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(To Every Man His Own.)

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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

SPENDTHRIFT POLICY

We earnestly commend the Auditor-General's Report, of which we began the publication yesterday, to the careful attention of our readers.

It really amounts to a commentary by an impartial official, on public expenditures, and as such is deserving of much more than passing notice. One phase of the Report that is bound to impress even the casual reader is the note of protest the Auditor-General sounds time and again against irregular—and of necessity—wasteful expenditure of the revenues of this Country.

It is most gratifying to have such an experienced financier as Mr. Berneau taking the same attitude towards the Estimates as was presented by Mr. Coaker and his followers in the House of Assembly last session. In a speech of Mr. Coaker's published in this issue will be found an earnest and emphatic protest against the deplorable custom of passing hundreds of thousands of dollars every year as Supplementary Supply.

Surely, as the leader of the Union Party remarked, it should be possible by this time to estimate very closely the financial outlet required for each department. Yet year after year, ministers have to ask the House for tens of thousands of dollars, over and above what is granted in regular supply.

Last session, for instance, Supplementary Supply reached the enormous total of \$244,000.

We are of opinion that as long as this custom continues we will look in vain for sober, economical expenditure in our various public departments and that the Civil Service will continue to cost the Country an amount out of all proportion to its actual value to the people.

The sane, businesslike way to manage this thing is to set aside a fixed appropriation for each department and to pin down each particular Minister to that amount. If the appropriation of any one year be exceeded by the expenditure, then let the appropriation of the following year be reduced by an amount equal to such over expenditure.

It is true that it is quite necessary, in certain departments, to allow for contingencies that cannot possibly be foreseen when supply is being put through, but no reasonable man will be foolish enough to claim that such contingencies ever reach close on a quarter of a million dollars.

As a matter of fact, this voting of excessive supplemental supply makes possible, if it does not encourage, foolish and extravagant expenditure of public funds, and we feel quite safe in asserting that Ministers would never dare to ask the House in advance for grants for purposes other than those under the present system, they first flying away money and afterward ask the Legislature to recoup the Bank therefor.

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ABSOLUTE OPPRESSION

The Auditor-General's Report tabulates hundreds of increases in salaries and numerous additions to the number of public officials made within the last few months by the Morris Government.

Consider for a moment just what this means.

At a time when this Country was facing a big deficit in revenue the Party led by Sir Edward Morris greatly increased the number of public officials and thus entailed additional charges of hundreds of thousands of dollars on an already overburdened exchequer.

Then, within a few weeks, the Government announced that a surtax, involving additional taxation of \$700,000 was necessary.

It is plain, therefore, that the Fishermen of this Country have been drawn on to provide salaries for a bunch of Government beavers and favorites.

Yet this group of politicians is brazen-faced enough to style itself "The People's Party."

And it was the same Sir Edward Morris, who countenanced this grinding oppression after promising in his Manifesto to lighten the burden of taxation for those who were so little able to bear it!

SOMETHING ADDED

There were half a dozen sitters in the barroom of a tavern at Pt. Jefferson, Long Island, when Deacon Denton dropped in in search of a man to work for him. He had a big comforter around his neck, and was rubbing his hands, and was asked:

"Do you call this party cold, Deacon?"

"Fourteen below," he replied.

"Oh, no, it can't be that."

"I looked at the thermometer as I left home."

"But it isn't even freezing."

"Fourteen below!"

There was a long minute of silence, with all the men winking at each other, and at last the Deacon felt a twinge of conscience and observed:

"But I wish to add that I had drank three glasses of hard cider with my supper, and that thermometer hasn't been very reliable since, it got run over by a load of hay last summer. Mebbe the right figger is fourteen above. I am on my way to prayer meeting, and I may get some sort of guidance there. If the spirit moves me then she's above; if the spirit don't then she's fourteen below and still a-dropping!"

TO CORRESPONDENTS—We are always glad to receive letters on matters of local and general public interest. Correspondents, however, should make their letters as brief as they possibly can, as we are receiving scores of communications daily and have only a very limited space in which to publish them.

We use practically every letter received, at some time or other, but there must, in view of our large correspondence, necessarily be some delay before some of these letters appear in The Mail and Advocate.

We are particularly anxious to receive notes of news from all round the Island! Let our young people particularly get busy and help us make our paper the newsiest in the country.—Editor.

ROMAN PEACE

Go thou to Rome,—at once the Paradise,

The grave, the city and the wilderness;

And where its wrecks like shattered mountains rise,

And flowering weeds, and fragrant corpses dress

The bones of Desolation's nakedness

Pause, till the Spirit of the spot shall lead

Thy footsteps to a slope of green access

Where, like an infant's smile, over the dead,

A light of laughing flowers along the grass is spread.

