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EXPRESSES SYMPATHY FOR MAIL COURIER

All Government Jobs are Not Fat — Good Ones are Generally Located in Capital Cities — The Mail Couriers on Rural Routes Have Serious Difficulties to Contend With—Often Have to Carry Out Their Contracts at a Financial Loss—Conditions Much the Same All Over Canada.

Peter McArthur in Toronto Globe. Ekfrid, Jan. 28—One often hears scornful talk about fat government jobs but perhaps that is because we

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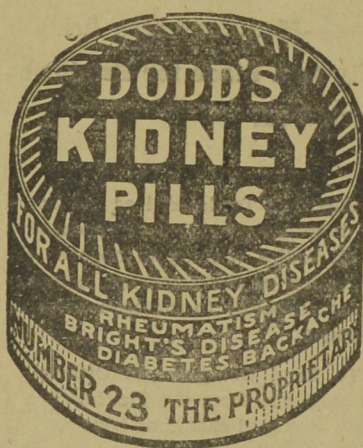
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do not know very much about them. Those Government jobs on which the substance of the country is said to be wasted are always located in the Capital cities. There is only one Government job that comes under the daily observation of the farmers, and if it is a true sample perhaps we haven't so much to complain about. The Government-employed mail couriers make their daily rounds in all kinds of weather and from all I am able to learn their contracts have resulted in many cases of hardship. When the rural free delivery began in this district I was much amused to see how faithful party men scrambled for the jobs. They seemed to think that they would be set up in life when once they got placed on the Government pay-roll, but after a few months a change began to set in. Holders of contracts showed a disposition to sell out at reasonable terms. I attribute this to the monotony of the work, which allowed them no holidays, and had to be carried out in rain or sunshine. The couriers continued to change with such frequency that practically every party office-seeker had his chance, and the positions were open to any one. Then I began to hear the true cause of the trouble. Delivering the mail had turned out to be anything but a profitable job. One man who had disposed of his route assured me that he had been carrying out his contract for some time at a loss of six cents a day. But the mail continued to be delivered every day, so I gave the matter no further thought.

This week, however, I have received a letter from a mail courier which makes a number of explicit statements that are worthy of public consideration. He writes:

"I happen to be one of those unfortunate creatures working on a set salary, and as prices of all the necessities of life keep mounting, I with my nose on the grindstone, must grin and bear it.

"I am a rural mail courier, and although this situation is general among mail couriers, I can only speak for myself.

"My contract (which is for a four-year term) expired just three years ago, and I renewed it at the old price of \$605 per annum. Immediately after that the price of all commodities started to go up with leaps and bounds. One year ago conditions had come to a crisis. It was impossible to live on a salary which amounted to \$1.95 a day. After paying out about 95 cents for running expenses what did I have left to keep a family? The Postoffice Department finally agreed to put it on tender and my tender for an increase of \$225 per annum was the lowest. They wrote me to say I was too high, and that if I would not accept an increase of \$145 per annum they would hold me, so they had me. Seeing that there was no alternative and thinking that we had reached the climax of high prices and low wages, I accepted this offer.

"Now here we are one year later and the cost of living has advanced more during the past year than during any year since the upward trend started. During the past week flour advanced \$1 per 100 pounds, sugar \$2 per 100 pounds, coal oil 5 cents per gallon, etc. Last winter hay was \$10 per ton and oats 68 cents per bushel.

"This winter hay is \$23 per ton and oats \$1 per bushel. Is it British fair play that we should be held down to such positions as these?"

Though we expect the Government to be economical no one expects it to haggle as was done in this case. The position of the mail couriers is different from that of any other branch of the Civil Service. Each courier has a definite route marked out for him which he must cover every day, holidays and all. There is no chance for him to do any shirking, and I seem to remember that there is some maximum rate per mile which the contract must not exceed. This branch of the Service cannot be cluttered up with extra officials who merely draw salaries without giving adequate service. There are no opportunities for graft. For this reason I think that all just complaints of the couriers should receive sympathetic consideration. Owing to the fact that they

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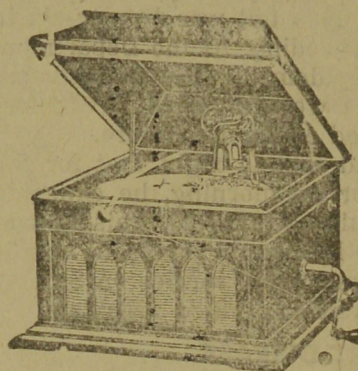
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are so widely distributed over the country it is impossible for them to organize effectively, so as to make their grievances known in the one way that seems convincing at the present time. They cannot go "on strike." Any one who has had a chance to consider the nature of their work cannot help sympathizing with them. Even when the thermometer is below zero, and roads so piled with snowdrifts as to be almost impassable they must make their rounds. When the roads are in good condition we often get our mail delivered by half-past nine, but when the roads are bad as at present and in the spring when the mud is deep the courier is often an hour and a half later. This irregularity makes it hard for a courier to engage successfully in other work to increase his income, and when the increased cost of living cuts the purchasing value of the mon-

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ey he gets from the government in half it seems hard that he should be held rigidly to a contract made some years before in more prosperous times. From all this it appears that there are Government jobs—and Government jobs.

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