

**SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

**RATES OF PAYMENT ABROAD**

By adopting the system of payment of Members of Parliament Great Britain (says the *Daily Chronicle*) comes into line with all her Overseas Dominions and all the other great countries except Italy and Spain. It may also be noted that we revert to our old custom in paying our legislators for their services. The rate of payment of the people's representatives varies from £75 a year in a small State like Newfoundland, to £1500 a year in the United States. In the latter country, as in Germany, and certain of the British Dominions, legislators are given either free railway transit or special terms for travelling.

Subjoined is a comparative table.

**Foreign Countries.**

- Austria.—16s 8d a day during the Session to Members of the Lower House, and travel expenses.
- Belgium.—£160 a year for the Lower House, and free railway transit.
- Bulgaria.—16s a day during Session except Members resident in capital, who receive 12s, and small travel allowance.
- Denmark.—11s a day for six months' Session, Sundays included; 6s 8d a day for the rest of a longer Session, and travel expenses. Both Houses.
- France.—Senators and Deputies receive £600 a year, and free transit.
- Germany.—Reichstag: £150 per annum, £1 deduction for each day's absence. Bavaria: 10s a day during Session, Lower House. Prussia and Wurttemberg: 15s a day during Session. Saxony: 14s a day during the Session, free transit; 6s a day for Members living in the capital.
- Italy.—No salaries. Free transit.
- Greece.—£72 a Session and £80 a year for expenses.
- Holland.—16s 8d a day during Session for Upper House; £166 a year for Lower, and travel expenses.
- Hungary.—£200 a year and allowance for house rent.
- Japan.—£200 a year for Members of the Diet, and free transit.
- Norway.—13s a day during Session, and travel expenses.
- Portugal.—Nil.
- Roumania.—16s 8d a day during Session, and free transit.
- Russia.—21s a day during Session for Duma, and £2 12s 9d for Council of Empire, and travel expenses.
- Switzerland.—16s a day during Session, and travel expenses.
- Sweden.—£66 a year, both Houses, and travel expenses.

- Servia.—12s a day during Session, and free transit.
- Spain.—No salaries, but a railway allowance.
- United States.—£1500 a year and stationery and travel.

**British Dominions.**

- Canada.—£500 a year (deductions for non-attendance) and travelling expenses.
  - Australia.—Commonwealth: £600 a year and travelling expenses. Tasmania: £100 a year and travelling expenses. West Australia: £200 a year and travelling expenses. South Australia: £200 a year and travelling expenses. Queensland: £300 a year and travelling expenses. New South Wales: £300 a year and travelling expenses. Victoria: £300 a year and travelling expenses.
  - New Zealand.—£300 a year and free travelling on the railways.
  - South Africa.—£400 a year and travelling expenses.
- The American Congressman is far and away the best-paid politician in the world. In addition to his salary of £1500 a year, only recently raised from £1000, he is allowed £25 a year for stationery, and allowance for a secretary, free postage, and payment for the double railway journey from his home to Washington at the generous rate of 10d per mile.
- Both Norway and Sweden provide medical aid for their legislators, and their funeral expenses.
- Payment of members was the custom in this country for nearly four centuries.
- Probably the last paid Member of Parliament was Andrew Marvell, who was paid 6s 8d a day by Hull Corporation for his services from 1661 until his death in 1678.

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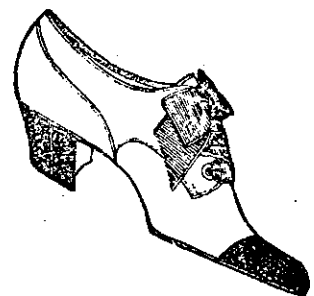
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