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THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S ER-ROR.

Mr. Emmerson is reported to have said at Milltown that "the Petitodiac "bridge cost nearly seven cents per "pound, and the Salisbury bridge "over six cents." He seems to have made some reservation as to the basis of calculation, but this was not clear to the audience. The purpose was to make it appear that the Record Company's price of 6 1-2 cents per pound is not more than was paid for tender and contract bridges.

Why does not Mr. Emmerson give the cost and weight of these bridges wihout trying to confuse the issue by doubtful expressions? He has the plans of the bridges in his department and can give the weight. He has the record of the sum paid for the structures. Mr. Emmerson is invited to produce the figures

The chief commissioner is not likely to account this not likely reasonable invitation. A team of horses will not draw the details from him. The reason is that they prove the extravagance of the price now paid by the department. The return of weight and cost show the price per pound, which is not as stated at Milltown.

These returns, which Mir. Emmerso has in his office, will show that steel bridges built as long ago as 1892 by the late Commissioner Ryan, under the tender system, cost less per pound, when transported to the spot, floored, painted and complete, than Mr. Emmerson paid five years after for bridges as delivered at the Record shops in Moncton. Yet during these five years the market price of

Taking the difference of market price at the different dates into consideration. Mr. Hammerson paid the Record company deuble the price that Mr. Ryan paid the contractors who built the two Kings county bridges in

Let Mr. Emmerson for once give up talking generalities, and furnish the and price, as he is able to do, and as he would do if the facts did not support the charge against his govern-

It does not meet the case for the chief commissioner to talk about "nameless engineers" of There is no nameless engineer in this case. Mr. Emmerson's engineer has a name. Let us have the facts from him about these bridges on which Mr. Emmerson founds his argument for the defence

These facts will prove that Mr. Em-merson's alleged quotation of prices is entirely and absolutely incorrect and that Mr. Ryan did not pay any thing near the price that his successor alleges, or that his successor

The provincial ministers are going about telling the farmers that every man of them ought to grow enough wheat to provide his own bread. It is solemnly explained that if the people of New Brunswick would raise their own bread they will not have to buy it from the west. This is obvious enough, but it is equally clear that if wheat is grown in place of something else, the other crop will be reduced. The people will not have so much wheat to buy, nor so much of some other crop to sell or to feed. Individual farmers will of course do as they have done in the past. They will decide whether their soil is fit for wheat, and if it is, whether it will be likely to produce a greater value of wheat than of some other crop. This is a subject which most farmers have thought over, and have occasionally tested by experiment. A succession of good wheat seasons, or continued high prices for flour encourage farmers to go into wheat growing. A series of poor wheat crops, and cheap bread, are followed by a return to other crops. Some farmers find that it rarely pays to sow wheat on their land. Some find that wheat is often a profitable crop. Nearly all discover that it is less

certain than other grain crops.

It amuses husbandmen who have tried wheat growing off and on all their lives to have a lawyer and a shop-keeper going about propounding the wheat policy as a new scheme, and telling them that they should not send money out of the province for bread. Mr. Emmerson may pay two to four prices for bridges rather than

take the job away from his Mencton favorites, but the farmer does not so easily see that he ought to raise whealt at double prices in order to keep his money at home. If the character of his land is such that an acre only produces half as much wheat as he cam buy with some other crop grown on that same acre, he cannot be pursuaded to grow his own bread. The farmers have to pay two prices for bridges, but they can escape paying two prices for bread.

Mr. Labillois told the Sackville farmers the other day all about wheat. When he had finished speaking, two of the principal agriculturalists in that locality took the floor. They informed the commissioner of agriculture that his remarks were not instructive, and told him that wheat was not as a rule a profitable crop in that neighborhood. They went or to tell the commissioner that they did not think much of his stock importation, and one of them politely but plainly explained that Mr. Labilloi. was about the last man whom he would have selected for the position of head of the department of agriculture. That Sackville man spoke the sentiments of the New Brunswick farmers.

#### AN ISSITE

It is said that Mr. Emmerson not appeal to the country on his oridge policy, or his wheat policy, or his stock importation policy. The issue to be submitted to the electors is the one question whether party lines should be drawn in provincial elections. So important and urgent is the question that in order to have it settled, the chief commissioner is denying himself the pleasure of ex posing his bridge transactions to the secrutiny of an inquisitive public accounts committee.

