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SALARIES AND INDEMNITIES.

The Montreal Witness, whose judgment and opinions always command respect, argues that the salary of the Premier and some of the principal members of the Government ought to be increased, but does not think there has been a case made out for increasing the emoluments of the minor members of the Cabinet or the members of Parliament. But the Witness does not think that Canada will get any abler or better men for Premiers or Ministers than she has had by remunerating them better. Nor would she get worse men if the scale of salaries were more liberal. But says the Witness righteousness requires that remuneration should bear some proportion to responsibility and to the standard of ability required.

Let us admit all this, as we do frankly, and with it the fact that successive Premiers of Canada have saved no money from their salaries, and it does not necessarily follow that the salaries now current are insufficient. Compared with the great nation beside us Canadian salaries are not only sufficient but ample. The Republic has fifteen times the population of Canada, is ninety years older than the Dominion and far surpasses this country in the amount of accumulated wealth. The United States has probably a hundred millionaires for every single millionaire in Canada, and yet the scale of remuneration for the high political, Governmental and judicial positions of the nation is no higher than with us. Surely the talents required and the responsibility incurred in such positions at Washington are not less than in like positions at Ottawa.

For nearly 100 years the salary of the President of the United States was but \$25,000. It is now \$50,000, which is what we have paid our Governor General from the first. What it costs to maintain the Executive Mansion and Rideau Hall respectively we need not now consider. There are only eight members of the President's Cabinet, and they are paid \$8,000 each. Canada pays her Premier \$3,000 and twelve other members of the Cabinet \$8,000 each, including of course their pay as members of Parliament, which the Washington Ministers do not receive not being members of either House or Senate. Thus the Cabinet salaries at Washington aggregate \$94,000 and at Ottawa \$105,000. Thus we pay \$11,000 more every year in Ministerial salaries than is paid at Washington by a nation whose people are fifteen times as numerous as our own.

Forty nine state and territorial Governors in the United States receive salaries ranging from \$1500 to \$10,000 each. Only three, the Governors of New York, New Jersey and of Philadelphia receive the higher figure. The average over all is a mere fraction over \$4,000. In Canada the pay of provincial Governors ranges from \$7,000 to \$19,000 each. Texas, with a population of over 3,000,000 pays her Governor \$4,000; Missouri, also with over three million people pays \$5,000; Illinois with 4,821,550 pays \$6,000; New York with 7,288,000 people pays her Governor \$10,000. Compare this scale with the Canadian, where the Governors of three or four provinces ranging from 110,000 to 320,000 receive from \$7,000 to \$10,000 each.

The pay of members of Congress is considerably greater than that of members of the Canadian Parliament, for the obvious reason that sessions of Congress last so much longer, that many members find it convenient to reside entirely at the seat of Government. In the State Legislatures, however, a large majority of which only meet once in two years, the rate of

remuneration is comparatively low. In most cases the pay is by the day, while other states have a sessional allowance. The rate of daily pay ranges from \$1 to \$8, the average of thirty six states where members are paid in this way being \$4.50 per diem. In addition the fact that a majority of the States have by law limited the length of their legislative sessions must be considered. Some thirty states have done this, placing the number of days at from 30 to 150, the average of the limit being 60 days.

There are a few States which instead of paying by the day give their State Legislators an annual or a sessional salary. These range from \$150 in Maine, to \$1500 in New York and Pennsylvania, the average of this class being \$700. In all the Union the average pay of State Legislators is considerably under \$100 per session. In this field the pay of members of our Provincial Legislatures averages higher than the corresponding positions. As we pointed out in a previous article the tendency in Canada has been steadily toward an increase of emoluments to the representatives of the people. An increase at Ottawa has been followed by a like increase at Toronto, Quebec, Halifax and Fredericton. Where is this sort of thing to stop? The people have not asked for such increases and we think they ought not to tolerate the "salary grabs" that are being made with a somewhat alarming frequency.

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