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THE PAY OF JURYMEN

There is no valid reason why men who serve their country in the capacity of jurymen should not be decently paid for the important service they perform. At the present time they receive the meagre sum of one dollar per day, which is not even an indemnity as it does not reimburse them for money paid out for expenses, to say nothing of the loss of time from their regular employment. The sum of one dollar per day may have been considered a good wage in our grandfather's time when money was scarce and labor cheap, but any laboring man today would consider himself insulted if asked to work for such a beggerly pittance. Yet today men living in the rural districts of York County are compelled by law, if the high sheriff of the county so wills it, to leave their homes, drive to the city and perform the duties of jurymen in our courts for the sum of one dollar a day and find themselves. Often they are compelled to sit for days on a case; they must listen in patience to the wrangling of lawyers and brow beating of witnesses for the sum of one dollar per day. The cost of living has practically doubled in the last ten years, the local hotels have all boosted their rates but the pay of the "good men and true" who serve as jurymen, remains at the old figure. Lawyers and litigants sometimes complain of the class of men who serve as jurymen and not without reason. The fact of the matter is that the remuneration is so small that the men who have other work to perform really cannot afford to serve on a jury and are only too willing to shirk the responsibility if it can possibly be done. They put up a kick with the result that some other fellow who has probably retired from active work and has nothing to keep him busy at home, is chosen for the work. As a general rule the class of men who volunteer to serve on a jury for the sake of the beggerly pittance that there is in it do not make the most desirable jurymen. Good men who will give intelligent thought to matters brought before them are needed and it is only right that they should be decently paid for the important service they are called upon to perform.

The County of York is in a strong position financially and is well able to pay the men who serve as jurymen at least two dollars per day. This county has taken the lead in many reforms and it should take the lead in a movement that will result in jurymen being paid an allowance commensurate with the duty they are called upon to perform. We are surprised that Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M. P. P., who was quite a stickler for reform when the party he supports was in the cool shades of opposition, has not long ago given this matter his earnest attention. It is not yet too late for him to act. Here is an opportunity for him to win the everlasting gratitude of his fellow countrymen. He is the only member for York who apparently has no axe to grind at the public expense and he can well afford to give some time and thought to this question. We hope that at the next session of the legislature he will rise in his place and present a bill entitled an act to increase the pay of jurymen and stay right with it until it becomes the law of the land. We hope the worthy doctor, who has not yet been able to connect his name with any important and useful legislation, will act upon this suggestion. If he does he will win the plaudits of hundreds of his fellow countrymen and his name will go down in history as that of a reformer who has reformed something.

Following is a list of agricultural products which enter the United States free of duty: cattle, sheep, swine, buckwheat, oats, bran and cream. Potatoes are subject to a duty of ter per cent ad valorem, which at the present price in the local market would mean ten cents per barrel. The old rate was 62½ cents.

The citizens of St. John are up in arms oves the withdrawal of the Mail steamer from that port. They had a similar trauble years ago when Hon. George E, Foster represented New Brunswick in the Dominion Cabinet and Mr. Hazen was one of the Federal members from St. John. So strong was public feeling on that occasion that an independent political party was formed and when Mr. Hazen appealed for reelection he was elected to stay at home. During the fifteen years of Liberal rule which followed St. John was given a square deal and became generally recognized as the winter port of Canada. The people have good reason to suspect that the present trouble is due to the presence of a nigger in the woodpile.

None of the French Cabinet ministers from Quebec, Pelletier, Nantel or Coderre, have as yet put in an appearance in the constituency of Chateauguay where a Federal by-election is being held. The management of the campaign is in the hands of Hon. Bob Rogers, Minister of Public Works, who boasts that he knows how to win elections.

The Irishmen of Montreal are planning to have a great Home Rule meeting in the near future. The list of speakers will include Hon. J. C. Doherty, Minister of Justice in the Borden Cabinet, and Hon. C. R. Devlen, Minister of Colonization in the Quebec government.

CHIEF MORRISSY HERE.

Hon. John Morrissy, chief commissioner of public works, arrived yesterday endeavoring to prepare an estimate of the probable cost of the Fredericton bridge job to be laid before the government today. It is understood that Mr. Pinder is also having some data prepared on the cost of this much talked of job. Premier Flemming has promised to have the matter straightened out at this meeting of the executive.

