THE BOOK CONTRACT

Synopsis of the Arguments For and Against

The past week has been the most interesting of the session, for the debate on the ratification of the Calder—Morang readers contract occupied several days and evoked a general expression from both sides of the House. The Commissioner of Education came out with a bold challenge to the opposition, but during the course of the debate he and the government forces have been utterly routed. The contract has been shown to be not only profligate, as Mr. Haultain described it; but the negotiations which led up to it were conducted in a dishonorable manner. Moreover, although the commissioner of education promised to bring down all the papers, this was not done. The joint telegram from Rutherford and Calder to Morang, which the latter undoubtedly interpreted as an acceptance of the contract, and the report of the secretary of the joint committee which showed that the committee decided to recommend books 2, 3, and 4 of the Canada Publishing Co.

The commissioner rested his case on these points: The superior quality of the Morang readers, their cheapness as compared with other series, economy of government distribution. He declared that all things considered, it was the best contract that had been entered into on the whole American continent. He denied all insinuations of graft and challenged criticism. Particularly strong were his remarks respecting the idea that in concluding the contract with Morang's he had been influenced by friendship with Mr. Saul, who is supposed to be the Morang agent, is one of the editors of the Morang books. He is an ex-high school teacher having taught for several years in Winnipeg. He is a graduate of Manitoba University and was a classmate of Mr. Calder.

The chief points made by the opposition were these: In awarding the contract to Morang the principle of award by tender had been violated; the opinion of the joint commission to select the books had been overridden; the Morang prices were from 30 to 50 per cent. anove competitors, the readers are in reality published by an American firm; an important document, being a summary of the proceedings of the joint committee had been suppressed; that while the Gage and Canada Publishing Co. would have supplied the first issue of books free of cost, the Morang firm is being paid $15,640 for the same.

The chief presentation of the Opposition case was made by Mr. Haultain. He denied the misrepresentations of the Liberal Press that he had made retractions, saying that he still held the contract to be profligate, and that he had never made a charge of personal graft against the minister of education and proceeded to relate the proceedings of the joint commission appointed to select readers. This commission, consisting of eight persons from Alberta and Saskatchewan while unable to come to an unanimous decision as to the selection of books, was willing to make a majority report. Messrs. McColl and McKenzie, the two deputy Ministers of Education, said that the members favored the Morang primer and first and second readers and the Canada Publishing Company's third and fourth readers. This lack of unaminity was seized upon by the Commission of Educa- (though no one expected unaminity) as a reason for rejecting the Commission's recommendation, and he and Premier Rutherford wired to Morang accepting his books as Mr. Calder puts it, as the basis of a set to be purchased. Mr. Haultain criticized severely the rejecting of the very men appointed to report upon the merits of the books submitted.

In answer to a question of Mr. Gillis Mr. Calder had said that until January of this year no arrangement had been made with the Morang Company. In reply Mr. Haultain read an interview which the Toronto News had with Mr. Morang in June last in which Mr. Morang said that he had received a joint telegram from Messrs. Calder and Rutherford informing him that the Provinces had "agreed to adopt his 'Modern' series of readers." Respecting prices Mr. Morang added "No price has been fixed, I was not asked for any. The books were chosen purely on account of quality of the matter and their general make up." Mr. Calder replied to Mr. Haultain that Mr. Morang was mistaken if he thought that this was an understanding. Here it may be added that although Mr. Calder had promised to produce all the papers in the matter this telegram had been withheld. Mr. Haultain ridiculed the contention that there had been no understanding between Mr. Morang and the Government, for during the interval between the sending of the telegram and January, the revisions from the department of Education had been entirely at Mr. Morang's service and everything had been conducted as though the signing of the contract were purely a formal matter. Mr. Calder went so far as to admit that some arrangement was necessary.

A comparison of prices showed that the Canada Publishing Company's retail price was lower than Morang's wholesale price to the Commissioner. If, as the Commissioner of Education maintained, the Canada Publishing Company would make large profits what would those of the Morang Company have been? He had said that the cost of manufacture to the Morang Co. was 76.88, and the cost of the wholesaler was 123.00; the percentage of profit being 73 1-3 per cent. Morang's own expert (Grantham), under oath, had said that for 51 or 52 cents a thoroughly modern school book could be produced. This surely was evidence of large profits.

