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GENEROUS INCREASES.

It was a regular love feast at Ottawa Monday when the House of Commons voted themselves an increased indemnity, and also bestowed their benevolence on the premier, the opposition leader, ex-cabinet ministers, Grit and Tory, and the judges of all the supreme, exchequer and county courts in Canada.

There was not a word of opposition to any of the proposals and for once government and opposition were agreed.

The increase in the member's indemnity from \$1,500 to \$2,500 is justifiable, as are most of the other votes. Members of the United States congress receive \$5,000 a year and spend very little more time at Washington than our legislators do at Ottawa. The politician who has to remain at the federal capital for six months of the year are compelled to sacrifice his private business, and many a man has been financially ruined in that way, while many good men have declined to enter public life for the reason that such a sacrifice was involved in the step.

The increase to the premier is also reasonable. The duties of the position take all his time, and make heavy demands on his purse, which a salary of \$8,000 would not stand. Even the governors of the provinces have been receiving more salary than the prime minister, and their duties and responsibilities are, comparatively speaking, very light. Sir John Macdonald, who was premier for many years, died a poor man, and parliament and his friends had to provide for his widow.

There is a great deal to be said in favor of a fixed salary for the opposition leader, who has to practically abandon his private business in accepting the position. Mr. Borden will receive \$7,000 a year, but his law practice at Halifax will probably double that amount.

With respect to the pension for ex-cabinet ministers the defence is not so easy, nor, indeed, regarding the increase in the judges' salaries. It may be true that in Ontario and Quebec it is difficult to get leading lawyers to accept positions on the bench because they can make more money at the bar, but that difficulty has never been experienced in the Maritime Provinces.

However, parliament is supreme, and when both parties are agreed the people who pay the taxes must submit.

THE SENATE DEBATE.

The elderly gentlemen of the senate after serenely snoozing or holidaying throughout the greater part of the parliamentary session, have suddenly awakened from their lethargy when the governor general is almost at the door of the red chamber to announce prorogation, devoting yesterday to a discussion of the Transcontinental Railway and the future of the Intercolonial.

The discussion originated with Mr. Power, who, presenting the Halifax view, does not want the eastern section of the Transcontinental to be built, but rather that the I. C. R. shall be passed over to the G. T. P. This opinion met with a hearty response from the other Nova Scotia representatives, but in Senator Domville the desirability of the I. C. R. running free of the Transcontinental found a sturdy defender, while Senator Ellis and Sir Mackenzie Bowell advocated the St. John valley route for the G. T. P.

Parliament a year ago settled that the eastern section of the Transcontinental from Quebec to Moncton shall be built, and it is rather late in the day for the irresponsible senators to butt in, and attempt to disturb the arrangement. The concession of the eastern section was made after a gallant fight in the railway committee by Maritime Province members of the commons, led by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, and in opposition to Ontario members, who treat these Maritime Provinces as though they were the tail end of confederation. Having won the concession Mr. Emmerson and his backers are not likely to permit the jabbering of the senate to interfere with the government's plans, and the best thing the members of the upper house can do is to cease meddling with what they are unable to prevent, pocket their increased indemnity and waddle off to their homes.

A HINT TO CIVIL SERVANTS.

The man who accepts a position in the civil service of the country has no right to be a political partizan, and a warning was thrown out on this point during a discussion Monday in the House of Commons.

On motion to go into committee of supply, Mr. Lake, the Conservative member for Qu'Appelle, offered a resolution declaring that whilst every public official of Canada should enjoy the right of his own political opinions and to vote as he sees fit, he should be neither encouraged nor permitted to act the part of a partizan in either dominion or provincial elections.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier answered that he was quite ready to accept Mr. Lake's proposal, in fact it expressed the very policy to which the government had endeavored to adhere. Public employees should realize that they are expected to give undivided attention to their work. Every man is entitled to his freedom of political opinion and to vote as he wishes, but the civil servant who acts the part of a partizan creates a public scandal and minimizes his usefulness thereby.

