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## HOW IT IS DONE

### Indifference of Ministers Responsible for Heavy Expenditures

Fredericton, N. B., March 20th, 1912. - But very few of the Auditor-General's reports have been distributed up to date. Each of the members has a copy and there are a few others to be found within the precincts of the Legislative chamber but the usual distribution of forty copies to each member will not be made until toward the end of the Session and consequently the people will have but a small opportunity of inspecting this wonderful document until after the House is closed. But what has appeared in the newspapers has led to requests from all over the province for more information concerning expenditures upon both small and large works and all at once it seems to have been discovered that only a few and very few of the Highway Boards have been filling a copy of their expenditures with the County Secretaries. It is a very bad thing for a Government or for a business concern when the people interested in it begin to feel or to fear that the officials are trying to keep information from them. The suspicion surely arises then that the money is not being properly spent, that the grafters are getting a large share of it and that what should be expended upon the roads and bridges particularly, is diverted into the pockets of those who are in charge of the work.

The people of every parish like to be informed fully on what is going on. The assessors every spring in order to give them information hang up several copies of their report or Parish assessment list, in different parts of the parish. These are eagerly examined by the electors and if there are any errors the assessors soon hear of it.

In the same way the Revisors when the time comes to revise the voters' lists, hang up their lists and if any mistakes have been made, they are quickly informed and as readily make the correction if they are fair and impartial.

The school trustees who assess for money and who collect it, call the people together once a year and show them how the money is spent. They are permitted an opportunity to investigate the accounts, even after their own auditor has certified that they are correct. What is the result? There is not a parish, it may be said, in the Province of New Brunswick, where there is a dollar of school money misappropriated; but the Highway Board which also collects money, through their officials, can do things with a bolder and higher hand. They do not ask any advice of the people. They spend as they please and where they please. They ignore the law which requires them to send in a copy of their report to the County Secretary. They do not account to any of the people. They simply send a report to the Chief Commissioner of Public Works and he, when he is asked about it, says that it is too much trouble and will take too much time to copy and bring down for the information of the people. Yet these highway boards get grants from the Government and they collect taxes from all of those people who do not perform statute labor and all those who own property but do not reside in the parish.

The Auditor-General has plenty of assistance or he should have if all of his clerks are busy. It is true that a good official was lost in Don Winslow, Secretary to the Board of Works. He attended to his business, he had no politics and he was a good official, too good for such a salary as he could command in a New Brunswick Government job. The west claimed this bright young man from right under the nose of Hubbard and his immigrant policy and H. M. Blair, a conservative healer, from St. Mary's, a young man who has been known principally for his activity in elections, who took a most prominent part in the Moore house-Burden contest while employed by the New Brunswick

## SUDDEN DEATH

### OF REV. C. W. TOWNSEND

#### Stricken With Paralysis at His Home in St. John.

The people of this town and all over the province heard with sincere regret of the death of Rev. Mr. Townsend on Wednesday morning.

For the past two years Rev. Mr. Townsend had been travelling evangelist for the Baptist Home Mission Board, an office which he filled with great acceptance, not sparing himself in any way, ever ready to travel at the call of the churches or the board. Last fall the Campbellton church being vacant, Rev. Mr. Townsend was asked to supply there till such time as the congregation should get a permanent pastor. He had been in Campbellton all winter applying himself to the work with his usual intensity of devotion.

In his work here he made many friends, his sincerity and devotion in his work, his clear vision, and his loving Christian character, making him a man among men, and one whom it was a delight to know. His congregation cannot yet realize the dreadful blow which has befallen them, in the loss of such a leader and pastor.

Last Monday he travelled to his home in St. John, accompanied from Moncton by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson. While on the train he complained of feeling slightly ill, saying he was afraid he was getting the La Grippe. On arrival in the city he went to his home in the North End and passed the evening, retiring sometime before 10 o'clock. About 10 o'clock, while in bed, he was seized with a paralytic stroke which affected his right side. Dr. Francis J. Hogan was called in at once, but in spite of all he could do the patient remained unconscious, and he died early this morning. Rev. Mr. Townsend was formerly a student at the Pastors College, London, an institution founded by Rev. C. H. Spurgeon. He came to New Brunswick in 1895 and has filled the pastorates at Cambridge, Hillsboro and St. Martins. He was looked upon as one of the ablest ministers of the Baptist denomination. Remarkably intelligent and highly cultured, his pulpit ministrations were always acceptable to the people wherever he was.

He came to Canada about twenty-two years ago going first to British Columbia, where he filled some important charges. It

## MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

### Concrete Dam Still Held up at Tuesday's Session.

The Town Council met on Tuesday evening, His Worship Mayor McDonald presiding. There were also present Councillors White, McKenzie, Alexander, Miller, Moore, Lunan and Pinaut. Meetings of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Petitions for license to conduct general stores from J. F. Gallagher St. John and A. Bertrand, Caussapical, were referred to Police and License committee.

The proposed bill for the Legislature as drafted by the Town Solicitors was then read.

After discussion, some amendments were made in its provisions and the bill will come up again for consideration at Friday's meeting.

A lease was submitted from the Intercolonial Railway for the privilege of laying a six inch sewer on their property, and was referred to the town solicitors.

This is the Crawford sewer from Paterson street extension.

The chairman of the various standing committees submitted reports of accounts, which were ordered paid.

Councillor Alexander submitted further information with reference to fees of consulting engineers re Smith Lake dam. After discussion the matter was laid over till Friday evening's meeting when it was expected that Mr. Underhill would be present to give information re construction of wooden dam, Councillor White brought up the matter of an old account of Jas. Alexander for \$195. This account was for a horse commanded at the time of the fire July 1910. The account was ordered to be paid.

Council then adjourned.

The militia department at Ottawa has purchased twelve Ford cars for the use of the department. Mr. A. C. Belle-Isle the representative of these cars here.

It has been his intention to return here on Saturday to resume his work in Campbellton. Rev. Mr. Townsend was married to Miss Eleanor Rowland of London, England. Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Mr. Charles T. Townsend, and two daughters, the Misses Salome and Alice, all at home. Services were held at the home of the deceased Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The body will be taken on the early morning train today to the Narrows, Queens county, for interment alongside the remains of a deceased daughter.

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