If this is to be the main issue, the Sun will have two new comrades in the contest: The St. John Globe and the Moncton Transcript are both opposed to the conlition system, and if Mr. Emmerson civides the prevince on the question they must, if true to wheir often expressed convictions, take the opposition side. The Transcript has already stated that after the election "there will not be a coalition government." If Mr. Emmerson goes to the country on this question; making coalition his policy, only his defeat can bring about the condition which the Transcript predicts. But the transcript also predicts that after the election the government will be a liberal one. This must mean what Mr. Emmerson is going to win. Now, if Mr. Emmerson appeals to the country against the policy of smashing the coalition, how can he. if successful, proceed forthwith to smash the coalition? It is too my for us, but everything is possible to the servant and follower of the premier who went to the country in favor of a high stumpage policy, and immediately after the election adopted low atumpage in order to gain the support of low stumpage members

ANOTHER PROFITABLE YEAR Everyboldy will be pleased to hear that the Intercolonial railway is going to make a profit this fiscal year. As we are only on the seventh month yet, it is not quite certain how much money will be made. Last year's deficit was \$140,000, though the minister promised \$500,000 profit in the first ear of the operation of the Drummend railway. This year we are gain promised of profit and so may venture to hope that the deficit will not be much larger than the \$140,000 reported for the twelve months ending last June.

## JUDGE MORTON.

By the death of Judge Morton the county of Kings and the province generally lose a worthy public man and an admirable citizen. Mr. Morton was esteemed by all, and unlike some other excellent men, was as well liked as he was highly respected. From first to last he held several responsible and prominent positions in the county where he spent the greater part of his life, and in all has had the good opinion and the best wishes of those whom he served.

The late Mr. Chiniquy left a last statement carefully prepared and legally attested, in which he affirmed that he would never be a Roman Catholic. He set forth his reasons in strong language, reaffirming the charges made by rim in his fighting days, and directed that publicity should be given to this declaration, and a copy be sent to the Archbishop of Montreal. It appears that Mr. Chiniquy had a fear that it would be stated after he was dead that in his last hour; he had returned to the church of his youth, and this document was drawn up as proof to the

contrary. It was expected by the friends of the government that a dissolution of the legislature would be announced ast night. No such announcement, however, has reached the Sun. Perhaps it has been reserved for the government press, and possibly the

merson said that he was glad bridges were made in Moncton, and that he would rejoice to see them made in St. Andrews also. The chief commissioner can have his wish. There is not a town or a village, or a cross road settlement in the province where he may not have a bridge factory. built, if he can ensure the proprietors prices two-thirds as high as he pass to the Record Company.

If Mr. Emmerson will guarantee to St. John company, or, for that matter, to a commany at St. Andrews, or Fredericton, or Woodstock, or Sussex, or Chatham, or any other manufacturing town, the same price and the same amount of work that is given to the Record Company, he will have an establishment at work within a few weeks on the following terms:

The manufacturers will deliver the bridges at 6 1-2 cents per pound of a quality equal to those now furnished. Out of the profits they will pay the salary of the commissioner of public works and his whole staff of engineers and clerks, In addition, they will contribute, also out of the pro-fits of the year's business, the whole government grant to the agricultural societies in the 69 districts, which in 1897 drew from \$150 to \$250 each.

They will also pay out of their gains all the grant given and all the money expended by the province for the encouragement of the dairy industry on the basis of the appropriation of 1897 Even then it would not be a benevolent contract. The contractors would still have a profit equal to that enjoyed by other bridge builders the ecord Company excepted. The contributions mentioned could all come out of the extra price paid for three of the bridges built in 1897.

#### A THREE PRICE BRIDGE.

Emmerson in speaking of his two price bridges. Many of the bridges built under his direction, are three price structures. The Saunders bridge in Queens county is a 20-foot span and merely a floor at that. Mr. Emmerson brought down a return in the committee last year showing that the bridge weighed 3,586 pounds and cost \$448, or 12 1-2 cents per pound. The Moncton Times gives the following further particulars, comparisons

of 24x24 angle from are ri

Any one who knows anything about steel bridges knows that the style of bridge shove described as by all odds the cheapest known to bridge builders. Put the price, however, et four cents per pound complete and erected, which is higher than the average price for truss bridges erected by the Nova Scotia government the same year, it will be seen that this is not a two-priced but a three-priced structure. It also, shows what buncombe ment the same year, it will be seen that this is not a two-priced but a three-priced structure. It also shows what huncombe Mr. Emmerson was indulging in when attempting to make his Milibown audience believe that the character of his bridges was so superior to those erected in Nova Scotla and those turned out by "upper province occreens." It is seen that he is as ready to pay 6½ cents per lb. for rolled beams, the very cheapest kind of bridge material, as he was for the much better finished work, such as that used in the Lefebvre bridge.

