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Therefore each year that the Municipal interest remains unpaid, will throw the Bondholders in arrear some \$12,000 per annum more than the Municipalities.

The Municipalities have no principal, but only their interest to protect; but the Bondholders have thus a heavy principal at stake, and the interest thereon far exceeds that of the Municipalities.

The large investment of over \$625,000 must remain without market value until some payment of interest upon it can be made.

But this cannot be done until interest payments to the Municipalities have been first resumed, seeing that our Bonds record on their face the prior Municipal claim.

If Bondholders' Management fail, they are saddled with a worthless investment of \$625,000.

If it succeeds, a value is given to that investment according to its success. The greater success, the greater value, and the Municipalities *must* reap the *first* benefit.

What further argument is needed to prove conclusively, that the Municipalities can be rescued from the Railway Tax in no way so speedily and permanently as by a cordial support of the Bondholders' Management ?

We all know there are those who live by *popular grievances*, and deprived of this nutriment, would die.

The *Railway Tax* is our great popular grievance, and our political aspirants have done their utmost to magnify the mole-hill into a mountain, doubtless that they might stand upon the top thereof, and thus become visible.

Much has been said by these eloquent men; but the true question is, what have they *done* towards furnishing the only practical and effectual remedy to which this *popular grievance* will succumb?

Have they advanced all or any part of the £60,000 now being spent in these Counties to improve the Railway? Not one farthing.

Have they built the Road to Arnprior this season? Not one foot.

But by disingenous assertions, and distorted statements they have