Mr. Haultain also stated that while the contract had been signed by Morang it was in reality the property of the American Book Co. a United States book trust, which had been convicted of enormous frauds in all parts of the Union. Mr. Calder had given this point away by quoting freight rates from New York.

Dr. Ellis made an important contribution to the debate by drawing attention to the fact that in a fyle brought down on Tuesday by the Attorney General was a summary of the proceedings of the Joint Commission, prepared by the secretary, Mr. Black. This was one of the papers withheld. Among other statements contained in it are the following:—

"After reviewing the synopsis and criticisms offered the members of the committee each made choice of the book he preferred for each of the several school grades and of the set that as a whole he thought most nearly approached our requirements."

"The majority preferred the public school readers of the Canada Publishing Company as a set, and there was such a diversity of opinion manifest that a tentative agreement was made as follows:

"To recommend the authorization of books two, three and four of the Canada Publishing Company, and part I., book 1, of the Morang series, in all cases subject to revision suggested by the committee."

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Want University

The synod of the diocese of Saskatchewan which met last week in Saskatoon appointed a committee of Prince Albert and Saskatoon men to bring pressure to bear to secure the university for some city in the diocese. The diocese as a whole is to be behind the committee in their efforts to secure the provincial university for either Saskatoon or Prince Albert, it is immaterial which.

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PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES

Treasurer Places Estimates on the Table--Largely Increased Expenditure.

Mr. Calder submitted a statement of the estimates for the year 1908-9 in the assembly last Friday. The total expenditure is placed at $4,164,157 (of which $1,489,564 is on capital account) and the revenue at $2,771,079. The current revenue is placed at $2,047,835. To this is added a balance, said to be "at credit" $329,494 plus $300,000 estimated collections from the Supplementary Revenue Tax and $93,750 revenue on capital account.

The estimated revenue, $2,771,079, is an increase of $350,679 over the actual receipts of last year. The aggregate estimate expenditure $4,164,157, is an increase of $1,735,924 over last year's actual expenditure. The estimated current expenditure is $2,674,592 as against $2,062,511 actual last year. The estimated capital expenditure is $1,489,564 as against $935,638 estimated, and $356,722 actually spent last year. Briefly the government expects to receive $350,679 more than last year plus a probable loan, and to expend $1,735,924 more than during the last fiscal year.

Estimated expenditure (current account)	$2,674,592
Estimated expenditure (capital account	1,489,565
Total estimated expen're	$4,164,157

Items (Current Account)

Civil Government	$ 195,956
Administration of Justice	406,208
Public Works	868,989
Education	658,524
Agricultural	189,109
Hospitals, etc.	45,800
Telephones	39,000
Miscellaneous	232,775
	$2,627,356

Capital Account

Public Buildings	$ 838,064
Public Improvements	401,500
Public Telephones	250,000
	$1,489,564

Items (Capital Account)

Legislative and Dept. Bldge.	$ 200,000
Court house, Moose Jaw.	60,000
Court house, Saskatoon	38,500
Court house, Battleford	38,500
Court house, Arcola	38,500
Moosomin Gaol	70,000
Land Titles Office, Regina	83,000
Land Titles Office, Moose J.	34,000
Land Titles Office, Saskat'n.	34,000
Land Titles Office, Battlef'd.	21,000
Land Titles Office, Yorkton.	21,000
Second and third instalments on buildings taken over from federal govt.	97,564
Warehouse	10,000
Insane Asylum	100,000
Plans, federal buildings	2,000
Total	$ 838,064

Public Improvements

Saskatoon Bridge	$ 6,500
Battleford Bridge	140,000
Prince Albert Bridge	105,000
Regina Bridge (Albert St.)	60,000
Regina Bridge (Broad St.)	30,000
Steel Bridges generally	60,000
Total	$ 401,500

