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HOW BIG IS THE OTTAWA SERVICE?

Says the Ottawa Citizen:

Few people would realize the amount of money paid out to factory help and civil servants annually in this city. Commissioner Baker has compiled a pretty complete statement which he announced to the real estate agents last night. For the two classes it totals \$12,617,400. This is divided, \$7,978,500 for factory help and \$4,638,900 to civil servants. These figures in the case of the factory help include only the city of Ottawa, not Hull, or other surrounding municipalities. There are 14,000 factory employees, including girls, and 3,592 civil servants.

The Citizen, or Commissioner Baker, does not do justice in the above to the relative size and financial importance of the civil service. For the fiscal year 1911-12 the estimates for civil government applying to Ottawa alone, i.e., the amount to be paid out in salaries to civil servants employed at Ottawa, total, not \$4,638,900, but \$5,060,578.18.

Moreover, even this large aggregate does not by any means show the entire wages bill of the Govern-

ment in Ottawa. We may add the following from the Auditor General's report for the past fiscal year, none of which items are included in the civil government estimates, and all of which will probably be larger in 1911-12:—

Militia Dept.—

Headquarter and District Staff \$187,225 59

Public Print. & Stat. Dept.—

Proof Readers... 26,976 63

Foremen... 18,024 93

Wages of men... 343,899 11

Forewomen ... 1,983 46

Wages of girls ... 35,552 61

Dept. Railways & Canals—

Railway Commission ... 117,993 39

Transcontinental Ry. ... 154,343 61

Justice Dept.—

Sup. & Ex. Court Judges ... 68,322 58

Dominion Police ... 51,808 11

Total ... \$1,006,130 02

Add this to the \$5,060,578.18 above cited and we have a total of \$6,066,708.20. And even this does not include the \$100,000 paid out, largely in wages, by the Improvement Commission, allowances to Militia Regiments, and other important items.

We hope, for Ottawa's fame, that Commissioner Baker is as low in his figures for factory employees as he is in those covering the civil service. If so, he can safely add 33⅓% to his grand total.



UNITE THE LABORATORIES.

The unfortunate destruction by fire of the Inland Revenue naphtha warehouse at Ottawa and the consequent destruction of the Inland Revenue Laboratory brings into prominence an important question.

The fire might just as easily have originated in the Laboratory as in the naphtha warehouse, for a large Laboratory such as that of the Inland Revenue, uses a number of gas jets, probably about 40 or 50. It also uses a considerable quantity of inflammable if not explosive materials in research. A Laboratory even