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Meantime,
Yours very truly,
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WOODSTOCK, N. B., January 25th, 1907. 8. J. PARSONS, Esq.,
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Ottawa Weekly Letter. MARINE SCANDALS

Further Inquiries Into the Department That Has No recommendation was accepted and Conscience; Mystery of Commander Spain's \$500. Large Payments to Polsons .- No Competition, and Many Extras.-Firm Makes Large "Special" Payments to "Cash" at Election Times .- Things the Commission Does Not Want to Find Out.

HAMILTON TENDERS RAISED BY \$1,700

Quebec Charter Price Increased \$6,000 After Contract Was Signed -Did Accountant Boudreau Get \$3,000 From Halliday ?-Quebec Youth Who Got Many Commis-

Government Pays Contractor Reid \$25 per day, After Reid Van Felson, then Quebec manager Agrees to Accept \$20.

PRESTON AGAIN. -I. C. R. DEAL SUGGESTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 19th, 1908. | was no competition. Again the The Cassels inquiry resumed at Polsons were paid \$45,400 for remitted that the money was sent him sideration or who got the money. would get nothing if only

by Mr. Polson by wire, tandan This was lase vested by Spain in fand at Fort the firm can explain these trans- manager informed Halliday of this expected to go with Mr Prefontaine, He did not go to Simpson, and not been profitable, and would there. that since he had been kept waiting swears that he returned to Mr Pol- fore call for careful accounting, a year for his money he would proson in Toronto a few weeks later But the Cassels commission is not bably be held up longer if he rethe very money be had received, following up these matters. But the Polson firm books set forth INTERESTING INQUIRY that the \$500 was obarged as a firm there is no record of repayment.

Ar Polson is dead and the officers

R.O. Mackay, of Hamilton, testito Boudreau for himself and two could get any rest. I gave her Dr.

Wood's Norway Pine Surpe and any could get any rest. of the firm could throw no light on the use of the steamer "G lipie,"

THIS IS LARGER GAME.

While pursuing this subject, govowned the Polson business, and Mr Mr Jeffrey the secretary, or Mr Miller himself, who supplied the money, knew what became of these sums Mr Miller was asked : "Did vou ever ask Polson about

"I may have asked him, but never got an answer if I did." "Were you content to let it go a

'Yes, I trusted Mr Polson.' 1902, and January, 1905, the De his house is not unfortunate. partment of Marine paid the firm \$686,456, it would appear that these matters were as well worth investi-gation as Commander Spain's \$500. CAREFULLY AVOIDED THESE

TE want a bright, active The Messenger in covering both new to follow this matter up. It was month for the season. As the subscriptions and re-shown that the Poleon film was "King Edward" was receiving \$3,000 A third striking case by Miller believed that the other offer traffic business, the was for a smaller boat, but no speci- appeared . 500 Fifth Avenue fications were produced. If the B prices were for different boats, there

deputy write to the Quebec agent or a recommendation. Mr Greg ory evidently knew what was expected of him, and advised that the contractor be paid \$200 per day, with deductions when the boat was so busy in private business that the Marine service was delayed. This payment was finally made at the rate of \$200 per day, less \$20 deductions, or \$180 net, dating back the beginning of the service A HANDSOME GRATUITY.

The additional allowance to the contractors above their contract price was over \$6,000. Former Deputy Minister Gourdean was called, but could give no reason why the contract was changed. He observed that if the terms were found too low it was, of course proper to make new ones, which shows that the Department in his ime had an utter disregard for contracts and responsibility. There were various items of extras, and altogether Halliday's bills for the "King Elward" were \$30,400 This amount was paid in 1905. A STRANGE STORY.

There is no doubt about this, bu he witnesses contradict each other n the question of the rake-off. M of the People's Bank of Halifax, advanced money during 1904 to Halliday Bros., and took power of attorney to collect their account from the government. This account was not paid for a year, and concerning in the banker gives the following sen-

sational story: Before the accounts were paid Assistant Accountant Boudreau Court spent most of the first day in bigher price than another tender, something." Van Felson at first pursuit of a payment of \$500 sent All these transactions went on while protested against the bold-up, then by the Polson Company of Toronto to Commander Spain who was then in Victoris, B. C. Mr. Spain ad—without the books showing the con—Boudreau observing that he himself ears ago, Was paid. Thereum

delivering lighthouse supiles on the lakes. He had offered the service for \$5,800, but the offer was that the manager called his atten. not accepted, so he raised the tion to Bondreau at the morning rement counsel ran into several amount by \$1,700, and got the larger visit, that he saw Boudreau there in large payments by the firm to what such. Here, too, the government the afternoon, heard Van Felson say new doll is quite as nice as your new is called "special" accounts. These make in cheques stated to explain that saw him on his return with large. In payments were made in cheques when he was seeking the larger bills, which he showed the account. You ought to say much about it cause treasurer of the Polson Company, price he enlisted the services of Mr ant testified that he drew the cheques, Zimmerman, Liberal member for Budreau himself swears that he and sometimes took out the money, Hamilton. Mr Perrin, who was did not get the money, and had no giving either the cheque or the examining him, told the witness he such conversation with Van Felson, in the House, money to the late F. B. Polson, At did not want to hear anything about and that the statements of the this time Mr J B Miller practically that, and the political end of the manager and accountant are entirebusiness was out out. But to the ly alse. Halliday, it seems, has a Poleon was the manager with a public it is a matter of some interest curiously vague recoilection of his Poleon was the manager with a share in the profits. The strange to know how far the politicians negotiations with the government thing is that neither the trersurer, manage the department in these and the financial transaction gener-

