

THE CIVIL SERVICE BILL DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE

Stenographers in the Food Controller's Office are Well Paid---The Case of Returned Soldiers---Not Looking for Government jobs---Dr. Edwards of Frontenac Cut Loose and Attacked a Member of the Judiciary.

The following is an extract from the Montreal Star's report of the discussion which took place in Parliament on Monday last over the civil service bill:

F. H. Keefer of Port Arthur, said it would be a terrible mistake to reduce the higher salaries, as there was a continual leakage of good men to better paid positions in private corporations. There had been references to stenographers in the Food Control office getting \$1,200 a year. He was connected with that office, and if one stenographer got that wage, it was only one. He thought the minimum of \$360 in the Civil Service quite adequate.

E. Devlin of Wright, arose with a list of Food Control employees, and proceeded to read the same to Mr. Keefer's discomfiture. Stenographers got from \$950 to \$1,200. After being called to order he made a plea for the lower paid employees in the service.

Mr. Bureau, who spoke next, apologized for a husky voice. He had cheered too much for Dr. Beland.

Mr. Carvell—Don't talk too much and it will be all right.

T. M. Tweedie of Calgary, thought the minimum should be \$750.

Mr. Nicholson declared that all returned soldiers could not be put in the Civil Service, but that they must be helped to other positions in life for which they were more suited.

He admitted to Donald Sutherland that he thought returned soldiers could hold any position in the country, but it was not right to force them into positions they were not fitted for. The thing was to help as many as possible to get back into the same position as before they went overseas.

"We mustn't pauperize them," said he.

Col. Currie's Views.

Col. Currie took a slam at the member for East Algoma by saying that the returned soldiers would be from 80 to 90 per cent. more sound in brain and as clear as he was—and more so. "They are not looking for government jobs," said he. "I know a lot of men much older than my honorable friends who left good situations and are still serving, men of 60 years old. Some men will be incapable of taking up good jobs because of their injuries. The idea is that the Civil Service is for those men who are deficient in their efficiency. We don't want jobs for those robust men who have come back, like my friend from Fort William. Possibly the returned soldiers will be able to look after themselves and those who looked after them. Give them enough to live on."

He pointed out that there were some two or three men in the Service in Toronto who were getting but \$900 a year. "I don't want to raid the treasury for these men, and I don't want the returned men reviled and told they have no more rights than anyone else."

Dr. Edwards of Frontenac, was in his fighting clothes. He gave a slight rap at Col. Currie and declared that there had been no attack on the returned soldiers in the House and that the members were ready to give them more than a fair show.

Allegation of Theft.

Talking on salaries, the Doctor started to "cut loose."

"There are men in high places who deliberately steal and put the money in their pockets," said he.

"This House voted \$2,500 as expenses for a man to attend the sessions of the Privy Council, but he did not go. He takes the money all right and puts it in his pocket. If it had been an ordinary man he would have been arrested, but when it comes to the Chief Justice of Canada who does it—"

"Order, order," yelled some opposition members.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux — "Unless you

ness of this ruling. "But," said he, "I can mention the purchasing agent of a penitentiary, one Dillon, who was getting a salary of \$3,300, whom it was not necessary to put in class A. They put a uniform on his back and called him captain, and paid him that pay extra."

The Chairman decided that Mr. Morphy's amendment was out of order, as affecting the expenditure of money.

Mr. Morphy then brought in another amendment, asking that the clause be not concurred in and that it be resolved that a special clause be inserted in the bill providing for the payment to any returned soldier in the third division a minimum salary of \$1,000. This also was ruled out.

Capt. Read quizzed the Minister of Railways with regard to the abolishing of patronage of government railways.

Hon. J. D. Reid informed him that he had instructed the general managers of the government railways to engage men on merit alone, disregarding politics.

Hon. Charles Murphy drew attention to what he considered two inequalities in the public service. One man "whose appointment and continuance in office was nothing else than a public scandal drew a salary of \$10,000 a year for doing absolutely nothing of benefit to the country." He had been "dumped on the government when his relatives could find no other place for him."

In another department a man with 150 men under him, a payroll of \$12,000 a month, handling over thirty million dollars a year had the magnificent salary of \$1,800 a year.

However, H. M. Mowat, of Parkdale, came to the rescue and said that this government was behind Canada in scientific matters, and that Professor McCallum had done work of incalculable benefit to the manufacturers, and the authorities of Toronto University were sorry to lose him.

Mr. Murphy said he had evidently been misinformed.

The amendment of Jacques Bureau, by which a chance was to be given to any person dismissed to appeal within a certain time, was lost by a vote of 21 to 38.

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NOTICE is hereby given that there will be sold at public auction in front of the Post Office, in the City of Fredericton, on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon, the interests of Wilhelmina Phair in certain lands and premises known as the William D. Rainsford Homestead Property, described as follows:

"All those messuages and tenements and pieces or parcels of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Parish of Kingsclear, in the County of York and Province aforesaid, known and distinguished as part of lot number twenty-two in the grant to Stephen Jarvis and others, bounded on the upper or westerly side by lands formerly owned by William B. Phair Esquire, and on the lower or easterly side by lands now or lately owned by Frances Goodie, the piece or parcel hereby conveyed, measuring in front or breadth fifty-four rods more or less, and containing by estimation three hundred and thirty-five acres more or less, the upper half of the tract hereby conveyed having been heretofore sold and conveyed by the said Charles Rainsford and Deborah his wife, to James Balloch, and the lower half thereof having been heretofore sold and conveyed to the said James Balloch by Enoch Palmer and Lydia his wife, reference to York County Records, Book O, page 56, will more fully appear."