Hon. Mr. Foster, on behalf of the opposition, accepted the premier's declaration as entirely satisfactory, and the house unanimously concurred in Mr. Lake's resolution.

Under the new salary schedule adopted at Ottawa Sir Wilfrid Laurier will receive in salary and sessional indemnity \$14,500 a year, Mr. Borden \$9,500, Mr. Costigan, Mr. Foster, Mr. Haggart, Mr. Sitton, Sir John Carling, Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Richard Cartwright, \$8,000, while Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Herbert Tupper, Mr. Blair, Mr. Tarte, Sir Adolph Caron and Sir Hector Langevin, who are not members of parliament, will get \$3,500.

The increased indemnity will be a great snap for the senators, and some members of the House, who make no sacrifices by attendance at Ottawa, will enjoy a larger income than they ever dreamed of.

Mr. Borden expressed pleasure in supporting the increase in the prime minister's salary, and Sir Wilfrid was pleased to be able to recognize the opposition leader's merits by voting him a substantial salary. It was very touching.

What a scramble there will be for the opposition leadership at Ottawa when next it falls vacant. A \$7,000 salary, \$2,500 sessional indemnity, and "pickings" are not to be sneezed at.

Mr. Foster, who is usually a great stickler for economy, accepted the \$1,000 increase in his sessional indemnity, and a \$3,500 pension without a murmur.

One minister of the Tory cabinet who was retired some years ago in disgrace, will now be able to draw a pension of \$3,500.

The supreme court judges of New Brunswick will now be magnificently paid for the moderate amount of labor that they perform.

The autonomy bills have passed the senate.

BITS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from Our Exchanges and Other Sources.

One hundred and twenty-eight infants perished in Montreal last week, the victims of heat plus bad food, bad ventilation, bad milk and unhygienic surroundings.

George H. Perry of Oldtown, Me., one of the principals of the Jerry from Kerry Company, was married at Moncton Monday afternoon to Miss Jennie Voucla Jones, daughter of the late John Jones.

Daniel Shephard, barrister of Gananoque, Ont., committed suicide Monday afternoon by taking carbolic acid. He was under arrest charged with serious offence against a ten year old girl, but escaped the vigilance of those watching him. He was fifty two years old and a brother of Mayor Shephard.

Premier McBride of British Columbia, on Saturday entered an action against The Victoria Times for \$10,000 for an editorial in which it was charged that the government was conceived in treachery and maintained in power even viler tactics and also charging him with conniving with the returning officer in the Fernie election case to steal a seat rightfully belonging to the Liberals.

A little child of James Powell's of Bathurst, not two years of age, fell from a second story window of its home on King street to the sidewalk last evening a distance of fifteen to eighteen feet, and was seriously injured about the head and body. No bones were broken, but the child remained unconscious for some hours. Slight hopes are entertained for its recovery.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, Washington, has begun an investigation of the report that a woman employee in his department has for several years been selling questions to be asked in civil service examinations prior to the holding of such examinations. The examinations alleged to have been such manipulated were for positions requiring technical knowledge.

Li Yet and Lim Bang, two martial minded Chinese of Victoria, B. C., have made application to Col.onel Hall, commanding a corps of militia, to join his force. Colonel Hall is understood to be looking into the militia act before giving any definite answer. It is said that there are ten or fifteen Chinese in the B. C. capital who are anxious to do the king's uniform, their right to wear which they base on the fact that they first saw the light of day in British Columbia.

Carlisle D. Graham, and Wm. J. Glover, Jr., successfully swam the lower rapids of the Niagara River from the American side of the whirlpool, to Lewiston Monday afternoon. The distance of four miles was covered in 26 minutes by Glover. The start was made at 4.02 p. m., from flat rock, which is on the American side. The swimmers did not venture in the upper rapids where Captain Webb lost his life about 5 years ago. Both men wore life belts and inflated rubber rings around their necks.

