at the death of his late Majesty was, therefore, £576,000. By section 2 of the act above cited, the provision for the civil list continues in force for six months after the demise of the Crown; but it has been usual to make the civil list of a new reign date back to the commencement of the reign.

Your committee find that the total amount of the civil list, and its distribution among the prescribed classes which arises from the present arrangements, after further inquiry, they see no reason for recommending any alteration. They are satisfied that the provision then made was adequate, but not more than adequate for the proper maintenance of the dignity of the Crown.

The attention of the committee was, however, called by the first commissioner of works, to the inconvenience which arises from the present arrangement for the execution of alterations and repairs in the palaces in the personal occupation of His Majesty. Royal Palaces. Under the settlement made at the beginning of the late reign a sum of £20,000 per annum was provided in Class IV, of the civil list for internal works of alteration, repair and decoration in those palaces. The cost of external alterations and repairs has fallen upon the vote for royal palaces in Class I, of the civil service estimates, the details being set forth in the estimate in the usual manner. The first commissioner explained to the committee the difficulty of forecasting many months in advance the details of the expenditure which might be required during the course of the financial year, and the further difficulty which arises from the separation of the provision for the cost of external and internal works, as it frequently happens that a particular work or series of works falls partly under one head and partly under another. The first commissioner anticipates that the average annual expenditure during the present reign on works such as have hitherto been provided for in Class I, of the civil service estimates will amount to about £27,000, and the committee, with the view of avoiding the inconveniences above referred to, recommend that the expenditure should cease to be shown in detail, but that a fixed sum of £27,000 per annum should be placed upon the estimates under the head of palaces in the personal occupation of the sovereign, including Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Frogmore and Marlborough House. The expenditure of this sum would be audited in the usual manner by the Comptroller and Auditor General, but any unexpended balances would be carried forward from year to year in a special account to be created for the purpose instead of being surrendered, and savings on Class IV, of the civil list might be treated in a similar manner. The committee also recommend that the house should be asked to vote a special grant of £55,000 in the current year in order to place the palace in a condition fit for the occupation of their majesties and Queen Alexandra.

The annuities of £20,000 and £10,000 payable under the Civil List Act of 1901 to His Majesty the King, as Prince of Wales and to Her Majesty the Queen as Princess of Wales will cease on the commencement of the present reign. Her Majesty Queen Alexandra became entitled, as from the same date, to the annuity of £70,000 provided under section 5 of the act, and it is proposed that similar provision should be made for Her Majesty Queen Mary, in the event of her surviving His Majesty the King. From the commencement of the present reign His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales became entitled to the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, and it is not considered necessary that any further provision should be made for His Royal Highness; but your committee recommend that, in the event of his marrying, an allowance of £10,000 per annum should be assigned to the Princess of Wales, to be increased to £30,000 should she survive His Royal Highness.

The Royal Children. His Majesty's gracious message further expressed a desire that competent provision might be made for His Majesty's younger children in the event of their respectively attaining their majority or marrying. During the greater part of the reign of her late Majesty Queen Victoria it was the practice to make provision for the younger children of the sovereign as occasion arose. But in the Prince of Wales (Children Act, 1889, (52 and 53 Vic, cap. 35) it was recognized that it was desirable to prevent the necessity for repeated applications to parliament on behalf of the royal family, and to establish the principle that the provision for children should hereafter be made out of grants adequate for that purpose which had been assigned to their parents. Your committee concur in this view, and, therefore, recommend that provision should be made in the Civil List Act of the present reign for granting an annuity of £10,000 per annum to each of His Majesty's sons on attaining his majority, with a further annuity of £15,000 per annum on his marrying; and an annuity of £6,000 per annum to each daughter on attaining her majority or marrying. These grants should be subject to the understanding that parliament will not be asked to make provision for the children of the younger members of the royal family.

Pensions Stopped. In accordance with precedent your committee recommend that the Civil List should be relieved of the pensions granted during the last reign to members of the household of His Majesty, together with those to be granted to members of his late Majesty's household whose services are no longer required. It will also be proper to make a contingent provision for such portion of the household pensions to be hereafter granted as represents service under his late Majesty or Queen Victoria. The pensions granted by his late Majesty amount to about £3,000 per annum, and your committee are of opinion that a maximum provision of £18,000 per annum to be charged on the consolidated fund will be sufficient to cover in respect of service before the commencement of the present reign. A final paragraph gives the comparative table which has already been quoted.

Appendices to the report give various detailed figures, such as those of expenditure under the separate classes of the Civil List. Thus under the head of the Department of the Master of the Horse, the following interesting fluctuations appear under the heads of "Horses" and "Carriages and Motor Cars":— 1904, 1905, 1908, 1909. Horses £4,865 £3,282 £3,502 £2,923 Carriages and motor cars £4,862 £4,825 £4,946 £3,126. It appears that the figures of the horse, forests and land revenue for 1909 are as follows: Gross income, £642,268; net contribution to revenue, £508,869. The payment made to the Duke of Lancaster and Cornwall was £64,000, and to the Prince of Wales £87,000.

