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In the current issue of the *Doors of Hope*, published by the National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, a... letters received from the many persons from all parts of the Dominion seeking admission to the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives...  
"I would like to urge strongly upon you the great claims of this patient..."  
"I have been home a few days..."  
"I am a young married man, twenty-three years of age..."  
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"I have been bed-ridden for about three months..."  
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"We have sometimes thought that if Ian MacLaren, who has given to us the character of Dr. McClure, were alive to-day that in letters such as these he would find material for a book more touching and pathetic in many parts than his *Bonnie Briar Bush*..."  
"It is on behalf of cases like these, of which there are scores reaching the Secretary of the Sanitarium every week, that the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives makes its appeal to-day for funds..."  
"This institution has not at any time since its doors were first opened in April, 1902, refused a single patient because of the applicant being unable to pay..."  
Contributions may be sent to Mr. W. J. Gage, 84 Spadina Ave., Chairman of the Executive Committee, or to J. S. Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

**CANADA'S DAIRY EXPORTS DECREASED HEAVILY**

**Though Britain Buys More than Ever She is Getting Less than Ever from Canada—Inflated Expenditure During Election Campaign—Sir Wilfrid Protested for Offering Bribe to Civil Servants—Aldermen's Profits.**

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A petition has been filed against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in respect to his election in Ottawa City. In government circles there are dismal complaints over this proceeding. Sir Wilfrid's friends appear to think that the premier should be allowed to use the most direct and effective method of corruption, to secure his personal election, and yet be exempt from the usual and proper penalty of this act. In this case the facts are undisputed. When Sir Wilfrid became a candidate he wrote a letter to his colleagues, Mr. McCreery promising to use his influence to raise the salaries of civil servants by at least twelve and a half per cent., as suggested by the Civil Service Commission, and to have the increase dated back to the first of September. Mr. McCreery had promised this, but had not sufficient authority to make the pledge good for votes. Therefore the prime minister wrote a letter giving his assent to the promise with the striking passages printed in black capitals was sent to every civil servant who had a vote, and the pledge of the premier was canvassed by active campaigners, including civil servant officials, all through the departmental buildings.

**AN EFFECTIVE BRIBE**  
No more attractive inducement than this could be offered to the 1,500 electors in public average in Ottawa. It meant on the average \$125 a year to each voter in the service. It meant a back payment of probably \$50 or \$40 on the average for services rendered before the change in salary should be made. It called for about \$200,000 additional annual payments from the public treasury, with extra payments of \$50,000 to \$75,000. This is the bribe offered to one constituency, not from the purse of the candidates or their friends, but from the public treasury. It would not have been offered if the two seats in Ottawa had not been in danger, and if the premier himself had not been a candidate, and were not in peril of defeat by his own capital. The original government campaign expenses were \$1,000,000.

**DECREASED BUTTER EXPORTS.**  
The butter trade shows a still worse record for Mr. Fisher and his department:  
Exports from Montreal, 1897, 400,000  
Exports from Montreal, 1898, 270,000  
Exports from Montreal, 1899, 451,000  
Compared with 1900, 95,416  
That is our exports of butter are less than half what they were five years ago, and about one-fifth of the quantity nine years ago.

**JUSTICE OFFERED AS A BRIBE**  
Of course it is said that the civil servants were entitled to this increase, and that the civil service commission had recommended it. That does not change the proceeding. It only makes it worse. The recommendation was made nearly a year before, and the civil service act was passed many months before Sir Wilfrid was a candidate. The salary increase had been demanded for years, and was held up pending the civil service enquiry. It was expected immediately after the recommendation, but was withheld until Sir Wilfrid needed votes. Having refused the increase so long the premier should have waited until after the elections. To keep it back until October and then offer it as an election bribe, is the worst way in which the bribe can be offered. It is an offence for a candidate to buy votes with his own money. The offence is greater when votes are bought with the people's money. It is a gross offence when justice is refused except as a price for the leader of the government which gives up with holds justice at its pleasure.

**AGRICULTURE NEGLECTED**  
No doubt Mr. Fisher will explain that all this is the fault of Providence or the Canadian shipper, or the Canadian dairyman or the British purchaser. But since he claimed credit for losses during the first few years of his ministry, he should be willing now to take the blame for the falling prices.

**EXPENDITURE AND ELECTIONS**  
The effect of an election on public expenditure is shown by the statements of October and November, this year and last. Last year there was no election and the October expenditure was \$5,173,873. This year there was an election and the October expenditure was \$7,710,665, an increase of \$2,536,792.

**INTERCOLONIAL DEFICIT**  
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range in his department has not greatly increased the cost of supplies. A Census inquiry would compare Mr. Graham's statement that purchases are made practically on business principles. Lodge bought Moncton lands on business principles for \$5,975, and at once sold them on patronage principles to the government for \$13,880. The Halifax land required for railway was bought on business principles for \$18,565 by Mr. Pearson. Pearson passed it over to the government on patronage principles for \$45,400. On business principles Mr. Graham could buy at first hand the commodities which he requires. On patronage principles he shuts out the producer and gives the business at a higher price to an unnecessary middleman.

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