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WHILE we, in this Province, are lamenting the want of sleighing in consequence of the disappearance of nearly all the snow that has fallen since the first of December, some portions of Western Canada have very much more than enough for comfort and convenience.
Advices of the 4th inst., inform us that the West had about that date, the greatest snow-storm on record. Winnipeg had been in the clutches of a terrific storm for several days and railway traffic had been paralyzed in all directions.
From Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, came the intelligence that more snow had fallen in the woods this winter, than at any time in the recollection of men who have spent fifty years in the Northwest. In some places it was nine to ten feet deep on the level. From remote regions came similar reports, and accounts of serious interference with timber cutting.
Trees cannot be cut close to the ground without infinite labor, and where wind prevails snow is cast back into the holes as rapidly as it is removed. Logs fall into the deep snow and cannot be moved.
Along the Carrot River Valley, as far south as Dauphin, Manitoba, deep snow covered the plains and woods. These conditions exist as far west as Edmonton. The cost to the lumber interests will be hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the business is likely to be seriously affected in this section. Wild animals of every description are forced into the barn yards and towns for food. Trains were stalled in all sections and the cost of clearing the tracks will reach enormous sums.

Ottawa advices of recent date seem to indicate that any assumption by Provincial Premiers of early financial relief from readjustment of the subsidies is scarcely tenable. It was expected, or at least stated, that a bill would be introduced in the Federal Parliament this session appropriating the increases agreed to, pending reference of the matter to the Privy Council. It does not look as if that course will be pursued this session. It now seems as if no more in the matter of providing the increased subsidy would be made until the forestry fisheries and Provincial boundary questions are ready for settlement.

We beg to thank those of our subscribers who have been so kind as to send in their money. Is it too much to ask those who have not yet been heard from to remember us? If those who owe for more than one year cannot pay all let them pay part. Bills of all kinds have to be met at this time of year and our only hope of paying them lies in the possible collection of some of what is due us. We are quite willing to labor and do the best we can for our subscribers; but we would like to see stronger proofs of reciprocity in the matter. The evidence before us seems to indicate that a number of subscribers do not consider themselves obliged to fulfill their part of the contract. Is this real or only apparent? The manner in which remittances will come in for the next week or two will furnish the most conclusive answer to this question.

A Fatal Wave.

One of her crew was killed and six others seriously injured while the Canadian liner Ettraria, was fighting her way through a severe storm on Friday night. The body of the man killed was buried at sea. The others injured were in her hospital when the steamer arrived from Queenstown. Captain Foster had ordered reduced speed and the watch was sent forward to secure the lashings. Just as the man had completed their task a huge wave swept over the bow, knocking them right and left. James Walker, able seaman, was swept the full length of the forecastle deck and his spine was broken. Others of the crew were hurled to the fore-castle deck, which they found strewn with unconscious men. The seriously injured were: William Newell, 16, broken and hand crushed; John McMillan, head cut and right leg broken; John Mills, contusions about the head and internal injuries; James Peeler, contusions of head and body; Peter O'Mara, leg sprained; A Brockhart, contusions of body; Newell was the most dangerously injured, and was taken to St Vincent's Hospital, when the ship reached N. Y. He will probably die.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

Effect of Public Criticism.

An Official Makes Refund of Expenses—After the Matter Has Been Brought Up in the House—Though Two Auditors Had Failed to Get an Accounting.

A GENEROUS CONTRACTOR

Pays \$300 to London Election Manager—Gets Plenty of Contracts and Becomes Landlord to Three Departments—N. T. R. Commissioners Pay Him Rent in Advance.

ANOTHER MONCTON LAND DEAL

Like the Lodge Affair Exposed Last Year—Emmerson's Fictitious Surpluses.

MR. HYMAN'S SUCCESSOR SOON TO BE APPOINTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 29th, 1906.

