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Book 2 costing 30 c. would be bought for 9 c. Book 3 costing 35c. would be bought for 13c. Book 4 costing 45 c. would be bought for 15c.

And a like reduction for all other text books, Ontario has a series of its own and has supplied the plates to the publishers. It would require a special series for this Province we would require to make allowance on this ground but if we would continue as in the past to adopt text books as in the other Provinces then there is no reason why we should not obtain a reduction equal to that of Ontario.

New Brunswick has taken the matter up under Premier Huggan and already has made arrangements whereby 40 per cent of the cost of the school books issued and the price of school supplies greatly reduced. What would such a reduction mean to us?

Last year the enrollment of pupils in our public schools was 19,000. The average cost of books for each pupil is generally placed at \$3.00 which would total \$57,000, 40 per cent saved on this would equal \$15,200 per annum. It is well worth while.

The Government is not in sympathy with the movement for cheaper school books. In 1907 I introduced a resolution asking that a committee be appointed by the House to take the matter up. On the request of the Premier and relying upon his promise, given in the House, to have the grievance removed at once I withdrew the resolution. The only action taken was the publication of a report by the Superintendent of Education justifying the frequent change of text books and their price. It was nothing more or less than a brief prepared on behalf of the school book publishers to show we are not used any worse than the Yukon, Jamaica, and some of the Canadian Provinces.

In the last session I again introduced the resolution which is in the following words: Whereas the frequent changing of our text books authorized for use in the public schools and the excessive prices charged for the same impose a heavy burden upon the parents and guardians of the children of this Province—"Be it therefore resolved that a committee be appointed to enquire into the matter and to select suitable text books for use in the public schools of this Province and to recommend such action as appears best in order to secure such books at reasonable prices and to present necessary changes for the future."

The Government adopted the whole preamble of this resolution, thus admitting all its grievances and substituted for the resolution the following:—"Be it therefore resolved that this House authorize the Government to appoint a Commission to examine into and report upon the whole question of education in this Province including the most suitable school books for use in the public schools and the best means of obtaining the same."

We claimed at the time that this was but a means to dodge the question and so it has proved. The spring is gone, the summer is ended, the harvest is past, and still there is no commission and still the parents are paying tribute to the monopolists in Toronto who fatten on the plunder wrung from them and from the children of this Province.

The average salaries of teachers of every class has fallen greatly under this Government. Our inducements to teachers to remain in the profession have grown fewer and less. In supplements and bonuses they have been reduced by \$10,000 per annum. In the practical subjects such as agriculture and nature study there has been a decrease, while in classical subjects the increase is very large. We are steadily growing less practical.

There is no profession in which a special training is more essential than teaching. This was recognized many years ago when a normal school was established. Its subsequent amalgamation with P. W. College practically put it out of existence. In this respect we have much lost ground to regain.

**Pains in the Back**

Any symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of these organs. They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and despondency.

**Food's Sarsaparilla**

Cures kidney and liver troubles, relieves the back, and builds up the whole system. They passed a law requiring a deposit of \$200.00 to be made before action could be taken against a member for violation of the Independence of Parliament. They voted down an amendment to provide for the punishment of attempts to commit corrupt practices. Every change made in recent years in our Election Laws has been to make them more lax and the road of the wrong door easier.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**

Since 1891 the Legislative Assembly has lost all control over the public expenditure. In all \$318,000 have been spent without constitutional authority. An Auditor, clothed with proper powers would have made this outrage impossible. Every payment should be scrutinized by this officer and no money paid until appropriated. The lax and inaccurate methods of this office were exemplified last year in the falsification of the debt balance for the year.

In the interests of the Province a thorough investigation must be made of all the Public Accounts. The Public Accounts Committee was strangled last year by the incompetence of the chairman and the interference of the Premier with the witnesses. It was the worst exhibition of tyranny since the days of responsible government.

The Public Accounts for the year ending 30th Sep. 1907 showing a total expenditure of \$361,158.94 and receipts of 350,479.09 and a deficit of \$10,679.85.

But this balance is arrived at by falsely crediting in the receipts the sum of \$35,000 which was not received until two months after the year closed. Taking the accounts as they stand with this correction the apparent deficit would be \$45,679.85. But this leaves unpaid a liability on unfinished contracts of \$43,304.84 and also for interest accrued on loans \$11,004.33 making in all the sum of \$99,989.02 without taking into account the other deferred payments which would bring the total up to an enormous sum. How much it amounts to cannot be computed.

The Premier refused to give a statement of the necessary figures in the House and would not permit his officer to give evidence on it before the Public Accounts Committee. The financial position of this Island is the worst in its history. The expenditure has increased by \$100,000 per annum and the interest charge alone will make a deficit of \$40,000 per annum. Economy must be practised rigidly pending the successful prosecution of our claims against Canada. We should have enough to build up every service and get along in comfort without resorting to direct taxation.

The country has borne with the rate of this party for 17 years. During that period the world outside has not been standing still. Canada, west of the Maritime Provinces, has advanced with long strides. The Provinces by the sea have not moved forward with the rest and our little Island has fared worst of all. We have been drained of our men and our resources to build up the Western Country and in the end have seen it given away. We have borne the burden without sharing in the benefit. Yearly there is being drained away at least one million dollars, with no return, and our young men are following the money.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Members have voted in the same way. On the other hand, the Government has gained in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Quebec responded to the extraordinary efforts put forth by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the appeals to the French-speaking people to stand by their distinguished patriot. The province will be quite as pronouncedly with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the new as it was in the old Parliament.

While our public services are starved and our treasury is empty we are filling the coffers of Canada to overflowing. On the one hand is provincial poverty on the other superabundant wealth. The Dominion is expanding before our eyes in useless waste enough to equip every service in this Province. Shall we decide that these things shall endure?

Or will we put an end to this deplorable condition and stand up like men for our rights? It is for the public good to say, if their verdict be as I believe it will be, then this old Island, that we love so well, may yet see golden days.

**The Election Results.**

The country has decided that Laurier shall have an opportunity to finish his work. The elections have not seriously affected the standing of parties in the House of Commons. Changes in one locality or one province have been offset by those in another locality or another province. The Government, when all the returns are in, will have a majority slightly less than that which supported it in the last Parliament, but amply large enough to enable it to carry out its policies. The result is unfortunate. The defeat of the Government, or even a serious reduction in its majority, would have been a lesson, to those over-indulged to extravagance or to improperly making profit out of their public trust. There has been much of both these abuses during the past eight years. The expenditure has reached figures that should cause serious concern to more than the ministers, and with the frequent and heavy borrowings that have recently been made has hurt Canada's credit in the great money markets. Men in the Government's following have taken advantage of their positions to make money for themselves, with the knowledge if not the aid of those whose duty it was to protect the public property. Much has been said about this latter impropriety in the columns of The Gazette, and it is here affirmed that what was said was based on the reports of Parliament, was not exaggerated or distorted for the purpose of harming the Government or the individuals concerned in it. It was put forth in the conviction that it was the truth, and that it indicated the existence of conditions that were working harm and lowering the standard of public morality. The electors have done some thing to condemn the evil. Some who were foremost in defying the decent sentiment of the country will not sit in the next Parliament. It would have been well if more had been condemned. There has been much said about the employment of money in behalf of the Government and reports that its workers were backed by an immense fund have been frequently heard. There are the records of the courts to show that in Canada there are many venal voters and many are ready to purchase them. The two classes, doubtless, combined to add something to the strength of the victorious party. It is not to be assumed, though, that bribers or bribe takers did more than assist in what is a somewhat unexpected and altogether undesired endorsement of what the Government has done and what it proposes to do.

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