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In response to the request of a large number of citizens I offer myself as a candidate for Mayor for 1919. My record for the past six years as an Alderman is well known and if it merits approval I will be thankful to receive your vote and influence.

**Alderman N. E.
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Cabinet Council Authorizes Additional Payments to Both Land and Naval Forces.

THE AMOUNT IS GRADUATED

UP TO SIX MONTHS' PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

For All Those Who Served at the Front, the Provisions Are Made Retroactive.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Order-in-Council just passed by the cabinet council authorizes the payment of a "war service gratuity" to be payable to the naval and land forces of Canada, in place of post discharge pay.

Under this enactment the amount to be paid is graduated up to six months' pay and allowances, exclusive of subsistence allowance or allowances in lieu of rations and quarters, according to the length and nature of service.

For the members of the land forces who have served at any time overseas, which means on the strength for pay and allowances of same recognized overseas establishment, and were on the strength of the land forces on active service, on the date of the armistice, Nov. 11th, 1918, the gratuity is graded as follows:

For three years' service or over, 183 days' pay and allowances.

For two years' service and under three years, 153 days' pay and allowances.

For one year's service and under two years, 122 days' pay and allowances.

For less than one year 92 days' pay and allowance.

For Those Not Overseas.

For the members of the land forces who were on the strength on active service on the late armistice was signed, and have not served overseas, on the strength for pay and allowances of some recognized overseas establishment, the gratuity is graded as follows:

For three years' service or over, 92 days' pay and allowances; for two years' service and under three years, 61 days' pay and allowances; for one year's service and under two years, 31 days' pay and allowances. Under one year no gratuity is given.

A minimum of \$100 in the case of men with dependents who were eligible to receive separation allowance, and \$70 in the case of men without such dependents, is provided for as in the case of those who have served overseas.

As regards those who have not served at the front in an actual theatre of war, and were not on the strength of the force on Nov. 11th last, no benefit is given under the Order-in-Council. These cases are already provided for under the Order-in-Council regarding post-discharge pay.

For members of the naval forces of Canada effectually the same provisions are made.

Payment of the gratuity will be made as follows: Thirty days' pay and allowances on the date of discharge, and the remainder in alternate monthly payments of thirty and thirty-one days' pay and allowances.

Certain restrictions are placed upon the granting of the discharge. For instance, if a man is discharged with ignominy or for misconduct, the gratuity is not payable. Further, while the officer or man is undergoing treatment by and is in receipt of full pay and allowances from the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, the gratuity is withheld until such treatment and pay have ceased.

Deduct Post-Discharge.

Any post-discharge pay paid under previous Orders-in-Council will be deducted from the amount of the war service gratuity.

It is also provided that where separation allowance was issuable during service and the dependent is still eligible the portion of the gratuity equal to separation allowance will be paid direct to the dependent.

Regarding the adjustment of arrears, where the whole or any part of post-discharge pay has already been paid under previous Orders-in-Council, any payment due under the new regulations, over and above the amount of post-discharge pay already paid, will not be paid until Feb. 1st, 1919.

Application for the adjustment referred to above must be made in the case of the land forces, to the postmaster of the district by which post-discharge pay was paid.

For those who served at the front, in any actual theatre of war, and were discharged prior to the passing of the Order-in-Council its provisions are made retroactive to the beginning of the war.

Arsenals Become Factories.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The French Ministry of Armaments has been transferred into the Ministry of Industrial Reconstruction.

It announces that the arsenal at Roanne, which cost \$20,000,000 to build, will be turned into a plant for the erection of railroad material. So will the arsenal at Bourges and Chateauroux. Another large arsenal at Palmarat will be used for the manufacture of chemicals and powders.

TIMBER THIEVES THRIVED

LONG AGO IN THE THOUSAND ISLAND TERRITORY.

Armed Militia Was Despatched From Town of Lyme to Bring Pine Rafts of St. Lawrence Under Subjection.

The Observer in On-the St. Lawrence, Clayton.