An interesting example of the effect of Parliamentary criticism is given in the Auditor General's report brought down the other day. The sum of money directly concerned is comparatively small, but the indirect saving accomplished by a brief statement of Mr. Foster runs up into the thousands. In the Auditor-General's statement issued last year, Mr. McDougall called attention to the remarkable expense accounts of F. Gelinas, Secretary of the Public Works Department. Writing to the deputy minister, April 22, 1905, the Auditor drew attention to the fact that Mr. Gelinas had charged \$1,096.80 as the cost of 25 trips from Ottawa to Montreal and 3 from Ottawa to Montreal and Quebec. It was further shown that the secretary charged \$192.74 for cabs and street cars in Montreal and Quebec in 50 days, the sums reaching as high as \$5 and \$5.50 a day. Further, he charged \$59, as cab hire at Ottawa in connection with those 28 trips, and \$404, as cab hire in Ottawa at other times, though as Mr. McDougall observed, his residence was only two and a half blocks from the street car line. The Auditor was also disturbed over the charges for letters, telegrams and telephone, which for 79 days averaged between three and four dollars a day. These and other similar charges seemed to the Auditor to require explanation, and he put the matter very squarely to the deputy.

A SILENT DEPARTMENT

From April 1905 to January 1906 the deputy minister made no answer. Meanwhile Mr. McDougall retired and Mr. Fraser became auditor-general. On January 16, 1906 Mr. Fraser wrote to the deputy asking to have the matter taken up at once. One month afterwards deputy minister Gobeil wrote to the Auditor stating that the Montreal trips of the secretary were all on public business, and enclosing a memorandum of the secretary himself in which he says: "I do now make the most categorical declaration that all the sums charged in my accounts for travelling expenses were duly spent."

BROUGHT UP IN PARLIAMENT

The letter and memorandum mentioned were not before parliament last session, but they had been written before the house met. When the minister of public works was asking for his contingencies Mr. Foster called his attention to the Auditor's complaint and to the fact that he had received no reply. He read Mr. McDougall's review of the Secretary's numerous and expensive journeys about the streets of Montreal and Ottawa and obtained from Mr. Hyman the statement that he would look into it. Two results have followed, as the last statement of the Auditor shows. Mr. Foster spoke on the 29th of March, 1906. On the 3rd of April, Auditor-General Fraser wrote to the Deputy Minister of Works, saying, "A deposit receipt has come to hand for \$281.60, endorsed with the following explanation, 'repayment by F. Gelinas of portion of expenditure 1904-05.'"

Telephones, Telegrams and Letters \$128.85

Cab hire at Ottawa 152.75

281.60

NO FURTHER EXPLANATION.

Mr. Fraser asked for a detailed account of these refunds and mentioned other charges still requiring explanation. He called the attention of the deputy to the solemn declaration of Mr. Gelinas that the sums charged were duly spent, and asked when the necessity for a refund became obvious to the Deputy Minister. To this letter no answer has been received at the date of publication. But it is plain that the money was sent back in consequence of Mr. Foster's statement in the House.

NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE

Another effect of this statement is found in the comparison of Public Works travelling expenses of 1906 and those of 1905. In the year before the public exposure the cab hire of the Public Works Department at Ottawa was \$322.25. Next year it was cut down to \$41.50. The travelling expenses of Departmental officers was similarly reduced from \$2,672.21 to \$869.69. Deputy Minister Gobeil charged \$1,364.00 in the former year an nothing at all in the latter, while the travelling of Mr. Gelinas was reduced in cost from \$794 to \$263. As the Public Works Department is one of a great many, and the fear of publicity is apt to spread from one to the other, the wholesome effect of public exposure will be easily understood.

A CONTRACTOR IN THE LONDON CAMPAIGN.

One of the witnesses in the preliminary investigation of the London election frauds was Mr. James A. Corry, who was described as a contractor from Ottawa. Mr. Corry swore that while the by-election campaign was in progress, he had a contract to build a wharf at St. Joseph's on Lake Huron. It is the same wharf which has been discussed on several occasions, and which is admittedly a useless structure, denounced even by the Liberal Member for the county in which it is situated. However, Mr. Corry had the contract to build it, and the cost as completed is about double the estimate given in Parliament when the work was undertaken.

