

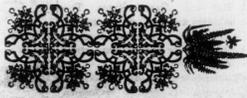
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HOUSE IN SUPPLY

Things Hard to Explain

Remarkable Dock Contract.—Government Pays 75 Cents for Excavation, And Does the Work on Sub-Contract for 15 Cents.

"POISONING THE WELLS"

Amounts Paid to Government Press—Middleman Buys Wharf for \$1,000 and turns it over to Government for \$6,000.—One Engineer Paid \$54,000 in Four Years.—Another Gets Salary on Two Jobs at Once.—Sir Wilfrid and the Manitoba Lists.—A Few Financial Transactions.

Ottawa, Feb. 27th, 1909.

The House has been in supply most of this week and has voted many millions of money, largely for Public Works, Railways and Canals. The Minister of Public Works has not yet been able to explain the following contradictions: On the 17th of March, 1908, Mr. Fielding predicted a falling off in revenue of six and a half millions or more for the year. In July 1908, the decrease was over six millions, and yet Mr. Fielding was putting through a supplementary estimate of 800 items, involving over \$6,000,000, and when reminded of the falling revenue he stated that there was no cause for alarm and that only some unexpected amount of calamity would prevent the construction of these works. In October, 1908, the works were all promised to the electors, and tenders were called for many of them. In December, 1908, when the falling off in revenue was much slower than it had been in July and October, the government concluded not to build these works because of the decline in the revenue.

SIR WILFRID ANSWERED.

Something has happened in Winnipeg which recalls Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at the beginning of the session. The Premier declared that the Conservatives had carried Manitoba by the use of outrageous electoral lists. The Roblin government at the meeting of the Legislature caused a Committee of the House to be appointed to investigate this registration, summoning the judges who prepared the lists, and Mr. Sifton, on whose authority Sir Wilfrid made his statement. The Liberals in the Manitoba Legislature collapsed entirely, one of them admitting that the lists were correct, and the others refusing to offer any proof in support of Sir Wilfrid's charge.

A REMARKABLE CONTRACT.

The Public Accounts Committee has begun investigations, and before the first witness had finished he showed that the Department of Public Works offers a field for a Cassell's inquiry. This witness was Engineer Valiquette of the Public Works Department. His evidence related to Quebec dock contracts of Dussault & Lemoine, begun four or five years ago, extended and altered by subsequent private arrangements, and constituting four separate contracts. The contractors have received over \$750,000. The inquiry turned on dredging and filling. There was no regular competition for this work, and there had been no call for tenders since the first contract, and then the judges were for a lump sum, whereas the contractor is paid by the quantity. The first price paid for excavation was 85 cents a yard, afterwards raised to 75c. Filling with earth was 20 cents, afterwards raised to 30c. On the two last extensions of the contract alone, the government paid for earth excavation and earth filling down to last March, \$87,000. Most of the earth dug out of the basin and some brought from outside was used for filling. So every yard they dug out the contractors got \$1.07.

GOVERNMENT AS SUB-CONTRACTOR.

Now comes the remarkable feature. A good deal of this dredging and filling was done by government dredges. The engineer testified that the contractor had not sufficient plant and that the govern-

openly and systematically debauched year after year.

In the last year of Conservative rule, printing and advertising expenditure was as follows:—
Government advertising \$ 42,713
Printing outside the Government Bureau 189,220
Total 232,033
Total in 1906 (Lib.) 871,707
Total in 1908 1,087,580
This latter figure is made up as follows:—
Advertising \$ 287,187
Printing 800,413

Here is a list of a few government organs, through which the poison was distributed last year:—
Montreal Herald \$ 36,738
Montreal Le Canada 6,648
Montreal Le Presse 7,801
Monoton Transcript 13,299
Quebec Soleil 6,958
Quebec Telegraph 7,460
Toronto Globe 6,493
Toronto Star 4,977
Winnipeg Free Press 4,788
Ottawa Free Press 32,748
Halifax Chronicle and Echo 13,213
Halifax Recorder 5,635
St. John Sun and Star 13,228
St. John Globe 6,385
Dawson World 3,070
Edmonton Bulletin 1,019
Brookville Recorder 2,154
Amherst News 1,000
Brantford Expositor 1,410
Calgary Albertan 1,610
Fredericton Herald 1,872
Kingston Whig 1,326
London Advertiser 2,494
Montreal Witness 6,828
Pinto Advocate 2,081
Regina Leader 2,344
Sydney Record 1,081
Vermont Herald 1,467

AN EXPENSIVE ENGINEER.

The government keeps a large and expensive staff of engineers and architects, and yet goes outside for much expert work. H. E. Vauzelle, of Montreal, is one of these outside employees. On Monday (Hansard, page 1464) ministers explained how much had been paid him in the last four years.

THE MIDDLEMAN AGAIN.

The middleman is still getting in his work. A neat job of his was disclosed in supply on Thursday, (Hansard unrevised 1686). These facts are admitted by the minister: Mr. O'Leary, of Richibouctou, N. B., owned a wharf, which he desired to sell. He understood that the government wanted the property and offered it for \$1,000 to Mr. Waterbury, an officer of the Public Works Department. Mr. Murray, a prominent Liberal, bought the wharf from Mr. O'Leary for 1,000 which was the price at which the owner offered it in the open market to the government or any other purchaser. Immediately the government bought it from Mr. Murray, for \$5,000.

