

Re-classification of Civil Service; Bill Is Tabled in Commons

Ottawa, June 17.—Classification of the 60,000 positions in the civil service of Canada, establishing new minimum and maximum rates of pay for each class, is provided for by a bill of the civil service laid on the table of the commons this morning by Hon. A. R. MacLean.

This work is the largest undertaking of its kind ever completed by any body either public or private. It embraces practically all the 60,000 positions in the dominion service from Halifax to Vancouver, and scattered through many kinds of employments are described and standardized.

The employment standardized conditions and are not confined to clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers and cashiers. A hasty glance through the classification brings to light special titles as gardeners, chaplain, chief clerk, janitor, cook, junior hydroelectric engineer, patrol sergeant, elementary teacher, astronomer, grain weighmaster, immigration inspector, customs examiner, inspector of electricity and gas, etc.

While the compensation ranges are considered reasonable the rates are not based on the present high cost of living. It is expected that a liberal additional bonus would be paid to help employes to meet the present abnormal living costs and that a study to determine the amount of this bonus is now nearing completion. The report of the experts engaged in the statistical work is expected to be ready by the end of June.

The effect of the classification on thousands of workers is indicated by such changes as these: The compensation provided for letter carriers is \$240 to \$320 a year with an allowance of uniforms, boots and street car fares, which is estimated to be equivalent to about \$100 a year additional. This range is markedly higher than the old range of \$200 to \$280, with the same allowance. Railway mail clerks begin at \$340 and go to a maximum of \$1,680 as compared with existing rates of \$300 to \$1,400. The mileage rate is also changed so that the mileage allowance is a cent a mile for day as well as for night service; this provision will enable the older men in the service to take the more desirable runs without loss of mileage.

Some Reductions. Customs examiners are given a range of from \$600 to \$1,200 as against the existing scale of \$500 to \$1,100. On the other hand the new schedules provide less than the present schedule in some positions whose importance has hitherto been exaggerated. The salaries of the present incumbent will not be disturbed, however.

There are many kinds of clerical classes. Junior clerks begin at \$600 to \$800, clerks of the next rank start at \$800 and go to \$1,200. Senior clerks, whose duties are specialized and who are supervisors, begin at \$1,200 and go to \$1,600. After those come principal clerks, head clerks and chief clerks, with a maximum of \$2,400, \$3,000 and \$3,600 respectively.

Deputy ministers are also included, there being one schedule with a range of from \$4,200 to \$8,000, the rates for the respective positions to be determined by the government-council after an appraisal of the importance and difficulty of the work.

Speeding Work on ROTHESAY ROAD

Provincial Engineer Makes Inspection and is Well Pleased—Why it Has Been Necessary to Close Highway Part of Time

The provincial road engineer, B. M. Hill, was in the city yesterday inspecting the work done upon the road to ROTHESAY and also giving attention to other sections of the highway which it is proposed to repair in a permanent way.

He expressed himself much pleased with the progress that is being made on the road beyond Torriburn. From the reports which have been sent in to the department and representations from prominent men and business associations, an idea had prevailed that the utmost efforts were not being made in the construction of the highway.

When taking up the proposed work, the Barrett Construction Company assured the Department of Public Works that with average weather conditions they could complete the work within two months. If they continue their present progress, the work will be completed in less than that time.

There is an average of about sixty-five men employed every day, not counting the teamsters for about fifteen teams. There are two rock crushers at the site, a steam roller and a grader, besides other road-making equipment necessary for tar-macadam. The crushers are working at full capacity and 110 loads of one and a quarter cubic yards each are being laid every day upon the road.

New Brunswick is ahead of every other community in the maritime provinces with respect to this permanent road work. In Nova Scotia the contract for the road near Halifax was let only yesterday, and in Bridgewater and Kentville none of the road work has been completed as yet.

The Department of Public Works is giving every consideration to the convenience of the public in constructing the road between St. John and Rothesay. Unlike other road departments in the New England States and in Canada, the road is closed only from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the afternoon, and there is a splendid detour route to use, which is not more than ten minutes longer at the outside. The contractors report that the stone which is laid ready for crushing next morning is torn up by constant traffic after five o'clock and during the night requires the labor of fifteen or twenty men to level again so as to be ready for the crusher or the tar tanks.

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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

ALL NEW TONIGHT AT THE OPERA HOUSE

All new vaudeville programs at the Opera House tonight, the new bill offering RUTHA'S SONG, a musical comedy, introducing Rosetta Burrows, the biggest little star in vaudeville; Meredith and Spooner in a comedy skit with the famous intellectual plot of the Standard Comedy Three in a laughable variety novelty; Dave Manley, monologist, in little talk on timely topics; Geo. and Ned, the Fosters, in songs, dances and comedy; and the serial drama, "The Man of the Night." This evening at 7:30 and 9:15 tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Usual popular prices.

