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On Dec. 15th Mr. Dechene moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. Turgeon that: "it be resolved that this House regrets that the Government has become warrant for the price of the Beauport Asylum for the sum of \$425,000, when the Sisters of Charity, by their letter of 31st Oct., 1892, offered to build and furnish a suitable asylum at their own expense and in due time without requiring any disbursements by the Government, and, in the mean time, lodge all the insane patients then in the Beauport Asylum in the buildings at their disposal, until their said buildings were ready."

The House having divided the Liberal Amendment was lost by 17 to 40.

(Journals. Vol. XXVIII. p. 287.)

Here is a startling proof of the Government's corruption. The Sisters offered "to build and furnish a suitable asylum" without ANY DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT. They refused to do this because then they could not carry through their infamous arrangement with the Landry coterie. The forty Tories who voted against are the same men who promised to add no new burdens to the Province.

On the 19th December, 1893 the Hon. Mr. Marchand moved, seconded by Mr. Tessier of Portneuf, that "it be resolved, that, by the contract of sale mentioned in the said resolutions it was stipulated that the balance of \$327,000 remaining due to them, would be payable in 60 years from the first of May last, in 60 annuities of \$18,600, comprising interest and sinking fund.

"That according to information obtained by this House the rate of interest upon which were based the calculations determining the amount of said annuities of \$18,600, appears to have been fixed and settled between the parties at 4 per cent.

"That the proper annuities for the payment at 4 per cent in 60 years, of a capital of \$327,000 is not \$18,600 but \$14,453.73.

"That consequently, the said annuities exceed by \$4,146.27 the amount at which they should have been properly established taking as a basis the rate of interest indicated by the Honorable Provincial Secretary.

"That the Government has thus become a party to a transaction which by means of exaggerated calculations, illegally grants to the vendors of the Beauport Asylum, at the expense of the Sisters of Charity and under the guarantee of the Government an annual sum of \$4,146.27 during 60 years.

"That, on the other hand, the real value of 60 annuities of \$18,600 calculated at the rate of 4 per cent represent a total sum of \$420,814.47 instead of \$327,000.00 which is the balance of price stipulated in the said contract of sale.

"That, consequently, the Government has illegally stipulated and guaranteed the payment to the vendors of the said asylum a sum of \$93,814.47 in excess of the apparent purchase price as stipulated in the said contract.

"That by adding to this sum of \$420,814.47 the further sum of \$38,000, which was paid in acquittal of the Vendors to their creditors and which formed part of the said price of sale, such price of sale amounts in reality to \$518,814.47, instead of \$425,000 as mentioned in the contract.

"That in this transaction, entirely directed and controlled by the Government, the said Government has, by means of exaggerated calculations, induced the Sisters of Charity to pay for the said Beauport Asylum a sum of \$93,814.47 over and above the apparent price agreed to between the parties and stipulated in the said contract and has thus procured to the Vendors, under the guarantee of the Province, an unlawful gratification for the same amount.

"That the Government has thus directed controlled and executed a transaction which is unjust towards the Sisters of Charity, ruinous to the Province, and which is not revealed in its true character in the Resolutions submitted to this House."

(Journals. Vol. XXVIII. p. 304.)

This most important amendment moved by the Liberal leader ought to be known to every voter in the Province.

The Government not satisfied with giving \$155,000 more than the proprietors themselves had valued the property at; further defraud the Province by making the yearly annuity \$4,126.27 more than it ought to be. The result of this being that in the sixty years the Province will pay, in hard cash, no less than TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS more than it has any right to do.

The proprietors valued the Asylum at \$270,000.

The Province has to pay:
60 annuities of \$18,600..... 1,116,000
Standard Life Co's loan..... 90,000
Given to Nuns for repairs... 44,000

Total.. \$1,250,000