REVENUE

Balance at Credit	$ 328,326
Cash in Bank	1,167
Dominion Subsidy	1,260,335
School Lands Fund	75,000
On Territorial Account	750
Treasury Dept	483,000
Attorney General's Dept.	393,000
Provincial Sec. Dept.	109,500
Public Works Dept	23,500
Agricultural Department	60,000
Railway & Telephone Dept.	30,000
Miscellaneous	6,500
	$2,771,078

SUMMARY

Current Revenue for year	$2,047,835
Supplementary Revenue	300,000
Balance at Credit	329,494
Revenue on Capital Act.	93,750
	$2,771,078

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Among the items under capital account are the following: For legislative buildings and grounds $200,000 is named, as against $250,000 last year. Though $250,000 was voted only $17,718 was spent. Provision is made for five Land Titles Offices at a cost of $193,000, as against three last year at $130,100, but although $130,000 was voted the actual expenditure was only $70,191. For an Insane Asylum $100,000 is again voted, which is the amount of last year's vote, of which nothing was spent. Moosomin gaol is voted $70,000 as against $50,000 last year, of which only $3,825 was spent. Court houses are to receive $165,000 as against $100,000 voted last year for a similar number. But of the $165,500 voted only $56,146 was expended. The estimates for public Improvements are $401,500 as against $246,000 last year. However of this appropriation only $179,843 was spent.

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Acrostic on Canada

The Referee, an English journal, recently offered a prize of five pounds for the best acrostic on Canada, and the result has just been announced. The first prize has been awarded to Miss E. Pauline Johnson, the well-known writer of Brantford. Miss Johnson's contribution runs as follows:

Crown her, young Vancouver; crest of her, old Quebec;
Atlantic and far Pacific sweeping her keel to deck.
North of her, ice and arctics; southward, a rival's stealth;
Aloft, her empire's pennant; below, her, nation's wealth.
Daughter of men and markets, bearing within her hold.
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The most pleased man in the Weyburn district is Mr. Hille. He has now a family of ten healthy boys. This number was reached on Sunday last, when his wife presented him with triplets, three splendid boys, who are in the best of health. Dr. Eaglesham and Nurse Humble were the attendants at this interesting event. Mr. Hille is receiving the congratulations of his many friends and the Herald joins in them, hoping that the three brothers may be as good citizens as their father.—Weyburn Herald.

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Open the Bay!

The following piece of poetry was written by Charles Mair over twenty years ago, and the bay referred to is undoubtedly the Hudson's Bay.

Open the Bay, which o'er the Northland broods.
Dumb, yet in labor with a mighty fate!
Open the Bay! Humanity intrudes,
And gropes prophetic round its solitudes
In eagre thought and will no longer wait.

Open the Bay which Cabot first espied
In days when tiny bark and pinnace bore
Stout pilots and brave captains true and tried—
Those dauntless souls who battled far and wide,
With wind and wave in the great days of yore.

Open the Bay which Hudson—doubly crowned
By fame—to science and to history gave,
This was his limit, this his utmost bound—
Here, all unwittingly, he sailed and found,
At once a path of empire and a grave.

Open the Bay! What cared that seaman grim
For towering iceberg or the crashing floe?
He sped at noonday or at midnight dim,
A man! and, hence, there was a way for him.
And where he went a thousand ships can go.

Open the Bay! the myraid prairies call;
Let homesteads rise and comforts multiply:
Give to the world the shortest route of all.
Let justice triumph though the heavens should fall!
This is the voice of reason—manhood's cry.

SOWING FLAXSEED

The Proper Quantity of Flax seed and When to Sow—Prof. Saunders' Report.

In a bulletin on flaxseed issued in April 1908 by the Dominion Experimental Farm, Prof. Saunders says:

"The production of flaxseed in Canada has not yet been sufficient to meet the demands of the oil mills. Hence large quantities are imported from the United States and from Argentina. Besides this a large quantity of linseed oil is imported which could be profitably made here if the crop of home grown seed were sufficiently large. The Canadian government has, in the interests of Canadian agriculture, imposed a duty of ten cents per bushel on flaxseed, and as long as the demand so largely exceeds the supply there is a great inducement for farmers to take up the sowing of flaxseed on a large scale.