There are none now living who remember and but few who have ever heard of the Grindstone Island war, an event of nearly a hundred years ago that might have brought serious results to some of the participants had not one of the contending factions have come into realization of the truth of the old proverb that discretion is the better part of valor, and backed down.

Prior to the year 1758 all of northern New York from the Mohawk to the St. Lawrence was a roadless and almost impenetrable wilderness. The state had not then become ready to convey title of private ownership to those who were seeking it, the entire domain being considered by outsiders as public property. All along the St. Lawrence mammoth pine trees were intermingled with those of other varieties, centuries old, that all seemed to be standing awaiting the advance of civilization and the attacks of the woodman's axe.

The shores of Clayton's lower and upper ends and French Creek were particularly favored in the quantity and quality of pine, and hither timber thieves with their gangs of laborers came to take their pick. The trees were hewn into square timbers and lashed together to form great rafts to be floated down river to Montreal from these two gentleman markets. The first protest against such wholesale robbery were Nathan Ford and Samuel Ogden, pioneer settlers of Ogdensburg, who had taken note of the large number of timber rafts passing that place every summer. In the summer of 1800 letters from these two gentlemen addressed to Gouverneur Morris and stating their complaints stirred the civil authorities to action for a time by the plunderers who finally withdrew from the scene. Grindstone Island was then covered with original forest growth of fine quality and to there the thieves betook themselves to continue plundering of state property. Once located there, they put forth the claim whenever they came to mainland that Grindstone was in Canada, and if at any time they happened to be anywhere on Canadian mainland they claimed the island as belonging to the states, and while the authorities of both countries were in doubt as to their right to interfere the timber stealing was kept in full motion.

The international survey of the river and islands in 1818, just a hundred years ago, was the first to be made, and its decision placed the island as within the U.S. boundary. Civil authorities on this side then again ordered the timber thieves to vacate, which command was met with defiance and threats of civil war by the pirates in case they were molested.

A company of armed state militia was then dispatched from its station over in the town of Lyme, and on hearing the island the soldiers began firing their guns as notification that they were there to do business, and the thieves, after firing a few shots, fled from the scene to cut the fastenings and push their rafts over into Canadian waters.

That ended both the attack and resistance, there being but one casualty, that of a soldier, killed by accidental discharge of his own gun. The first legal settler of which there is remembrance or record was one Wells, who purchased the entire lower end of the island. The next was Alger, who took up land at the north side of the island, and at about the same time Sam Johnston took up 400 acres at what is now known as the Hatchford farm, opposite Clayton. After him came the Garnseys, Kittles, Kendalls, and Flynns, the dates of their settlements not being just now obtainable. There seems to be nothing in history as to how and when the island came by its name. Old settlers stories, on account of falling water, are generally conflicting, and in order to get somewhere near the facts the writers-up of history must add up a number and subtract that which seems to be reasonable.

Back from the water, at the state land reservation there is a large boulder around which relic hunters have at different times dug up pieces of flint and broken pottery. The top of the stone has a bowl shaped depression that those claiming to be interpreters of Indianology say was used for the grinding by savans with heavy stone pestles of corn as food for their lazy lords and masters of a century or more ago. Another story has it that a quarry was started or intended to be started some time about the year 1820, to extract the water used in the "Cummings' Point" to be shipped away to be manufactured into grindstones for the sharpening of tools, but the oldest living descendants of the oldest settlers disclaim ever hearing of it. But, anyway, it is somewhat more romantic and pleasing to believe the name to have been suggested by the Indian corn mill than by an old grindstone for the sharpening of tools.

Grindstone Island has furnished its full share of men and money for three wars. Its sailors for generations have enjoyed the enviable reputation as the best on all the Great Lakes, many of them having in the past been promoted to command sail and steam ships.

Others of the island's old-time residents have removed to become leading and prosperous citizens of far-off localities, and it all now living who were born on the old granite-hilled island were to come for an old home week, there would be a gathering of which any country community might be proud.

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