Fifty Educational Leaders Are Taking Military Course at Fredericton—Work 5 Hours a Day and Get \$14 a Week. Fredericton, July 20.—There are inspectors of schools, normal school teachers, grammar and superior school principals—50 in all—taking the military school drill in the barracks here. They are divided into four divisions or sections. Each section has an instructor in military drill, though there is only one instructor in physical drill, who goes from one section to the other. Each has to furnish his own uniform. It is to be a six weeks' course, and a certificate at the finish will be a qualification to teach physical as well as military drill in their several day to school, from 9 to 12 in the fore-

CABINET HAS POLICY

Joseph Martin at Toronto Discusses British Political Situation—Little Hope of Liberals Accomplishing Anything.

Toronto, July 20.—Joseph Martin, who represents Esquimaux in the British House of Commons, arrived in Toronto Monday from New York and registered at the King Edward. Mr. Martin, who is accompanied by his wife, left England last week on the Lusitania, and after spending the day in Toronto, left again for Vancouver.

In discussing, at some length, the present outlook in British politics, Mr. Martin frankly admitted that he was disappointed with the Liberal policy. The present government, he said, was showing a regrettable lack of decision in conducting its campaign against the House of Lords. It had gone to the people with the cry of "abolition of the Lords' veto," but now the entire situation was tied up by equivocation on this question. Lloyd-George Not Radical. He expressed the opinion that had been expressed by his constituents by his absence in the ministerial ranks and even Mr. Lloyd-George, who prior to the election was hailed by the extremists as a twentieth-century St. George, bent on exterminating the aristocratic dragon, was displaying the same apathy towards this matter as his confederates in the cabinet.

"Was it not an inconsistent action for Premier Asquith to advocate the creation of a number of Liberal peers?" he was asked. "That just proves my assertion," Mr. Martin replied. "In one breath, the Liberal party denounces the cabinet as an extravagance, and in the next says it will add to their number. The real Radical element is disgusted with the turn of affairs. The government has no policy. There is no telling what it will do next. The cabinet is made up of men holding divergent views, and for that reason it is hard to obtain concerted action. In the first place the cabinet lacks a leader. Mr. Asquith has not the necessary qualifications, and at present there is no one else in sight to take his place."

Canadians Don't Understand. "Questioned regarding the budget, Mr. Martin replied that he thought the terms of taxation were not understood by Canadians, otherwise they would be unanimous in expressing approval of it. "People in this country," he continued, "would laugh at the way they tax land over there. The budget seeks to place a tax of one-fifth of one per cent, on all land, and there is also provision made for an increment tax which the government collects if the land increases in value. Then again, in Canada, if taxes are not paid, the municipality can sell the land and collect arrears, but in Britain the government has no such remedy, and consequently thousands of pounds are lost annually. As for the much quoted statement that if the budget passes, the capitalists will invest his money elsewhere, if he should choose to come to Canada or the United States and put his cash into real estate, he will find that his land taxes will amount to about eight times as much as they do in Great Britain."

After remarking that a conference was now taking place in London between Liberal and Conservative representatives regarding a compromise on the House of Lords question, Mr. Martin stated that both parties held the hope that in five years time the question would be in a very different position. In his opinion the Conservative party, like the Liberal, was in need of a confident, bold, and clever politician was a poor leader. "Despite the wall of the tariff reformers that England is losing her trade," said Mr. Martin in conclusion, "the present outlook is most hopeful. Mr. Martin will return to England in October."

KAISER TRIES HIS HAND AT POETRY

German Ruler Sends Effusion to Twenty Girl Students Who Were Treated to Chocolate on Yacht. Berlin, July 20.—Twenty German girls, who are studying physical culture at Loftus, near Odde, sent a telegram to Emperor William last week, asking that they be permitted to visit his majesty and bring an offering of fruit and flowers while the imperial yacht Hohenzollern was in the vicinity of Odde. The emperor replied, inviting the girls to tea. The young women accepted, taking with them a quantity of chocolate to make doubly sure their welcome.

After the yacht had sailed the emperor telegraphed to the girls a quatrain, which, translated into English, runs as follows: You, who with us your chocolate drank Fair maidens, one and all we thank; And wish your lives as sweet may seem. As sugared chocolate crowned with cream. The verses were signed "William II. and travelling companions."

noon, and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, but after each 45 minutes' work there is an interval of rest, or "stand easy" periods. Lectures are given and notes taken from which examinations are given later on. So far the first period has been physical drill, alternate mornings with squad drill each day. Lectures have taken up the third period. They are each given \$14 a week, to be paid what is due the last of July and the balance at the finish of the course. If any are sick the military doctors attend them and their pay goes on the same.

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