The International Paper Company are reported to have purchased the timber limits and saw mill properties of the Mtn. Richards Company of Chatham (N. B.). The company had an option on the properties for an amount in the vicinity of \$600,000 and it is reported that the option was exercised before its expiration on June 26. The limits include about 66,000 acres, of which 115,000 acres are on the Texas River. The intention of the International Paper Company is said to be to build a modern saw mill immediately and extensive pulp and paper mills a few years later.

KING OF SAHARA REMARKABLE MAN.

Englishman Has Good Opinion of Jacques I. of the Sahara.

That Jacques I., now Emperor of the Sahara and formerly known as M. Lebaudy, of Paris, is not, as is commonly believed, a notoriety-seeking lunatic, caring only for show, pomp and vanity, is the opinion held by Mr. W. L. S. Lennox, an Englishman who has spent a year in the Domain of the French monarch, and Mr. Lennox has had ample opportunity for studying the ruler of the Sahara. He was formerly an officer in the British volunteers and thinking that he might obtain a high position in the Emperor's army, on account of his knowledge of military matters he went to the Sahara. He was unsuccessful in his plans, however, for he would not turn Mohammedan and the Emperor was unwilling to give him the appointment unless he agreed to do so.

According to Mr. Lennox, the Sahara monarch has proved himself an energetic and capable administrator, who is doing a difficult work in an excellent fashion, transforming a barren waste into a productive region and introducing law and order where brigandage was formerly the favorite occupation of the people.

"Jacques I.," said Mr. Lennox in an interview with a London newspaperman, shortly after his return to England, "has done wonders in a country that formerly produced hardly anything and was wholly given up to brigandage and poverty. Two years ago, when he went to Sahara, the territory over which he now rules was in a most primitive state. Now law and order have been established there, schools have been opened, an embryonic city, 6,000 people has been brought into existence, many crops have been brought under cultivation and yield sugar, cotton, rice and tobacco, while stores granaries and other improvements have been introduced. His empire is self-supporting and well governed. He himself, leads a most industrious life and is the hardest worker to his kingdom. His role is that of a beneficent autocrat. He has installed Frenchmen at the head of the various departments of his government. They are practical men and good organizers and have displaced remarkable tact in dealing

with the Arabs who are naturally a most intractable people.

"There is now under the emperor's rule about 1,000 square miles and a population of something like 12,000 people. Through his domains there are constantly passing camel trains, originating in Central Africa. These caravans chiefly go to Morocco, carrying ivory, cereals, figs, dates, hides, gold, etc. Before he appeared these caravans were subject to constant depredations by brigands. Jacques I exacts a tribute from these caravans, it is true, but in return he gives them military escort, watering privileges at the wells, and full protection.

"The imperial army is composed of 2,000 men, each with a camel, and a reserve force of 600. Every soldier is well equipped with the most modern small arms. These men as well as everybody in the empire, can always count on plenty to eat which is something they could never do before.

"The national faith is Mohammedan, which Lebaudy nominally professes, although he is really a Catholic. He is making French the national language, using it in all official communications and teaching it in the schools.

"Agriculture is the foundation of Lebaudy's scheme of empire. He is now getting two crops of wheat each year from 1,000 acres of land. This is to be doubled this year. Up to the present time he has carried on his operations only in an experimental form. These experiments have resulted so favorably that he has decided to concentrate his efforts on wheat, sugar and cotton; all under irrigation, as there is plenty of available water.

"Whatever the public may think of Lebaudy and his scheme, I am decidedly of the opinion that he is working along the proper lines and that he will make a tremendous success and that without the aid of any other backing than his own."

ENGLISH PICKLES.

G. T. Whelpley has received today a direct importation of Morton's, Heaton's and Mothos English pickles in mixed, picilli, chow-chow and sweet pickles. Also Cross & Blackwell's Orange marmalade in one and two pound glass jars.—d.

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