And gray walls moulder round, on which dull Time

Feeds, like slow fire upon a hoary brand;

And one steep pyramid with wedge sublime,

Pavilions the dust of him who planned

This refuge for his memory, doth stand

Like flame transformed to marble; and beneath,

A field is spread, on which a newer band

Have pitched in Heaven's smile their camp of death

Welcoming him we lose with scarce extinguished breath.

—Shelley.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

The measure of man's life is the well spending of it, and not the length.—Plutarch.

REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL

Under Section 33 (b) of the Audit Act For The Period Ending December 31st, 1913.

(Continued from yesterday)

B.

Expenditures Under Order-in-Council.

(13). The following payments have been made under Order-in-Council. They consist of increases in voted salaries, salaries for new offices and other expenditures which have not been provided for by the Legislature. All payments made on account of them are contrary to the provisions of the Audit Act and have therefore been disallowed by me. Repayment from the Exchequer Account to cover these illegal expenditures on Letter of Credit Account having been refused by me, the several Departments which have incurred them are indebted "pro tanto" to the Bank of Montreal unless until provision is made by the Legislature to meet them.

(14). Salaries and increases to voted salaries.

William Cochrane, Messenger Supreme Court; present salary, \$374; increase, \$62.

Edward Collins, Gaoler, Placentia; present salary, \$160; increase, \$20.

Wm. Bailey, Police Superannuation; present salary, \$675; increase, \$675.

Wm. O'Farrell, Police Superannuation; present salary, \$342; increase, \$342.

S. G. Thompson, Asst. School Inspector; present salary, \$500; increase, \$100.

E. Lodge, Asst. School Inspector; present salary, \$800; increase, \$100.

V. P. Burke, Thgs. Hanrahan, W. W. Blackall, Rev. Dr. Curtis, S. C. Thompson, School Inspectors for travelling expenses; increase, \$200 each.

E. Whitway, Hospital Clerk; present salary, \$720; increase, \$120.

R. Andrews, Typist Public Health Office; present salary, \$480; increase, \$180.

Dr. James, District Surgeon; present salary, \$250; increase, \$250.

Dr. Grant, Quarantine Officer; present salary, \$300; increase, \$300.

Miss Galpin, Typist Marine and Fisheries; present salary, \$400; increase, \$100.

H. Hutchings, Accountant Marine and Fisheries; present salary, \$900; increase, \$290.

T. Dewling, Boatman to Harbor Master; present salary, \$400; increase, \$40.

Light House Keepers—L. Yetman, present salary \$240, increase \$180; G. Head, present salary \$100, increase \$50; J. Robinson, present salary \$100, increase \$50; D. Jacobs, present salary \$100, increase \$50; N. Gillard, present salary \$100, increase \$50; W. Patey, present salary \$240, increase \$190; E. Carter, present salary \$470, increase \$110; James Toop, Sr., present salary \$420, increase \$60.

Public Works Dept.—Wm. Pearce, 1st Clerk, present salary \$1100, increase \$100; James Murphy, 3rd Clerk present salary \$300, increase \$200; Miss Power, Typist, present salary \$300, increase \$100.

Wm. Churchill, Supt. Public Buildings; present salary, \$1200; increase, \$200.

S. A. Churchill, Asst. Public Buildings; present salary, \$750; increase \$150.

T. Bona, Outport Road Inspector; present salary, \$1200; increase, \$200.

P. Murphy, Road Inspector, St. John's; present salary, \$900; increase \$200.

F. Brocklehurst, Asst. Messenger and Keeper Colonial Secretary's Office; present salary, \$600; increase, \$200.

G. Buchanan, Engineer Court House Building; present salary, \$660; increase, \$60.

C. H. Hutchings, Deputy Minister of Justice, Secretary Lunacy Commission and for keeping accounts, Department of Justice; present salary, \$2400; increase, \$400.

M. Maddigan, Engineer Lunatic Asylum; present salary, \$490; increase, \$80.

Dr. Knight, House Surgeon General Hospital; present salary, \$1200; increase, \$1200.

M. White, Fireman General Hospital; present salary, \$480; increase, \$480.

Cook and Laundress General Hospital; present salary, \$240; increase, \$120.

F. Woods, Fireman Museum Bldg.; present salary, \$540; increase, \$120.

E. McLeod, Orderly Penitentiary; present salary, \$325; increase, \$325.

G. Wight, 3rd Asst. Locker; present salary, \$500; increase, \$100.

Tidewaiters.

