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# ATTORNEY-GENERAL PLANS HIGHER PAY FOR OUTSIDE POSTS

Exemptions Levelled and  
Minimum Salary to Be  
Raised

## UNIFORMITY AIMED AT

Uniformity of salaries, with a general upward revision, for the outside service of the Attorney-General's Department is provided for in nine bills which Hon. William Price introduced to the Ontario Legislature yesterday.

"It has for a long time," said Colonel Price, in speaking to the measures, been an anomaly that the Province was often paying a first-class clerk or clerk-stenographer more than responsible officials who must use their own discretion. The levelling up of the exemptions and the raising of the minimum salary should remove this inequality."

### Price Explains.

The bills brought down—acts to amend the Registry Act, the Administration of Justice Expense Act, the Public Officers' Fees Act, the Division Courts Act, the Summary Convictions Act, the Sheriffs Act, the Executions Act, and the Jurors Act, were explained by the Attorney-General as follows:

"Every one will agree that it is most important that those occupying important positions in the various counties throughout our Province should feel that they are dealt fairly with and that consideration has been given to their needs as well as the needs of the inside service. This matter has engaged the attention of the department for a great number of years. The former Inspector of Legal Offices, Mr. Humphries, has given it his continuous attention for a number of years; he has consulted the legal profession throughout the Province; he has spoken to the Leader of the Liberal Opposition, Mr. Sinclair, and I have had an opportunity of speaking to Mr. Sinclair myself, and we both think that these amendments are well conceived and could very well be enacted.

### Payment Methods Vary.

"In this personnel are included the Crown Attorney and Clerk of the Peace, the Local Registrar of the Supreme Court, the County Court Clerk, the Surrogate Court Clerk, the Sheriff, the Registrar of Deeds, the Division Court Clerk. All of these officers have been paid by different methods. Some are paid by salary plus fees; others entirely by fees or a percentage of fees. Sometimes a county or a municipality participates as well as the Province. The exemptions before percentages are paid vary in almost every case.