SULZER'S PLAN OF DEFENCE

Albany, N. Y. Oct. 4—Rumors that Governor Sulzer and his council were at the parting of the ways were denied emphatically last night by D. Cady Herrick, chief of staff Herrick broke his "silence" only after a story had gone broadcast that several of the attorneys would withdraw from the case next Monday.

"The Governor may be having trouble with other attorneys with whom he is reported to have consulted, but not with those who have appeared in court with him. We will be on hand Monday, and, insofar as I know, every other day until the trial ends."

Herrick denied that counsel and the Governor were at loggerheads over the story Sulzer insists he will tell from the witness stand. It was reported that the Governor's plan of throwing down the bars and laying bare his whole political career was distasteful to his attorneys.

How long it will require the defense to complete its case not even Judge Herrick is willing to guess. Much depends upon how far the presiding Judge permits the Governor to go with his story. If he tells it in full, as he would prefer to do, he may be on hand two days. Also so if he "tells everything" as he expresses it, the cross-examination will be lengthy. Subpoenaes have been issued for fifty witnesses for the defence, and if all are called the Governor's side of the case will not be completed during the next court week. That would run the trial into the second week in October. Rebuttal testimony and the final argument will require several more days.

Mrs. R. M. Brown and little daughter, Gwendolyn, of Wilton, Me., are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

HUNTING PARTIES

Messrs. Doucett, Briggs, Donoven and Black returned Saturday from a weeks' shooting trip at Carlow. Needless to say the party had a pleasant trip and succeeded in downing a big moose and a good sized deer.

Irvine Higgins of Toronto formerly of Marysville and his brother Arthur got a fine moose last week on the Burpee stream. The animal is a beauty with a nice head and a well formed spread of horns.

PAVLOVA PLANS LONG STAY IN AMERICA

London, Oct. 7—Mme. Pavlova, the famous Russian dancer, gave a farewell matinee at the London Opera House today and tomorrow, accompanied by M. Novikpff, she will sail for America. Mme. Pavlova expects to remain in the United States several years. Her season will begin at New Haven, Conn., on October 22.

MONTHLY MEETING

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for while the good already accomplished is great, much more can be done with improved facilities.

MATRON'S REPORT.

The matron's report showed that forty-three patients received treatment in September. Sixteen of these were medical cases and eleven surgical. Twenty-one were discharged, so that the nursing staff is ready for October emergencies. The contagious wing has not been in demand for some time. Several friends forwarded donations in September which thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Among these were Mrs. W. G. Dykeman, who supplied the men in the public ward with two pairs of slippers. Mrs. J. A. Morrison sent a loaf of cake, green corn and squash. McMurray Co. reading matter, Mrs. John Harvey one barrel apples and Miss Jennie Belmore remembered the sick ones with flowers.

The secretary was able to present the receipted bill for the cost and distribution of the annual report. The report was nicely printed by The Daily Mail Publishing Company and contains excellent portraits of Lady Tilley and all former presidents. The cost of the report was one hundred dollars, which amount was paid by W. T. Whitehead, vice-president of the hospital.

PROPOSED THAT MARKET

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peddling of country produce, said that there were many citizens who desired to have produce brought to their doors by the farmers.

Ald. Everett stated that grocers complained that by being forbidden to buy in the market before ten o'clock in the morning they were prevented from filling orders sent in to them by many citizens who never bought in the country market.

The general opinion was that the bylaws could be better enforced and that forestalling would be stopped if a few of the farmers who sold to forestallers were fined for so doing.

CITY'S DELEGATES TO UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES

The delegates selected by the City Council to represent Fredericton at the annual convention of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities are Ald. W. E. Farrell, City Clerk, J. W. McCready, Mayor Hooper, Ald. Moses Mitchell and Ald. W. J. Osborne. Ald. Farrell is president and Mr. McCready secretary-treasurer of the union. The intention is to have Fredericton as strongly represented as possible.

St. John or Fredericton is to be the place of meeting of the session in 1914 according to the rotation followed in selection of a place of meeting. It is quite probable that this city will be the place selected, the union last met here in 1907.

Mr. G. N. C. Hawkins of the Bank of Montreal, who was called to Halifax by the death of his father, returned home on Saturday evening.

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