## IN WEAK HANDS.

The St. Croix Courier, one of the ablest of the journals which supported the Blair and Mitchell governnents in this province, has a moderate and reasonable article on the present situation. After discussiong the general position, and dealing with the recent campaign of Mr. Emmersosn and Mr. Tweedie in Charlotte, the Courier concludes with this observation: "This was the first opportunity the people of Charlotte have had to listen to a discussion of provincial questions by the two gentlemen who at present constitute the strength and ability of the government. The effect was rot other than disappointing. In the minds of those who listened but one impression must remain—the conclusion that the administration of the affairs of the province is in weak and inefficient hands." So say they all, except those who profit by weakness and inefficiency.

WITH DOUKHOBOR RITES. Eudokia Larina, the Doukhobor girl who died at the city hospital on Wednesday, was buried Thursday morning from the hospital, according to Doukhobor ceremony, which was conducted by one of the men who remained in the city with the sick. Their rites are very simple, consisting of prayer and the chanting of severa psalms at the house and grave. Several ladies of the city were present, as well as Mr. Gentk, the interpreter. The body was interred in Rembill

# KINGS CO. COUNCIL

Annual Session Opened at Hampton Tuesday Morning.

Montgomery-Campbell Unanimously Elected Warden-Report of County Valuators.

### Colors for 74th Battalion-A Magistrate's Bill Excites Some Discussion-The Alms House.

The Kings county municipal council met in annual session at the Court House, Hampton, on Tuesday morning. The following is a list of councillors for Kings:

Cardwell—H. E Freeez, G. L. McCully.
Greenwich—C. H. Gorham, A. L. Peatman.
Hammond—D. J. Fowler, R. C. McMonagle.
Hampton—F. M. Sproul, H. J. Fowler.
Hisvelock—F. B. McLood, Thos. Perry.
Kars—G. W. Palmer, William Helms.
Kingston—O. W. Weimore, S. Lamb.
Norton—G. W. Titus, Dr. Charles McLean.

Sussex—Ora P. King, H. R. McMonagle. Upham—J. M. Campbell, A. C. Upham. Waterford—J. A. Moore, J. H. Myers. Westfield—R. T. Ballentine, F. R. Fowler. All were present except Coun. Crandall and Upham, who are not

in the country. The secretary treasurer, G. O. Dickson-Offy, having reported that Warden D. Beverly Haltfield (now sheriff) had resigned the wardenship and membership in the council. Coun. Moore of Waterford was elected chairman.

The clerk announced the return of Dr. Charles McLean of Norton as member of the council, elected in place of D. Beverly Hatfield, resigned, and Dr. McLean took his seat.

The election of a warden was then proceeded with and H. Montgomery-Campbell was the unanimous choice of the council. Warden Campbell was heartily applauded as he took the He cordially expressed his thanks and pledged himself to perform the duties of his office to the very best of his ability. Coun. F. M. Sproul called attention

to the fact that Coun. Macrae of Queens Co. was present and the warden invited him to a seat on the olatiform. The clerk read the report of the valuators for the county, Gideon Mc-

Leod, George T. Seely and J. E. Fairweather, as follows:

Total valuation of the property in the county of Kings, as revised by the valuators December 1st, 1898: blis not part so

The minutes of last annual meeting were confirmed. On motion of Coun. King the discussion of the valuators' report was made the order of the day for 2 p. m. on Wednesday. On motion of Count Moore. by Coun. H. R. McMonagle, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to consider the pay to be given to the assessors and valuators for their work. The warden appoint

ed Coun. Moore, H. R. McMonagle and W. D. Fenwick. A motion by Coun. Moore, seconded Coun. McMonagle, confirming certain former payments to parish clerks and providing for the payment of \$4 per annum to each parish clerk hereafter, for holding by-elections where necessary and for parish work gen-

erally, was adopted. The county auditor, G. H. Flewelling, submitted a portion of his report as follows: G. O. D. Otty, secretary-treasurer, in court with the municipality of Kings Co

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## THE ALMS HOUSE.

