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## BONUSES FOR LOWER GRADES OF DOMINION CIVIL SERVICE

**Increase in Costs of Living Has Made  
Action Imperative---General Readjust-  
ment and Reclassification of Salaries---  
Action by Parliament Soon.**

Ottawa, May 5. — A salary increase or else a special bonus to help the lower classes in the civil service in solving the high cost of living problem is likely to be provided in the supplementary estimates. The government realizes that its employees in the lower grades of the service such as letter carriers, mail clerks, packers, messengers, etc., are not paid now comparatively as well as men in other vocations and have a hard struggle to make both ends meet under present prices for necessities.

The cost of living has soared during the war years much more rapidly than the government pay. A good

case for an extra allowance commensurate with the increase in the cost of living was made out by a deputation representing the mail carriers and other branches of the outside service which waited on the government recently. Their representations have been sympathetically considered and the cost of living bonuses for them probably will be granted by parliament before the session ends. Specific amounts and classes have not yet been decided but it is likely that all permanent employees of the outside service now receiving less than \$1,000 will be given \$100 bonus for the current fiscal year.

After the new civil service act is passed there will be a general reclassification and readjustment of salaries by the civil service commission.

The government will seek to run the service on straight business principles, pay salaries according to the responsibility and value of the service performed on a par with the remuneration for similar service given in industrial life.

Meanwhile the civil service notes of this session have to determine the pay granted until the end of the present fiscal year.

### "IF I WERE TWENTY-ONE."

(Minneapolis Journal.)

At a mid-week meeting of a Minneapolis church this topic has been chosen: "If I were twenty-one—could I live my life over, in what particular would I make it the same of different?"

The "if" involved in this little speculative adventure, being hopelessly hypothetical, forbids most of us to long for a return to age twenty-one, or to lay out a detailed plan for a repetition of life. Any sane man of middle age or older might thoughtlessly flash a wish to be a boy again, but never would he deliberately desire it. The poet who sang:

"Backward, turn backward, O Time,  
in thy flight;  
Make me a child again, just for to-  
night"

wisely wrote "just for tonight." In the morning a man who had had such an experience would gladly put on his man-size boots and take up his man-size duties.

Going back from middle or old age to youth or near it, to take on again a youth's limitations in knowledge and wisdom, involves a condition unpleasant to contemplate, something like the plight of a grammar grade boy put back into the primer class. The wish for such a transplanting has its source or some support in the idea often expressed that the days of youth are the best days of life; as the dapper poet has put it:

"Yo's eatin' yo' white bread now, honey,

Yo's eatin' yo' white bread now."

The idea is as unwholesome for young people to entertain as is the desire of old age to go back to youth. If followed it makes for arrested development. Examples may be found in old soldiers who have lived in the sixties ever since the Civil war.

Life is a long look ahead or a long-look behind, according as a man looks on life as something to invest or something to spend. The spend-thrift's dearest wish is to have the money he squandered, in order that he may have the pleasure of spending it again; but this is not the wish of the man who invests in life. Life is for training, and why should one wish to carry the experience of fifty-one back to twenty-one, when he may carry it on to eighty-one?

St. Paul's view of this matter was sensible and practical: "Forgetting the things that are behind, I press forward." And a wholesome, enjoyable attitude toward life is that expressed by Whittier when he wrote: "We thank Thee for the era done, And trust Thee for the opening one."

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WHAT IS LIFE?  
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Man comes into this world without his consent, and leaves it against his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and misunderstandings. In his infancy he is an angel, in his boyhood he is a devil; in his manhood he is everything from a lizard up. In his duties he is a damn fool; if he raises a family he is a chump, and if he raises a chick he is a thief and the law raises hell with him. If he is a poor man he is a poor manager and has no sense; if he is rich he is dishonest and a crook; if he is in politics he is a grafter and a crook; if he is out of politics you can't place him—he is an undesirable citizen. If he goes to church he is a hypocrite; if he stays away from church he is a sinner. If he donates to foreign missions he does it for show; if he does not he is a tightwad. When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him—before he goes out everybody wants to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future in front of him; if he lives to a ripe old age he is in the way—only living to save funeral expenses.

Life is a funny proposition after all.

## JUSTICE DEPT. CONTROLS M.S.A. ENFORCEMENT

Ottawa, May 5.—The passing of the order-in-council cancelling certain exemptions from military service has apparently created some misapprehension as to responsibility for administration of the act. Men, whose exemptions are cancelled are called to the colors, it is pointed out, by the machinery established by the military service council, in the same way as men are still called who have been refused exemption by the tribunals.

"The order-in-council," said E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice and chairman of the military service council, when questioned today, "did not in any way affect the transfer of the administration of the military service act from the department of justice to the department of militia and defence."

Up to yesterday the number of men made available for service under the military service act was 50,305. As periods of exemption expire the number (apart from those made available for service by cancellation of exemptions by order-in-council) is increasing daily. The act, it is pointed out, was founded on the principle of "selection" followed in the British and United States acts respecting compulsory military service. The hearing of applications for exemption and appeals from the decisions of local tribunals, it is stated, was necessarily slow, if the principle on which the act was based was to be recognized.

The cancellation of certain exemptions by order-in-council, it is pointed out, further, was necessitated by an imperative need for increase in the Canadian output of men.

## WOUNDED HUNS BY TRAINLOADS

Amsterdam, May 4.—Two hundred and sixty-five trains full of wounded soldiers returning to Germany from the battle fronts in Picardy and Flanders, says the newspaper *Le Nouvelles*, of the Hague, were counted in the daylight on April 9th, 11th and 12th on the Namur-Liege railway.

The transports were so crowded that the German authorities used open cars to carry the wounded. Hospitals, convents, schools and factories in Belgium, the paper adds, are all packed with wounded.

## RUSSIA'S TRADE NATIONALIZED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Moscow, Apr. 28. — In connection with the nationalization of foreign trade, the department of commerce has been ordered to discontinue the issuance of export and import licenses at Vladivostok and Petrograd. The order is effective from April 22.

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