GOVERNMENT LOSS CONTRACTOR'S GAIN.

Mr. Northrup's examination showed that the cost of operating and maintaining the government dredge during the time she earned the \$12,120, did nothing else, was between \$40,000 and \$45,000. So the government seems to have been out \$30,000 that season, while the contractor made nearly \$60,000 out of the government dredge. The government engineer had figured in advance that the dredge would dig 1,000 yards a day, earning \$150, which was a little more than the expected cost of operation. Under Mr. Sharpe's examination, the engineer admitted that this would have earned for the contractor, when the material was placed on the embankment, \$1,070, or \$920 daily clear gain. In fact, however, the dredge took out only 600 yards a day, earning \$90 for the government, or much less than the cost of operation, and making \$484 a day for the contractor, or \$52 clear profit. This is a low estimate, for the filling would be loose measurement. As these contracts were given by private arrangement, there was no reason why the government should not have done the dredging and the filling in its own account, more especially as it had the best plant for the purpose. Or if the dredging was done for the contractor as a favour to him, the government might have taken something near the contractor's own price.

INTERESTING TO CARTWRIGHT.

Volume two of the Auditor-General's Report should have great interest for Sir Richard Cartwright. It contains the payments to government organs for printing and advertising. When the Conservatives ruled, Sir Richard called this "poisoning the wells." He declared: "We have a government which does not hesitate to poison and corrupt the very sources of information from which alone the ordinary voter can learn how public affairs are administered. There is not one act so fraught with evil consequences, not one sign so significant of degradation as the manner in which the public press has been

COULD NOT GO TO WORK BACK WAS SO WEAK.

Backache is the primary cause of kidney trouble. When the back aches or becomes weak it is a warning that the kidneys are liable to become affected.

Head the warning; check the Backache and dispose of any chances of further trouble.

If you don't, serious complications are very apt to arise and the first thing you know you will have Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's Disease, the three most deadly forms of Kidney Trouble.

Mr. James Bryant, Arichat, N.S., was troubled with his back and used Doan's Kidney Pills, he writes:—"I cannot say too much about the benefit I received after using three boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills. I was greatly troubled with an aching pain across the small of my back. I could not go to work and my back was so weak I would have to sit down. It would go away for a few days but would always return. I was advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I must say they completely cured me."

Price 50 cents per box or 3 boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont.

MISCELLANEOUS

Walters—Are you going to stay with relatives next week when you go over to New York?
Williams—No, I find it cheaper to stay at a hotel. The hotelkeeper you see, never thinks of coming here to make me a return visit.

Golfing, baseball and plowing have all been indulged in in Ontario during the month of January, 1909. We are getting to be more like Florida every day.

Milburn's Sterling Headache Powders give women prompt relief from monthly pains and leave no bad after effects whatever. Be sure you get Milburn's. Price 20 and 25 cents.

Autoist (who has paid boy to bring assistance)—Did you give the farmer my message, boy?
Boy—Yep; I told him they wuz four automobileers stuck in a drift an' cudden git out.

"What did he say?"
"He said, 'Hooryay, an' gimme another quarter.'"

Minard's Liniment cures Dandruff.

After a week of rain;
A day of splendid sun;
After a time of pain;
The point of victory won;
After the battle's stain;
A life of peace begun.

A Sensible Merchant.

Mrs. Fred Laine, St. George, Ont., writes:—"My little girl would cough so at night that neither she nor I could get any rest. I gave her Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and am thankful to say it cured her cough quickly."

"Old age hath yet its honors and its toils," said Tennyson's Ulysses. And its responsibilities also, as must be realized by the Toronto negro, aged 110, who was hailed before the police magistrate yesterday on a charge of neglecting to support his young wife.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

"Garson, the most absent-minded chap I ever saw."
"What has he been doing now?"
"This morning he thought he'd left his watch at home, and then proceeded to take it out of his pocket to see if he had time to go home and get it."

Beware Of Worms.

Don't let worms gnaw at the vitals of your children. Give them Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup and they'll soon be rid of these parasites. Price 50c.

"He declared that Earl Beauchamp—pronounced Beckham—will be our next Governor-General. We'll have to loyally swallow the pill."

HAD GIVEN UP ALL HOPE OF LIVING.

Heart Troubled Cured by MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS

Mrs. Andrew Savoy, Granton, N.B., writes:—"In the year of 1902 I was taken sick and did not think I could live any more. I was in bed for weeks and my heart was so weak that I could not do any work. I had no hope of living and had given up all hope of living. One day a friend came to see me, and calling me by name, said, 'Listen, if you will try a dose of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills as they are good for heart trouble.' My husband got me a box, but for two days I was not feeling any better. On the fourth day my husband said, 'I believe these pills are doing you good.' I believe these pills are doing you good. I was able to get up, and I feel a good deal better this morning." He said, "I will get you another box right away." I took two boxes and three doses out of the third one, and I was perfectly well and have not been sick since then. I will never be without them in my home for God knows if it had not been for Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, I would not have been alive now. Price 25 cents per box. The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.