Excepting thereon a 2½ acre lot on the front thereof conveyed by the said William D. Rainsford in his lifetime to one William Sharp by deed dated September 1st, 1904, recorded in the York County Records in Volume 128, page 656.

And also excepting the right of way for the Saint John & Quebec Railway Company, conveyed to such Company by two several deeds, the first of which bears date the 16th day of June 1912, recorded in York County Records in Volume 150, page 51, and the second of which bears date the 2nd day of January, 1917, and is recorded in said records in Volume 164, page 53.

Also, "All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the Parish of Kingsclear aforesaid, adjoining land sold or deeded by said Charles Rainsford, bounded on the upper side by land owned or occupied by Estey on the front by the River Saint John, on the lower side by land deeded to William and Edward Rainsford, and extending back from the River Saint John to the rear of said river lots, containing—

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Dated May 8th, 1918.
MAUD C. PHAIR,
Guardian Person and Estate
5-9 td of Wilhelmina Phair.

LICENSING OF CHAUFFEURS

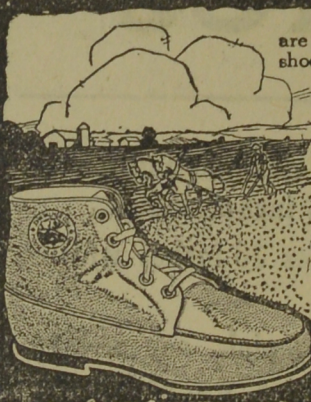
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The undersigned has been authorized by the Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, to examine all applicants for a chauffeur's license, and to issue certificates of competency which must be forwarded to the Department of Public Works. All parties desiring such examination must send in their applications to the undersigned immediately, addressed to Provincial Garage, Chipman Hill, St. John, N. B., so that they may be notified of the date and place of examination.

All chauffeurs now holding licenses obtained since January 1st, 1918, as well as all new applicants, are required to undergo an examination.

ROBERT W. MAWHINNEY,
Mechanical Superintendent,
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St. John, N. B., May 10th, 1918.
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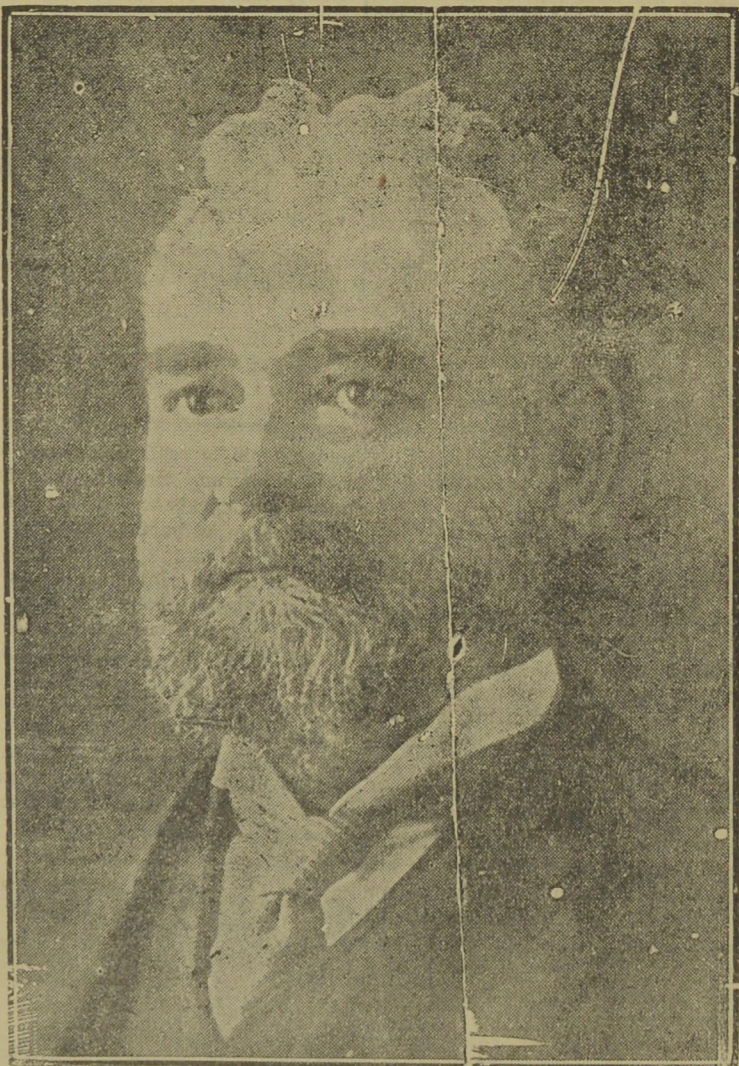
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