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COMMISSION GOVERNMENT IN DES MOINES.

To rebut the evidence submitted by The Standar yesterday, disclosing some objectionable features of the commission plan in Galveston, the Times offers a length; commission plan in Galveston, the Times offers a lengthy list of reforms and improvements which it is claimed are the result of the new system. It is well to remember, however, in weighing all that has been accomplished in Galveston that in 1900, the year the commission was appointed, the city had been practically wiped out by a flood; disorder and lawlessness were rampant, and it does not necessarily follow because a commission brought order out of chaos, and started with a cleam; slate to profit by the mistakes of their predecessors, that the same results could not have been attained under any other system. The Times does not state where all the money came from to effect this transformation, so it may be as well to mention that the commission was added to a great extent by the United States Government which spent \$6,000,000 on larprovements to the city.

The Times calls the report published in The Standard the work of a "hostile critic." There is no evi-

ard the work of a "hostile critic." There is no evidence to this effect. The committee of which Mr. W N. Jordan was chairman, were sent to report on the form of civic government in Galveston, on the men and their methods. They were not as much concerned as General 1,695.53 503.86 672.92 the Times appears to be with what had been done for Galveston, practically all of this information could have 

the weak spots of the commission plan, rather than have all the enlightenment that is to be vouchsafed to them confined to the glowing encomiums which are put forward by its advocates.

But as the Times says the Galveston plan has been greatly improved upon by other cities, "and what is called the Des Moines plan is now the basis of city charters under the commission plan." So it is to Des Moines that we must really look for light and leading. It is somewhat of a shock, therefore, to learn from the lowa Unionist, a journal published in Des Moines, that the bill to create a commission in 1907 was the work of "PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS and DISGRUNTLED among the bill "ignored a bill to their own liking "office SEEKERS and UNION WRECKERS," who in "framing the bill "ignored a bill to their own liking "and RAILROADED IT THROUGH THE LEGISLA-"THRE" with the assistance of three "SUBSIDIZED "DAILIES."

This was not an auspicious start but it prepares for further disquicting news which is contained in the Des Moines Register and Leader of August 1909, or extrayagance against the Harmonian the Hazen Government, has shown the advantage of introducing business methods into the conduct of the public business.

THREE YOUNG SKATERS

There has been no drill instructor the Stephen, St. Andrews, St. George and Milltown in place of the law Quarter public methods in the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor and the Speedy Trials Act. There has been no drill instructor an

the Des Moines Register and Leader of August 1909, when the commission had been in operation more than a year. From this journal we gather that there were "FREQUENT WRANGLES BETWEEN THE COMMIS."

Attorney General's Continued in the accounts than among the contingencies to prove his assertions of extravagance against the Hazen administration.

The following comparison is not uninteresting in this connection:—

Attorney General's Continued. "SIONERS at council meetings," and that it is claimed these disagreements "betray a weakness, and therefore "the plan is NO IMPROVEMENT ON THE OLD SYS-"TEM."

But, perhaps, we still doubt, for we have the strongest assurances that the Des Moines plan is not only seat assurances that the Des Moines plan is not only THE plan, but is now "the basis of city charters" and exactly what we are looking for in St. John. The Midwestern, another Des Moines journal, however, gives in even less encouragement. Mr. W. W. Wise, a writter in the Mid-Western, in reviewing the working of the commission plan in Des Moines, has this to say about it:—"IT FURNISHES ALL OF THE OPPORTUNADOUT IT.—"IT FURNISHES ALL OF "ITY DESIRED BY THE WARD POLITICIAN TO OB"TAIN OFFICE AND REMAIN IN OFFICE, and BUILD
"UP A GIGANTIC AND IRRESISTIBLE POLITICAL
"MACHINE, which the united efforts of THE BEST ELE"MENT in the city would be UNABLE TO OVERCOME." "The results in the city of Des Moines during the first
"year under the Des Moines plan give AMPLE PROOF
"of the truthfulness of this statement, when the entire
"press of the city, the united efforts of the two commercial clubs and the Greater Des Moines Committee

mercial clubs and the Greater Des Moines Committee have been unable to keep down BICKERING, STRIFE "and POLITICAL MACHINATIONS."

It will be interesting to the student of political economy to note how the hereditary taint to which we referred in a previous article shows itself in Des Moines. Referring to conditions in Galveston, the parent city of the commission plan, a committee reported three years before, in 1906: "The extensive powers of the commissioners have enabled them to CONTROL ALL POLITICAL FACTIONS and completely to CRUSH THE OP-POSITION. THE COMMISSIONERS' FACTION IS IN COMPLETE CONROL and its leaders DICTATE NOM-INATIONS of commissioners, members of the legislature and congressmen." The Des Moines child with all its improvements and educational advantages has the same blemain.

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(Winnipeg Tribune.)

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Holderville, Jan. 21.—The recent cold weather has made travelling across the Milkish fee passable, much to the satifaction of residents of this and other places along the river.

Abram B. Holder, of St. John, visited friends here this week.

Captain and Mrs. D. L. Whittaker drove to Bloomfield on Saturday, returning Monday.