NORMA TALMADGE IMPERIAL TONIGHT

In George Scarborough's charming Indian romance "The Heart of Wotona"—a pretty fiction and a pretty picture. Tom Higgins is the lover and Gladys James is the other lover. Made a big hit yesterday. May show it again tomorrow.

SEQUEL TO "TARZAN" COMING TO IMPERIAL THURSDAY

"Tarzan of the Apes" made a tremendous impression as a new kind of picture at the Imperial a few months ago as it did everywhere. Now comes the sequel, "The Return of Tarzan"—the visit of the semi-wild man to England where he claimed his estate. What he did to those town chaps who tried to delude him can't be described; it got to be seen.

WON MILITARY MEDAL AND HIS COMMISSION "OVER THERE"

Last of Three Sons of Dr. L. M. Bourque of Moncton Home From War — Is Visiting Aunt Here

Lieut. E. G. Bourque, the last of three soldier sons of Dr. L. M. Bourque, Moncton, to return to Canada, arrived in the city this morning, having come from England on the Royal George. Lieut. Bourque went overseas early in 1915 in the ranks of the 1st Siege Battery from Moncton and in recognition of his valiant service and gallantry was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action and was later gazetted to the rank of lieutenant.

Although Lieut. Bourque carries on his left arm two gold wound stripes, he is in good shape after his lengthy campaign on the other side. His brothers, Albert and Eugene, have already returned to civilian life. Lieut. Bourque is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Louis Comeau, Elliott road.

OVER THERE MORE THAN 4 YEARS

Among the returned men who arrived in the city yesterday was Regimental Sergeant-Major Fred O'Brien of the C. I. M. C., who has been overseas for four years and nine months. He left here in October, 1914, with the First Field Ambulance under Major Dural and has seen continual service since that time. Although Sgt.-Major O'Brien has had many narrow escapes, he came through without being wounded.

ON THE WAY The S. S. Cobble is expected to arrive in Halifax about the last of the week with two to three thousand men. The Scotian and Scandinavian are due in Quebec during the week each with about 1,200 men. It is not known yet what number will be for this district.

The French government is considering a bill to give it monopoly of importation of gasoline into France.

RECALL OF STRIKE ORDER POSSIBLE

Railway Shoppers May Not Go Out Tomorrow

Montreal, June 17.—The recall of the strike order issued by the Canadian members of the railroad-shoppers of America last night was a possibility today. Secretary Dickie of the union has left Montreal to confer with the executive officers of the United States division at Atlantic City and it is hinted here that he may be urged to call off the strike, due to start at ten tomorrow morning, so that the question of wages and hours, both for United States and Canadian shoppers, could be taken up at the same time at a later date.

The packing house employes of Matthews-Blackwell Company went on strike at noon. The 500 employes of the William Hayes Company and 900 of the Montreal Abattoir Company are still out.

Chicago, June 17.—The strike of commercial telegraphers may be settled tomorrow, according to S. J. Kottenkamp, union president. He said he believed Postmaster-General Dismore's order of Saturday granting the right of collective bargaining to electrical and telephone workers which prevented a strike would apply to the telegraphers and would tend to simplify the situation.

BIG PROFIT IN LAST YEAR TOY OF BEFORE OTTAWA COMMITTEE

Ottawa, July 17.—At the cost of living inquiry today W. E. Paton of the Ottawa Manufacturing Company, Sherbrooke, was questioned by R. A. Pringle. The latter brought out that profits for the year ended Jan. 31, 1919, were 72.9 per cent.

Mr. Paton commented warmly upon the findings of the committee as to the difficulties of transportation, and the war conditions preventing goods coming to the city. For a period of eight years he enabled to put up his prices to the extent that he earned 72 per cent on his capital. The cost of these goods had to be added the wholesalers' and retailers' profits before they reached the consumer.

Mr. Paton contended that the average profit of the firm had only seven per cent. For a period of eight years the stockholders had received no dividends.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simonds and Mr. and Mrs. J. Alvey Tait left at noon today by automobile for Moncton to attend the wedding of Mr. Simonds' niece, Miss Fannie Stewart.

Mrs. J. L. Armstrong of Birmingham, N. Y., arrived in the city to spend the summer months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. McKenna, of 224 Rodney street, West St. John.

LOCAL NEWS

A reception will be tendered returned soldiers and families of Tabernacle church at 7:30 tonight. All come.

Ben Cohen and Wm. Columbus have bought Arthur's Shoe-shine parlor and news-stand at Rock street.

Grand sale of bargain millinery—Mrs. Brown, 17, Brunsell street, opposite Union.

Allenbury's English Baby Food at Watson's, Main street.

Don't neglect your appointment at The Crown Studio. Photos at half price this week.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE—City Hall, Wednesday, evening at nine o'clock, daylight time.