A PLUMBING ACCOUNT. There is a plumber in Kingston who is also a bardware dealer, and supplied the Marine D parlment since 1904 with goods and services costinfi \$27,000. Incidentally, he fitted up a boune in Ottawa for the

A CONTRACT RAISED \$55 PER

But beyond a few incidental ques thought this was naceasonable, and mention, Quebec, and was accuse the Messenger in tions with a view to find out wheelevery cally and town, the money was used to bribe officers of the department, the government of the department, the government of the department, the government of the abit, who signed a contract on May 31ct for \$3.750 a PRICE.

newals-a permanent paid \$124,400 for building the for the season, of \$50 per day, from business can be estab. Vigilant critiser, when there was the government for carrying mails, a contractor m another offer in at \$86,000. Mr and was also engaged in a regular price, was

Quebec, and got him to fintervene Instead of standing by the signed contract, the minister had the

holder says that the business has protest, concluded to pay it, saying new leaf on the 1st. fosed. On his authority Van Felson drew three cheques of \$1,000 each on as many banks, obtained the money, and gave it in three parcels so at night that neither she nor I

> Van Felson's statement is supported by Mr Lawrence, then accountant at the hink, who swears

ally. He does not recall the conversation with Boudreau, and contredicts the banker's story as to the Boudreau transaction.

A FORTUNATE YOUTH.

Commissioner of Lights, who paid apportunity for a youth named yard's Yellow Oil and it cured him \$2 400 for supplies and services. O'Dell, now aged 23, who at 18 mother's arm in a few days." Price He says this bill was paid in full, began dealings with the govern- 24c. Now these payments included but not until after this lovestigation ment. He was in the employ of \$4,000 on the 30 h of October, 1904, began, when the account was some Mr Murphy, of Quebec, who gave and \$10,000 on the 18 h, When it three years old. A government is remembered that the Dominion officer on a salary of \$2,100 who can elections took place November 3.d, afford to spend that amount on 1904, and that between September, plumbing and hardware in r fitting go to the agency for orders. Further, young O'Dell made out show his bald spot. the invoices for another Mr Murphy on the patronage list, and when the government cheques were A still more interesting i quiry collected he received two and a half was that into the contract of Halli- to five per cent. of the amount day Bros. of Quebec. They had a Also he was in business with one There were further payments boat called the "King Etward," Ruchir, who was on the patronage shortly before the local election of which the government engaged in list, and cold goods to the govern-1905. All these payments of cash 1904 for conveying supplies for the ment, O'Dell testified that his own were obsiged as "special," and light service in the Gulf of S Law- profits in there sales ran up to fifty there is nothing in the books of the rence. James Halliday offered ber per cept. He is a grandson of the agent to represent firm to show what they went for, for \$200 per day. Pre-department late agent of the Marine Depart

MANY DON'T KNOW HEART AFFECTED.

"If examinations were made of every-one, people would be surprised at the num-ber of persons walking about suffering from

This startling statement was made by doctor at a recent inquest. "I should not like to say that heart disease is as common as this would imply," said the expert, "but I am sure that the number of persons

going about with weak hearts must be very large."

"Hundreds of people go about their daily work on the verge of death, and yet do not know it. It is only when the shock comes that kills them that the unsuspected weakness of the heart is made apparent."

"But undoubtedly heart weakness, not disease, is more prevalent nowadays. I should think that the stress of living, the wear and rush of modern besiness life, have a lot to do with heart trouble."

There is no doubt but that this is correct, and we would strongly advise any cusuufering in any way from heart tropic to try a course of Management to pice to try a course of Management to the pice to th

MISCELLANEOUS

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The Wife-What makes you think

The Suburbanite-Well they haven't sent in to borrow it.

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A Sensible Merchant.

Mrs. Fred. Laine, St. George, Ont. writes :- " My little girl would cough thankful to say it cured her cough

A WORD OF HOLIDAY CAU-

Little Grace-I don't think my

Little Ethel-Well I don't think might hurt Santa Claus' feelings.

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BUT HE DOES.

"Where does he get his money?" "I don't know where he gets his and I don't care. What I am interested in is knowing just how he gets

Sprained Arm.

Mary Ovington, Jasper, Ont., writes ;- "My mother had a badly The scarcity of conscience in the sprained arm. Nothing we used did Marine Department has afforded an her any good. Then father got Hag-

> THOSE DEAR FRIENDS. Nan-This is Jack's latest picture. Don't you think he looks better in

Fan-Much better, dear, It dosen't

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