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And further you may use this letter if you wish.
Yours very truly,
J. McIL FRASER, Secretary-Treasurer and Manufacturing Director

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Yours very truly,
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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

False Pretences!

No Marine Department Prosecutions—Patronage Lists May Be Cancelled, But Patronage Goes On As Before.

OFFICIAL DUPLICITY

Advising Economy by Letter, and Authorizing Extravagance by Telephone; Heading off Inquiry Into Campaign Contributions.—Another Grit Government in Danger; Ministers Not Ready For Session Fielding Goes a Borrowing.

Ottawa, Nov. 21st, 1908.
Two weeks ago the Minister of Marine made two announcements to prove that his department retained reminders of conscience notwithstanding the declaration of the Royal Commission to the contrary. Mr Brodeur informed the country, which had been startled with the fresh revelations from Quebec that all officials who took commissions, and all the contractors who paid them, would be prosecuted. He also was quoted as saying that the patronage list would be abolished. This pledge of virtue was distributed by government organs with high editorial praise.

NO CHANGE.

But nothing has happened. No official or contractor has been arrested, and no one seems to be alarmed. The very contractors who were to be prosecuted are still supplying goods at highly profitable monopoly prices to other departments, and even to the Department of Marine. It may be that sometime in the future a few substitutes, who have no party pull, will be punished, but no peril awaits the principal officials who have been appointed by this government and are implicated. As for the large contractors concerned, most of them are important members of the government party. They will not only escape prosecution, but are almost sure to retain patronage and continue their contributions to the campaign fund. They are fresh from labor and contributions in the party interest in the recent fight. Mr Brodeur has not spared their campaign offerings.

THE PATRONAGE LIST.

It is true that Mr Brodeur has written a letter to his deputy, directing him to instruct the agents "to disregard the patronage list." But this published document gave no instructions to purchase supplies in the open market to the best advantage, and no hint as to the course to be pursued. Evidently then private instructions have been sent out. Though this letter was written nearly three weeks ago, no general calls for tenders have appeared since, and so far as can be learned no purchases have been made from dealers who are not supporters of the government. In short, if the old patronage list has been equalled, it has been replaced by a new one. When the accounts are seen it will be found that the purchases are made from the same favoured persons. There is now a purchasing agent at Ottawa for the Department. He has been at work since last spring. He was appointed on account of the Royal Commission exposure, but has gone on buying from dealers on the patronage list just the same as the party did before it employed him. So far as the department has gone, since it was convicted of lack of conscience, it has continued to justify the verdict, adding the additional offense of false pretence and hypocrisy.

AN EXAMPLE OF DUPLICITY.

Two incidents in the Quebec inquiry are worthy of record. One occurred in connection with agent Gregory's evidence. Mr Gregory testified that he had frequently reported to Ottawa that the patronage system increased the price of supplies. He swore that he has never, however, been compelled by orders from Ottawa to continue it. To effect this, counsel for the government showed the agent a letter to him from the Deputy Minister, objecting to price paid and finding fault with the general scale of extravagance prevailing at Quebec. Mr Gregory admitted receiving this letter, but swore that he had received it at the same time instruction by telephone from his superior at Ottawa to pay no attention to the official censor, but to go on satisfying friends of the government

who had goods to sell. The department had explained to Mr Gregory by telephone that the letter was written to show, but not to be obeyed.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTRUCTIONS.

This startling statement was confirmed by Senator Choquette, former judge, and lately chief government organizer of the Quebec district. The Senator produced a letter from Ottawa to Mr Gregory, which gave the same private instructions in favor of extravagance as Gregory had received by telephone. This letter was handed by Senator Choquette to Judge Cassels, who read it, but did not place it on the record as it contained other private matter. With this evidence of charming duplicity the public can understand the value of official correspondence touching matters of patronage. No one knows how many of the published official letters advising economy are contradicted by telephone messages and private notes from the same writers authorizing extravagance.