NOTICE Regular meeting of Steam Engineers Wednesday evening. Election of officers and other important business to come before the meeting. 01623-19.

SHEET METAL UNION Full meeting of members—City Hall, Wednesday, evening at nine o'clock, daylight time.

TRAP SHOOTING The regular trap shoot will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, daylight time, unless Wednesday.

Local No. 1544, Shipcarpenters and Caulkers' Union, Regular meeting Tuesday, June 24, at 8 p.m. (old time), Oddfellows' Hall, Union street. Election of officers. All members requested to be present. By order of president. 01623-19.

SUBURBAN DELIVERY The Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd. suburban delivery leaves their stores at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday on Westfield route, going as far as Lingery station, on Wednesday and Friday, Rothesay route as far as Fair Vale. This service is for the delivery of goods purchased at their stores only, and suburban customers are invited to make use of this means of having parcels delivered.

CLOSING AT ROTHESAY COLLEGE Programme of events: Tuesday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., memorial service, preacher, Rev. the Lord Bishop of Fredericton. The church of St. John, 17, Brunsell street, Rothesay. Wednesday, June 18, 2:30 p.m., preliminary athletics. Thursday, June 19, 3 p.m., final athletics. A. P. M., presentation of prizes. Friends of the school are cordially invited to be present and are asked to accept this notice in place of a formal invitation.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: G. A. Harding to R. H. Cochrane, property in Lunenburg. Florence B. and Matthew Dunlap to W. W. Dorman, property in Westfield. R. J. Byles to C. S. Kee, property in Westfield. G. L. Brewster to Katherine K. Morrison, property in Sussex. Maggie A. Baxter et vir to William McElroy, property in Westfield. S. Louis Coleman to N. C. Ryder, property in Sussex. Florence B. and Matthew Dunlap to W. W. Dorman, property in Westfield. R. A. Pendleton, property in Westfield. G. L. Douglas to Neil Spragg property in Springfield. G. L. Gledinning to Hugh McElroy, property in Sussex. P. A. Gallagher to Jane Gallagher, property in Rothesay. John Kelly to M. L. Leighton, property in Westfield. J. Y. Hamilton to O. L. Perkins, property in Sussex. John Keohan to J. J. Keohan, property in Norton. W. N. Farrell to J. S. Prescott, property in Sussex. J. S. McFarlane to Armour N. McFarlane, property in Sussex. Hugh McElroy to William Whelpley, property in Sussex. D. D. McElman to J. S. Nickerson, property in Hampton. Mills-Eveling Company to A. J. Gulon, property in Springfield. J. D. Purdy to Marie H. and R. deB. Marlette, property in Westfield. Ethel M. Perry to R. W. Thorne, 8600 property in Havelock. D. H. Rees to B. W. Bluet, property in Hampton. R. A. Stockton to Livingston Godsoe, property in Quebec. Quebec Railway Company to C. P. R. Company, 8372 property in Westfield. G. L. Slipp to Neil Duncan, property in Sussex. H. A. Thorne to H. M. Perry, property in Havelock. R. D. Wetmore to G. E. Pigwell, property in Kingston.

CONDENSED NEWS

The transportation strike at Buenos Aires was settled today. Newfoundland has been suffering from forest fires. Rain has come. The interior of Keeler's Hotel, one of Albany's landmarks, was destroyed by fire in proportion to the number of affairs open has produced a condition of affairs quite different from that which existed a year ago.

NO WORD OF MISSING MAN

Monde Melanson, who left his home, 171 Charlotte street, early yesterday morning, has not been seen or heard from since and his wife and daughter are nearly distracted with grief and despair. He was last seen about five o'clock and signified his intention of going to church, but remarked that he feared he was late. When he failed to come home for breakfast or dinner his wife became frightened and telephoned for Sergeant Powers. As he never was a drinking man his wife fears that something has happened to him.

Mr. Melanson is a short man, quite stout and fifty-eight years of age. He wore a blue suit, dark grey overcoat and a black felt hat. When he arose yesterday morning he complained of having severe pains in his head and side. Any person who could throw any light on the disappearance of Mr. Melanson would confer a favor by notifying his wife and daughter.

ACCEPT CHALLENGE The Thistles of St. Peter's Y. M. C. Baseball League accept the challenge of the Marceles and will play them on the Queen square diamond Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

KING STREET WORK

The work of renewing water service pipes in the southern side of King street is proceeding steadily and, while causing some inconvenience to traffic, it is heartily welcomed as preliminary to the paving of the street.

Owing to the steep grade and the heavy traffic King street always has presented a difficult paving problem. The first serious attempt to solve it was made in 1913 when the present pavement was laid. In deference to the opinion of house owners the paving laid at that time was left with a rough surface to give the horses a better grip. This effect was achieved but at the expense of the permanency of the paving as the rough surface was more easily worn away. The new paving which is to be laid is of semi-permanent type of asphaltic concrete, with smooth surface. Although not intended as a long lived paving, it is expected to give satisfaction for several years.