CONTRIBUTES \$300 TO HYMAN'S FUNDS.

Now while Mr. Corry was building this wharf for the Public Works Department, Mr. Hyman, Minister of Public Works, was contesting London, and Mr. Corry testified that he went to that City and handed \$300 to Mr. Reid, one of the active electioneers, and later one of the accused in the London election prosecution. Mr. Corry had intended going on to St. Joseph's to pay his men their wages, but having parted this money on the way he returned to Ottawa without visiting the works. He told the Court that it was common for contractors to contribute to campaign funds. This contractor seemed to take it as a matter of policy, seeing that the candidate in the by-election was the Minister under whom his contracts were performed.

THE CONTRIBUTOR AS GOVERNMENT LANDLORD.

But Mr. Corry had other relations with the Government and with Mr. Hyman's Department than those of Government contractor. He has built and owns certain edifices in Ottawa including an office building in which the Government is a profitable tenant. The Auditor General's report contains the following items of rents paid by the Public Works Department:

NEARLY \$20,000 RENT.

Georgian Bay Ship Canal to J. A. Corry, for rent of part of fourth flat for twelve months \$1,880.04. New addition fourth flat, six months \$500; part of sixth flat, six months, \$1,206.15; total \$3,586.19. Marine and Fisheries Department J. A. Corry, rent of fifth flat for twelve months \$2,500; part of the basement, six months \$300; total \$2,800.

INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS COMMISSION, J. A. CORRY, RENT OF THREE ROOMS, SIX MONTHS, \$294.

Ottawa River Works, J. A. Corry, rent of offices, twelve months, \$720.

National Transcontinental Railway, J. A. Corry, Ottawa, rents paid during the twelve months for first, second, third and sixth flats, \$12,012.07.

PAID IN ADVANCE.

Mr. Corry seems to be charged with over \$300 interest for advance of payment, which goes to show that his rents were paid long before the government entered into possession, in order to provide him with capital to com-

plete his building. It may be further stated that Mr. Reid, one of the Transcontinental Railway Commissioners who paid these large rents in advance, was before his appointment, an active election campaigner in Mr. Hyman's riding, and is a near relative of the other Mr. Reid, now implicated in the London election affair, to whom Landlord Corry made his by-election visit and by-election contribution.

Thus Mr. Corry preserves kindly relations with the Transcontinental Commission, which is his principal tenant and with the Minister of Public Works, who gives him contracts and pays him several thousand dollars a year for office rents.

A FEW EXTRAS.

It might be added that Mr. Corry received in addition to his rents \$150 for extra plumbing in the rooms rented for the Georgias Bay Survey; \$455.83 for decorating the Deep Waterways rooms, and \$152.46 for cleaning the windows, etc. in the Transcontinental apartments.

REMAINDER OF THE MONCTON LAND DEAL.

Last year the Public Accounts Committee discovered a neat rake off of \$8,805 paid by Mr. Emmerson to his friend Mr. Lodge of Moncton, in connection with the purchase of a little over \$5,000 worth of land for the Intercolonial. The facts are that the Minister decided to purchase certain lands, and that Mr. Lodge had information of his intention and paid \$300 to Mr. Hewson, a Moncton Solicitor, to negotiate the purchase of four lots of land, for which Lodge paid \$5,075. This land was turned over immediately by Lodge to the Department of Railways for \$13,880, leaving for himself after expenses were paid \$8,805, or 167 per cent profit. It is not yet known what political division Lodge had to make of the spoils, but no one supposes that he was allowed to keep it all. The name of Mr. Lodge did not appear in the Public Accounts, but the transaction appeared as if the Government had bought the land from Mr. Hewson who acted as solicitor for Lodge.