GRAFT AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Another episode in the Quebec inquiry occurred at the residence of Mr E. Audibert, bookkeeper of Mr. Drolet, a contractor who has received several hundreds of thousands from the government. It was shown that the Drolet firm had given commissions or presents to twenty-eight officers and employees of the Marine Department at Quebec. The Commission went quite fully into this matter. But it was also generally understood that Mr Drolet had made much larger payments in another direction which was still more useful in procuring and retaining government patronage. Counsel for one of the officers questioned bookkeeper Audibert on this matter, asking whether the firm had not made "large campaign contributions."

THIS ENQUIRY BURIED.

Here the inquiry was abruptly headed off. Objection was raised at once. It did not come from Mr. Drolet or his representative. It came from Mr Perron, who was then as counsel for the government itself, and who in stead of assisting the inquiry at the very point where it would be most effective, interposed his authority to choke it off. Mr Perron's objection was sustained, and the inquiry went no farther in that direction. It is well to remember that the late Mr. Prefontaine was Minister of Marine when some of these subscriptions were made, and that Mr Perron was his law partner at the time. Probably Mr Perron knew how much had been contributed.

MORE MONEY WANTED.

Meanwhile Mr. Fielding is off for London. Anyone who watches public expenditure knows his errand. He is trying to borrow more money. Old obligations are falling due and new ones are incurred with frightful rapidity. A few weeks ago the government offered in London a loan of \$25,000,000, but the investors did not take it readily, and the bonds remained with the underwriters. This time it is necessary for Mr. Fielding to take up the matter seriously, as the banks have already made large advances. Larger sums must now be obtained at once than have ever been sought in the money market by a Canadian government.

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the party itself, and not with comparatively insignificant officials. There is evidence of guilt in the eagerness with which a government counsel, professing to prosecute an inquiry, throws himself into the breach to head off this necessary and essential investigation into the conduct of his own leaders and employers.

A NARROW ESCAPE

Another Liberal provincial administration is in great danger. The Hazard Government of Prince Edward Island should have gone to the country early this year, but postponed the election till after the Dominion contest. Only the success of the Laurier Government saved its provincial allies, and even with this advantage the success is doubtful. Returns show 16 Liberals to 14 Conservatives with one minister defeated, a great change from the last House with 21 Liberals and 9 Conservatives. With the Conservatives in control of provincial administration of Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and New Brunswick, giving greatly improved administration compared with the machine governments which have been turned out, it is a pity that the people of Prince Edward Island had not been allowed to settle this question without federal interference. In that province voting is open, and no federal employee or elector under federal influence can give an independent vote. Hence, two seats in Charlottetown, where there is a large railway vote, were allowed to go to the government without opposition.

THE SESSION DELAYED.

Three years ago it was decided that Parliament should meet thereafter in October or the beginning of November. To make this possible the fiscal year was closed in March instead of June. In 1906 Parliament met November 22. In 1907 it was not called until the end of November. Now we are informed that the next session will begin about the 20th of January. So the country is back where it was before the fiscal year was changed. It is so exact that an election has been held. The election might have taken place a month or two earlier, or after the next session. In any case it is not necessary to postpone the meeting of Parliament three months after an election. The last time the late Conservative Government summoned parliament for the session following an election was in 1891. The election was held in March and the House met in April.

EVERYTHING BEHINDHAND.

But nothing is ready. The public accounts of the year which closed eight months ago are not yet issued, in fact none of the blue-books of the year are out, though the late government in November and December gave out reports of the year closing at the end of June. Nor is any government legislation ready. The Insurance bill, which was supposed to follow the inquiry of 1906 was not even introduced in the following session. After waiting another year the government brought down a crude sort of measure which was kept before the House and the committee for months, and then dropped. It is understood that a new bill will be introduced next session, and that it is not yet prepared. Only two other measures are yet mentioned. One is to create a new department for Mr Mackenzie King, and add another to a list of portfolios already too large. The second is to abridge the freedom of debate and enable the government to force a measure through the House with a limited amount of discussion. No great statesmanship is involved in these measures, but it is the way that Sir Wilfrid is guiding his work.

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Miss Knox—Certainly! He'll age fast enough after he's married to you.

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"What? How can you know then?"

"I'm going down to get a shave and a hair cut now."

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