The decision to lay a smooth surface is a tacit recognition of the fact that the horse no longer is the dominating factor in traffic problems. Each year sees fewer horses and more motor vehicles and paving problems must be solved with due deference to increasing number of motor cars.

Only one side of King street will be paved this year as a new water main is to be laid in the northern side and it is necessary to give the ground a year in which to settle before laying a new pavement.

The same condition applies to Brunel street, where the northern side will be paved this year, also with asphalt, while the other side will be held up owing to the need for a new water main there also.

These pavings will be paid for out of the appropriation for street repairs, which also includes provision for work in Adelaide street and Ludlow street, west end.

MILITARY CONFERENCE HELD HERE TODAY

The basis of re-organization of the militia units of the province was discussed at a conference of officers at military headquarters this morning. Although nothing definite was decided upon at the meeting it was said that the re-organization will be carried out very much along the same lines as in the militia before the war. The matters taken up will be presented to the military authorities at Ottawa by Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonnell, who will leave for Ottawa tomorrow evening.

CAPT. J. A. MCCARTY HOME

Capt. J. A. McCarty of 316 Main street arrived this morning on the Halifax train, having come to Halifax on the S. S. Royal George from England. Captain McCarty enlisted in 1916 in the 2nd Field Ambulance and went overseas with G. L. Douglas. The unit was attached to the 8th Battalion and went to France. The battalion and its ambulance unit were in the occupation army in Germany, doing outpost duty outside the city of Cologne.

MUST LIKE FRESH AIR

Policemen leaving their beats at six o'clock this morning found four men covered with heavy robes peacefully sleeping in a motor-car which was standing at the northern side of King square. When the driver was aroused, he awakened his companions and drove off without offering any explanation of their choice of a place for sleeping quarters.

MANY WANT TO JOIN

There is a waiting list of fifty applicants for places on the police force, most of them returned soldiers. Since the policemen's pay was increased there have been comparatively few resignations and the increased number of men available in proportion to the number of jobs open has produced a condition of affairs quite different from that which existed a year ago.

MARKET BUILDING REPAIRS

Considerable repair work is being done to the city market building which, on account of its size, usually is demanding attention of some sort. The present work includes the redecoration of the northern entrance to the Charlotte street end, replacing rain conductors which were laid down last year and renewing a large quantity of glass.

GRAND CENTRAL AT PARRSBORO IS FIRE VICTIM

Parrsboro, N. S., June 17.—The Grand Central Hotel was totally destroyed by fire this morning. When the fire was first seen about 3:30 a.m. the year of the building was in a mass of flames; the fire soon spread through the entire building, and it was with difficulty that some of the people made their escape. After some hours the fire department succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, but nothing now remains of the building but the walls.

HOME FROM WAR

Staff Sergt. Hipwell Speaks of Work of 14th Ambulance

Among the returned men to arrive in St. John this morning from Halifax, having come across on the S. S. Royal George, was Staff Sergeant H. T. Hipwell, son of David Hipwell, 215 King street east.

Sergeant Hipwell enlisted on May 6, 1916, in the 11th Field Ambulance, Training Depot, British Columbia. He transferred to 8th Field Ambulance Training Depot, St. John, and then to the 14th Field Ambulance with which unit he went overseas. He was drafted to the 14th and went to France under Lieut.-Colonel G. C. Corbett early in 1918.

The 14th were at Arras, Amiens, Aubchecourt and Valenciennes and Mons and were at Frumeries when hostilities ceased. The unit was then sent to Belgium and Germany, in the city of Troisdorf, just beyond Bonn. The unit was billeted in one of the big munition factories for some time. After some time the unit was again sent back to Belgium and left there about a month ago for England and Canada.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

MARRIAGES

RICHARDS-SMITH—On Monday, June 16, 1919, at St. John, N. B., Roy Albert Richards of St. John, N. B., and Miss Annie Smith of Chatham, N. B., Rev. J. Chas. Appel, officiating.

EMERY-COVY—At the residence of the bride's uncle, W. L. Stewart, 18 Brindley street, on June 16, by Rev. R. T. McKim, Ronald E. Emery of this city and Miss Bertha D. Covy of Boston.

STEPHENSON-LAMB—At St. Luke's church, by Rev. R. F. McOm, Harry Mitchell Stephenson of Sarah Agnes Lamb, Monday, June 16.

DEATHS

MORRIS—At St. Stephen, N. B., on June 15, Henrietta, wife of the late Daniel Morris.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL—In loving memory of George W. Campbell, 42 St. John street west, who departed this life June 17, 1910, at Calgary, Alberta.

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