

"That this conduct indicates that the Government is devoid of the most elementary notions of justice, equity and respect for public opinion.

"That the action of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonization in recommending so arbitrary a decision to the Executive is an unqualified act of partisanship which tends to punish the electors who have freely exercised their franchise and shows that the honorable Minister inspired more by party spirit than by the desire to do justice to those entitled to it, is unable to administer with impartiality the important department of which he has charge and has shown himself to be unworthy the confidence of this House."

The motion was lost of course by the votes of the gentlemen who benefited by the cash distribution. See Journals. Vol. XXVIII page 396-88.

In 1895 the Tory counties got \$69,400.00 and the Liberal \$6,336.00; the former averaging \$2,393.00 per county and the latter \$576.00.

In 1896 the Tory counties got \$79,800.00 and the Liberal \$21,000.00.

In answer to a question put by Mr. Magnan on June 6th, 1892 the Hon. Mr. Beaubien said that: "The Government will see, that the moneys devoted to colonization, are distributed with justice everywhere." (See Journals. Vol. XXVI page 222) The Government's idea of justice is made evident by the way they distributed the money. Untrustworthy as usual.

Another example of justice can be seen in last year's returns. Ottawa County, for example, received \$27,336.76. This large sum was mainly spent in four townships where large areas of land are owned by such good Tories as Sir Alex. Lacoste, Hon. Mr. Beaubien, Mr. de Bellefeuille and so forth. Although municipalities are organized in that district yet the Government even and takes the Public money to make the roads for these men. First they get the pick of the lands for a mere song and then the money made by the working men of the Province is taken to make the roads for these gentry.

What about the poor settlers fighting for life in Pontiac? They get \$9,236.63 in 1895 they got the magnificent sum of \$1,610.11 whilst Ottawa had \$8,172.85. Bonaventure must needs be contented with \$406.75 and \$6,000.15 whilst the old County of Dorchester gets \$3,197.66 and \$3,429.63 in the two years; the reason is clear Dorchester is represented by the renowned Pelletier and so is taken care of with an eye to the election.

In 1895 Rimouski did not get one cent whilst in 1896 it received \$300.50 so much for the county that needs all the help

it can get; turning to Terrebonne although it has railways running through it, netted \$1,839.37 and \$3,461.70. How is this?

The first county is represented by a Liberal and Terrebonne by the Hon. Mr. Nantel the man of Court House fame. The lands of that Hon. gent must be attended to. This is in the way the Colonization money is justly distributed.

The manner in which the Provincial authorities worked to help the Tories at Ottawa is plainly to be seen by the following letter which was made the theme of a question by Mr. Gosselin in the Quebec House on Dec. 12th, 1896. (See Journals. XXXI page 181.) It will be seen that the letter was written only three days before the Federal Elections.

Fraserville, 20th. June, 1896.

Rion & Chagnon.

Advocates.

Mr. Andre Cimon.

I have received instructions from the Government to direct you to at once commence work in the byroad of the 8th range of Viger to the West, leading down to the 7th range.

Send on your men and commence on Monday. You will have \$50.00 to spend in this by-road. The official instructions will be transmitted you in a few days. In any case commence work at once. You are the foreman.

Yours

(Signed), S. C. Rion.

To Mr. Andre Cimon.

Of St. Francois Xavier

County of Temisconatae.

On December 22nd, 1896, when Hon. Mr. Beaubien moved that the House do concur in the resolution that \$100,000 be allotted for colonization roads for the year ending June 30th, 1898; Mr. Tessier (Rimouski), moved in amendment "that this House regrets to observe that the moneys voted for colonization under the present administration have been distributed in various places in the interest of the party in power, frequently during electoral campaigns through candidates who were friends of the party in power and contrary to the interest of the settlers of this Province.

"That this House deems it its duty to call the attention of the Government to the fact that it is urgent to give to colonization roads in counties which have had none since 1892, the share of moneys voted for colonization roads to which they were entitled." Lost by 34 to 20.