The supreme test of a man's retigion is to come also with the morning in his stocking feet and find the water pipes burst.

more concrete instances from this point of view, are not at all concerned because the Times in revising the first instalment remarked with fine sarcasm. "The Standard actuated by a burning desire for go government for St. John quotes with approval statemes made by a hostile critic." We are more concerned is now in throwing some light on a phase of this quest which if left to the Times would never be presented.

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|   | Old G                 | overnmen  | nt.         |             |
|   | Department.           | 1905      | 1906        | 1907        |
|   | Auditor General\$     | 210.66    | \$ 194.75   | \$ 150.88   |
|   | Attorney General      |           | 822.78      | 407.49      |
|   | Agriculture           | 493.06    | 482.82      | 530.31      |
|   | Board of Works        | 686.18    | 841.74      | 802.66      |
|   | Crown Land Office     | 1,134.80  | 1,789.56    | 1,447.84    |
| i | Executive Council     | 1,997.51  | 1,381.10    | 1,252.74    |
| i | Education Office      | 1,028.03  | 1,074.98    | 1,027.41    |
| ì | Lieutenant Governor   | 271.82    | 340.40      | 833.63      |
| ĺ | Legislature           | 6,867.52  | 6,838.30    | 9,411.32    |
| å | Normal School         | 62.58     | 74.60       | 63.55       |
| ì | Prov. Sec. Office and |           |             |             |
| ì | Receiver General      | 2,281.80  | 2,233.32    | 2,263.78    |
| i | General               | 1,425.80  | 1,340.61    | 1,186.06    |
| 9 | Solicitor General     | 83.77     | 207.48      | 204.15      |
| į | Totals \$             | 17.852.77 | \$17.622.44 | \$19.581.82 |
| J | Hazen Government.     |           |             |             |
| 2 | Department.           | 1908      | 1909        | 1910        |
| 2 | Auditor General\$     | 120.07    | \$ 149.08   | \$ 277.35   |
| 1 | Attorney General      |           | 560.67      | 371.64      |
| 1 | Agriculture           | 432.16    | 503.71      | 1.014.95    |
| ä | Board of Works        | 842.16    | 981.65      | 1,039.64    |
|   | Crown Lands Office    | 2,046.71  | 1,700.65    | 1,697.13    |
| ì | Executive Council     | ,875.76   | 350.75      | 490.91      |
|   | Education Office      | 1,168.82  | 1,428.00    | 1,249.10    |
|   | Lieut. Governor       | 1,214.23  | 1,237.20    | 1,702.84    |
|   | Legislature           | 5,581.19  | 7,047.34    | 7,552.68    |
|   | Normal School         | 140.53    | 115.55      | 547.00      |
| ۱ | Provincial Secretary  |           | 949.51      | 870.22      |
| i | Receiver General      | 1.695.53  | 503.85      | 672.92      |
|   | General               | 1,058,52  |             |             |
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| Attorney General | 's Contingencies. |
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| 1905-\$1,359.24  | 1908-\$ 544.06    |
| 1906- 822.78     | 1909 560.67       |
| 1907 407.49      | 1910 871.64       |
| \$2,589.51       | \$1,476.37        |
| Executive Counc  | il Contingencies. |
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| 1906- 1,381.10   | 1909- 350.75      |
| 1907 1,252.74    | 1910- 490.91      |
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### **Current Comment**

### The Standard's Old Reporter

(Yellow Journalism.)

make a most every dispense that one phase of this question which if left to the Times would never be presented.

PROVINCIAL CONTINGENCIES.

When the Leader of the Opposition was interviewed by the Telegraph a few weeks ago, be endeavored to make it appear that there was something wrong with the provincial contingent accounts. It is rather remarkable that Mr. Robinson fell into the same error a year ago. The change in the method of keeping the accounts was then explained to Mr. Robinson, who was also referred to the statement of departmental contingence of the Chapter published in the Auditor General's report. With this information in his possession last year its seems strange that Mr. Robinson should fall into the same error again this year, but he has done so.

The contingencies of the departments are expenditures are expenditures they indicated by the present in the same error again that year, but he has done so.

The contingencies of the department are to be judged by their record in regard to these expenditures they make a much better showing than their predecessors in office. During the last three years of the old Government.

Department.

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### BETTER PAY FOR FREDERICTON TEACHERS

Readjustment May Follow Report That Salaries are Less Than in Other Places-Boy Thieves on Trial

dericton; Jan. 23.—The of the salaries of the city schools is a mat probably be considereng of the school truste

CANADIAN NEWS NOTES.

By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh and Co.

Montreal, Jan. 23—Jos F. Demers of Quebec who was elected a director of the Toledo Railways and Light Co, to represent the Canadian holders, has resigned and bis place has been taken by R. Mink. A. E. Lang of Toledo has been elected president and Louis E. Belistein vicetyresident. There were rumors around the Street today which could not be confirmed, that the Cement merger statement will show less than two per cent. well show be the carned on the common stock. Some time ago it was believed that nearly three per cent, would be shown but the directors, it is said, will turn out a very conservative document with liberal provisions for depreciation. One satisfactory feature of the statement will be the large amount of cash on hand shown. A director of the company said today that the com-pany would soon be able to turn the corner and do much better without regard to prices. The statement is expected a week from Wednesday.

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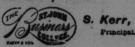
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