J. McNamara, Badger Brook; present salary, \$510; increase, \$510.

E. Winter, Botwood; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

J. W. Collins, Botwood; present salary, \$400; increase, \$400.

J. aPardy, Bonavista; present salary, \$240; increase, \$240.

P. J. Griffen, Grand Falls; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

M. Cashin, Port au Port; present salary, \$292; increase, \$292.

W. T. Burke, St. Jacques; present salary, \$300; increase, \$300.

J. LeMoine, Rose Blanche; present salary, \$360; increase, \$360.

J. H. Tavernor, Moreton's Harbor; present salary, \$360; increase, \$360.

H. C. Winsor, Aquaforte; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

P. Ronayne, Tor's Cove; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

G. Dean, Carbonear; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

C. McCarthy, Carbonear; present salary, \$360; increase, \$360.

C. Crocker, Carbonear; present salary, \$390; increase, \$195.

B. Gorman, Hr. Breton; present salary, \$480; increase, \$480.

J. R. Collins, Placentia; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

T. O'Brien, Hr. Grace; present salary, \$450; increase, \$450.

E. Bragg, Channel; present salary, \$360; increase, \$360.

L. McCush, Belleoram; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

Hillyard, Bay Verte; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

A. J. Hoffa, Change Islands; present salary, \$360; increase, \$210.

P. Fillet, Burgeo; present salary, \$280; increase, \$40.

R. Reddy, Burn; present salary, \$390; increase, \$30.

G. G. Hann, Lamaline; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390.

J. Evans, W. J. Bragg, Port aux Basques; present salaries, \$390; increase, \$390 each.

N. Burge, Bonavista; increase, \$90.

Attendants, Poor Asylum—J. Sellers, present salary \$400, increase \$50; J. R. White, present salary \$330, increase \$60.

Ferry-men, sundry individuals; present salary, \$600; increase, \$800.

H. Moulton, Clerk Prime Minister's Office; present salary, \$600; increase, \$600.

B. Simonsen, Oil Expert, Marine and Fisheries; present salary, \$1452; increase, \$1452.

A. C. Goodridge, Deputy Minister Marine and Fisheries; present salary, \$1400; increase, \$200.

James Harris, Secretary Public Works; present salary, \$1400; increase, \$200.

J. Luscombe, Typist and Messenger Auditor General's Office; present salary, \$350; increase, \$110.

F. C. Brien, Clerk Auditor General's Office; present salary, \$700; increase, \$200.

F. Tucker, Govt. Engineer's Office; present salary, \$840; increase, \$840.

Miss Garland, Typist Supreme Court; present salary, \$400; increase, \$400.

Thomas Morris, pension (late Public Works Office); present salary, \$534; increase, \$534.

L. Mooney, pension (late Ferryland); present salary, \$160; increase, \$160.

R. Walsh, pension, (late keeper Post Office); present salary, \$300; increase, \$300.

J. Culleton, pension, (late official, Post Office); present salary, \$100; increase, \$100.

Night Boatmen, Customs—Thomas Hall, Robert LeShane; present salaries, \$420; increase, \$420 each.

M. Coffey, day boatman; present salary, \$420; increase, \$420.

Tidewaiters, Customs.

J. Jackman, J. Snow, J. Vine, J. P. Howard, J. Doyle, P. Whelan; present salary, \$390; increase, \$390 each.

J. Hagan, present salary \$360, increase \$360.

W. H. Parsons, J. W. Cole, G. Coysh R. Lewis, W. C. Major, M. F. Lawlor, R. D. Cave; present salary \$600; increase \$210 each.

G. Warren, Tidewaiter, Customs; present salary, \$480; increase, \$90.

Messengers, Customs—M. Clarke, J. Francis, J. Preston; present salary, \$606; increase, \$216 each.

W. Smithwick, Caretaker, Customs; present salary \$164, increase \$60.

J. Curtin, night watchman, Customs; present salary \$390, increase \$30.

H. J. Watts, Tide Surveyor, Customs; present salary \$1200, increase \$100.

C. Nicholls, coxswain day boat, Customs; present salary \$600, increase \$120.

W. J. Lewis, night watchman, Customs; present salary \$300, increase \$300.

A. Crocker, Clerk Shipping Office, Customs; present salary \$600, increase \$600.

R. Noonan, Clerk in Customs; present salary \$600, increase \$100.

Suffrage Warehouse Keeper, Customs—R. J. Russell, W. Pampen, J. L. White, G. Herald; present salary \$600, increase, \$100 each.

M. Reddy, boatman, Customs; present salary \$480, increase \$60.

Suffrage Warehouse Keeper, Customs—S. Heath, J. Mullins, E. Willar, F. H. Axford, P. Reardon (gauger), E. Tuck; present salary, \$600; increase, \$100 each.

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