CHAPTER TWO OF THE DEAL.

In the Public Accounts of this year there is a statement of the purchase of other land in Moncton and of the payment to the same solicitor of \$10,490 for the property. It appears that this is another part of the same transaction, and that the said middleman has received another rake off similar to that reported last year. Moreover, the name of the same friend of Mr. Emmerson appears in the Intercolonial accounts, in connection with sales of old rails. This rail transaction called for some correspondence between the auditor-general and the department of railways, in which the explanation of the department is exceedingly vague.

MANUFACTURED SURPLUSES.

The minister of railways in the banquet speech in St. John, N.B., on Thursday predicted half a million dollars profit in the operation of the railway during the current fiscal year. It is evident that Mr. Emmerson is continuing his false charges of current expenditure to capital account, thus making an imaginary surplus out of a real deficit.

A NEW MINISTER.

It is probable that within a short time we shall have the announcement of the appointment of a new minister of public works in the place of Mr. Hyman, who is not likely to resume the duties of his office, though his health is said to be improved. There are several candidates for the position, but none of them seems to be a man likely to add much strength to the administration.

MR. BLAIR IN THE ARENA AGAIN.

Much interest is felt here in the appearance of Mr. Blair at the political banquet given to the minister of railways in St. John. Mr. Blair's announcement that he was prepared to accept a nomination for the house of commons, the consequent attack on him by Colonel McLean who also desires to represent St. John. Mr. Blair's attempt to explain his record, and the abrupt close of the banquet amid confusion, show that there is trouble ahead for Mr. Emmerson in his own province.

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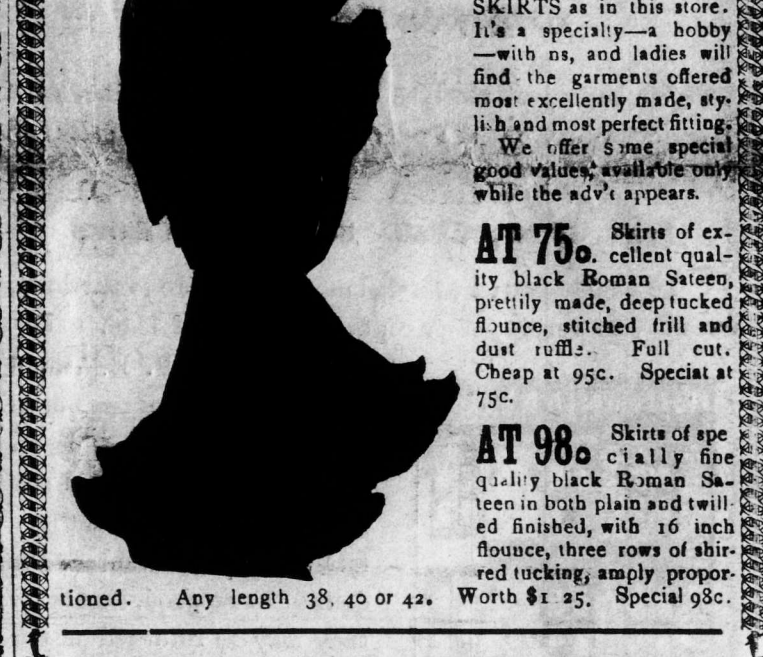
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Fine Skirts in the latest and most fashionable styles, in various tweed effects, grey mixtures, and also in fine black Vicuna. In every respect these skirts are splendidly made and are man-tailored throughout. Every detail of workmanship has been carefully finished—in fact, some of our best styles are included in this special offering. Worth from \$4.05 to \$5.25. Our special bargain price, only while this advertisement appears, is \$3.75.

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Remarkably handsome Waists are being shown this season. For instance, in cashmere waists we are showing elegant styles in white, cream, garnet, sky, polka spots and black. In lustrous, black, white and cream. In poplin, in satens, in silks, in furs, waists of every fashionable material are here.

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