The alms house commissioners re ported that they had secured land at Norton and awarded a contract for the erection o fan alms house. Elever tenders were received, the figures be ing, repectively, \$4,233, \$3,800, \$6,500 \$6,695, and \$6,600. The board accepted \$6,695, and \$6,60. The board accepted the lowest tender, that of William Basset, for \$3,800, guaranteed by Jas. E. Price. By the terms of the contract the building was to be completed and ready for use on the first day of December, 1898, and a penalty of \$10 per day was provided for each day's delay thereafter. The contractors at a meeting of the board held early in December last, stated the building would certainly be completed and ready for use on the 20th day of December, but owing to circumstances which the contractors now claim they were unable to control, the building apparently will not be so completed till near the middle The board have under of January. consideration the question as to how far they should enforce the penalties provided for delay. The tender of H. H. Dryden for \$300 was accepted for

Bonds to the amount of \$5,000 at 4 per cent were issued. The board had thus far paid out on building contract \$3,000; to architect, \$100; insurance, \$60; boring well, \$368.50; Sun Printing Co., \$8; R.D.Robinson & Co., \$13.20; bank discount, \$1.75; heating and plumbing, \$300; for farm, \$400: recording deeds, \$4. The \$400 assessed for expenses of the board had not all been required and would probably cover the expenses of next year. In estimating the amount required for the support of the poor in the county in 1899, the board had obtained such information as had been available as to the number of poor persons to be maintained, and had based their estimates upon this information and the cost of maintenance under similar conditions in the Northumberland county alms house. In that county the cost for food, exclusive of butter. was last year 47 1-10c. per person per week. In estimating the total amount

32.835

To this should be added the usual percenage for shortage in collecting. The following statement shows the proportionate amount recommended by the board to be assessed upon the

Cardwell The report was discussed by Couns.

King, Gilliland, Moore, McCully and Sproul and on motion of the last seconded by Coun. King, it was referred to a committee of three to confer with the commissioners and report back to the council on. Wednesday at, 10, a, m. The warden appointed County King, McCully and O. W. Wetmore as such committee.

EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

The committee appointed to secure legislation giving power to exempt taxation reported having attended to their duty, and moved that such exemption be granted. The resolution. moved by Coun. Sproul and seconded by Coun. Fowler, was as follows;

amount to credit of Resolved, that this council do heremanufactured, now owned or hereafter (during the period of exemption) to be acquired by the firm known as The terish and county every kind, except county years from Jan. 1st. 1899.

Coun. Sproul, in a brief speech, supported the resolution, pointing out that it was really a matter concerning Hampton parish only, and referring to on the place. The resolution was ad-The following was moved by Coun-King, seconded by Coun. Palmer, and adopted: That no assessment be or-dered for road through Venning and Tamlyn lands in Studholm, on the

grounds that (1) No return was filed as required by law; that the road is not laid out as required by sect 3, Highway Act; that a juror was interested; and that the road was not pro-perly staked and afterwards, found unnecessary as required by the act.

AFTERNOON SESSION On motion of Coun. Perry, seconded by Coun. McLeod, it was ordered that fifty eight dollars be assessed on the parish of Havelock to lay out a road through the lands of Mrs. Bessie Thorne and S. F. Wilson, M. D. Another from Havelock, asking for assessment for a road through lands of Keith, Alward, Mahon and Price, was thrown out.

Coun. Moore was appointed to a vacancy on the finance, and Coun-McCully to one on the printing com-Coun. Fowler, Titus and Gilliland,

the public building committee, reported that they had the necessary rerairs made to the court house irg, the usual suprly of fuel laid in for the county buildings, and a new vault for the secretary-treasurer, with additional fixtures for preserving records, etc. Report was on motion received.

The collecting justice of Springfield No. 2 was ordered to return \$1.52 to James Myles; Claude Gillis, 38c.; being amounts over assessed for 1898. The collecting justice of Havelock, to Joseph Campbell, \$3; Geo. W. Coates, \$1; John Walsh, \$1.40; to Wm. G. Raymond, 57c.

A petition from Samuel Broyman relative to assessment was filed. It was ordered that he be refunded fifty cents over assesses. The public meadows committee re-

rorted sales of hay on Grassy Island, \$350.25; Head of Belleisle, \$2.45; Kenrebeccasis, \$2; total, \$354.70. It was ordered that overdue notes for grass sold be collected by process of law.

Coun. Wetmore, seconded by Coun. Sproul, moved that \$75 be granted to aid in securing a stand of colors for the 74th battalion. Westmorland would do the same and the officers of the battalion would put up 350. Coun. Wetmore spoke in vigorous support of the grant

Coun Sproul spoke eloquently in support of the resosiution, and the warden strongly endorsed the proposal, paying a high tribute to the efficiency of the 74th Batt, The resolution went through with-A bill was presented by Robert

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