

How the Colonization Money is Distributed.

Even the little that is given towards the development of the country is not fairly distributed. Wherever there is money to be distributed by the Government there must be somebody cajoled or coerced. So far as can be seen the right of money has an utterly demoralising effect upon our saintly rulers. The end to be gained—keeping in power—peeps out in every transaction.

The money so grudgingly voted is used in but too many cases to assist political favorites and to attempt to buy the votes of the colonists.

It is wonderful too how many colonization roads seem to be needed in old settlements. For example in the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for 1894 we read as follows:

Levis Road in front of the village des Couture in the parish of N.D de la Victoire.....	60.00
Levis Road leading from St. Etienne to St. Lambert.....	58.70
Levis. " " " St. David to St. Henry.....	60.00
Levis. Lallemand Road in St. Joseph de Levis.....	60.00
Levis Road in St. Lambert.....	59.35
Levis Road leading from Chaudiere Junction Station.....	175.00

\$472.95

It requires a considerable stretch of the imagination to make these roads "Colonization" roads.

Not content with this contemptible manner of doing business they accentuate their partizanship by giving the money, not in accordance with the needs of each place, but according to the political stripe of the Representatives.

THE MINISTERS HAVE SIMPLY USED THE COLONIZATION MONEY AS A MEANS TO CORRUPT THE ELECTORATE.

This unpleasant truth was forced upon their attention by the following resolution proposed in the House by Mr. Bertraches and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Marchand, on December 28th, 1893, which is as follows: "This House is ready to vote the Supplies to Her Majesty, but observes with regret, in the distribution of the Legislative grant for colonization the Government has acted more in the interest of the party in power than for the real advantage of colonization, which is established by the fact that this grant amounting to \$75,000.00, was distributed as follows:

MINISTERIAL COUNTIES.

1. Argenteuil.....	\$ 1,500.00
2. Bagot.....	400.00
3. Beauce.....	2,800.00
4. Berthier.....	1,350.00
5. Bromes.....	400.00
6. Champlain.....	2,000.00
7. Chicoutimi and Saguenay.....	5,650.00
8. Compton.....	2,500.00
9. Dorchester.....	3,500.00
10. Drummond.....	500.00
11. Gaspé.....	4,000.00
12. Joliette.....	1,600.00
13. Kamouraska.....	1,600.00
14. Levis.....	475.00
15. Megantic.....	700.00
16. Montcalm.....	2,800.00
17. Montmorency.....	1,000.00
18. Nicolet.....	1,500.00
19. Ottawa.....	5,800.00
20. Lake St. John.....	7,000.00
21. Richmond.....	1,000.00
22. St. Maurice.....	100.00
23. Sherbrooke.....	1,000.00
24. Stanstead.....	300.00
25. Temiscouata.....	800.00
26. Terrebonne.....	2,700.00
27. Val-d'Aulieu.....	2,500.00
28. Wolfe.....	300.00
Visits and explorations.....	2,700.00
	5,305.80

OPPOSITION COUNTIES.

1. Arthabaska.....	300.00
2. Bellechance.....	500.00
3. Bonaventure.....	900.00
4. Charlevoix.....	1,270.00
5. L'Islet.....	300.00
6. Lotbiniere.....	200.00
7. Maskinonge.....	400.00
8. Matane.....	1,500.00
9. Portneuf.....	500.00
10. Quebec.....	300.00
11. Pontiac.....	1,700.00
12. Rimouski.....	400.00
13. Montmagny.....	400.00

Total.....\$75,000.00

"That it appears that out of this sum of \$75,000 a sum of \$36,400 was expended in twenty-nine counties represented in this House by members who are in favor of the present Government and who have supported its new policy on taxation, and \$5,000.00 in thirteen rural counties represented by members opposed to the Government of the day and who have deemed it their duty to condemn its disastrous policy.

"That this unequal and unjust distribution of colonization money has the effect of unduly influencing the electors by depriving them in certain cases of the lawful share to which they are entitled.

"That this distribution has been made exclusively from a political point of view and has diverted the money from its legitimate and patriotic destination to make it serve for party purposes and electoral corruption.

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