"Judging from the crops produced and the quality of the seed grown, it is evident that the conditions in the North-West provinces of Canada are favorable for the production of flaxseed. As in the United States, the greatest development of this industry is in the Northwest. In that country, with its annual product varying from twenty-five to nearly thirty-five million bushels, North Dakota produces about one half of the entire crop, while if the product of South Dakota and Minnesota be added these three States contribute more then three-fourths of the total production."

Prof. Saunders says: "Experiment made at the experimental farms of Brandon and Indian Head using 40 pounds and 80 pounds of seed per acre, seem to indicate that when flax is sown for seed only the sowing of 40 pounds to the acre does not always produce so heavy a crop as when 80 pounds is sown. The yield of seed obtained from the four year tests at Brandon show an average difference of 23 pounds per acre in favor of the 80 pounds of seed, while at Indian Head the heavier sowing has increased the crop to the extent of 2½ bushels per acre. These experiments, however, were conducted on land which had been under crop for several years, and this may have made some difference in the results. On new breaking the general opinion drawn from experience is that 40 lbs. of seed per acre is sufficient. With regard to the best time for sowing in the North-West, from the middle to the end of May is usually recommended. The seed selected for sowing should be plump, well developed, of good color and free from the seeds of weeds. Where large fields are sown the seeding is usually done with a drill."

Seed sown at the experimental farm Indian Head, on June 9, 1899, produced 21 bush. 10 lbs. per acre, the quantity of seed sown being 80 lbs. per acre.

Some experienced flax growers hold that it is safe to sow flaxseed as late as June 15, and the good results have been obtained sowing even later, but the general opinion seems to be that the best time for sowing is the last two weeks of May and the earlydays of June.

Prof. Saunders strongly recommends flaxseed as a good crop to be sown either on first breaking of the prairie sod or on backsetting. He says: "To make this clear to those who are unacquainted with the methods of the prairie farmer, it may be said that the first breaking on prairie sod is made by turning over a wide and shallow furrow about two inches thick. When this is done in the spring the land is ready for backsetting in the Autumn, by which is meant a second plowing running across the breaking to a depth of about four inches. This cuts the decayed sod, turns it over and covers it with about two inches of fresh soil from below."

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Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands,
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog.
In public duty and in private thinking,
For while the rabble with their thumbworn creeds,
Their large professions and little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo, Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps.

—Selected.

Newton News

Seeding, with a few exceptions, throughout the district is completed. The wheat is all up and looking good the oats are also beginning to show through the ground. Everybody is wearing a broad smile as everything points to a bountiful harvest and prosperous year.

On several farms the summer's work is already started in the way of summerfallowing and breaking.

A. L. Maclean of Winnipeg, son of Mrs. Hugh Maclean of Camden, passed through to Banff, on this morning's (May 20th.) train No. 97. Mr. Maclean has been unwell for some time and is seeking health at the hot springs.

Royal Templars of Temperance will hold a picnic on May 25 on the old picnic grounds of Fairview.

Rev. G. H. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Regina, and Mr. Geo. F. Wilson paid Newton a visit yesterday, May 19th.

J. P. MacKay and J. B. Morton had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse each recently.

Today (Wednesday 20th) Mr. Samuel Morton led to the altar Miss Ada McConnell of Regina. We regret that your correspondent is unable to obtain any particulars in regard to the happy event. But the contracting parties are well known throughout the district. Mr. Morton comes from the county of Hastings, Ont., where he left the old home to build a home for himself on the beautiful plains of western Canada. And we are pleased to state that his efforts have been crowned with success. Today Mr. Morton is one of the most highly esteemed and prosperous farmers in the county of South Regina. Miss McConnell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McConnell of Billing's Bridge, Ont., and is well and favorably known in the district, having resided here for a time with her brother W. R. McConnell.

The popular young couple will take up their residence in Camden, carrying with them the best wishes of their numerous friends.

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