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The libel suit of Hon. Jean Prevost, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, in the Quebec Government against Oliver Asselin, editor of Le Nationaliste newspaper of Montreal, was concluded in the Criminal Court at Quebec on Saturday last.

total saving to the people places it at \$60,000 a year. But this is a very moderate guess. Some years ago an estimate was made for business purposes, or with a view to the admission of another party to the school book ring.

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

A Costly Commission.

Which Did Not Investigate Insurance.—But earned Its Pay by Political Service.—Mr. Shepley's Large Reward—Previous Services of Commissioner McTavish.

ROSS RIFLE STATISTICS.

Beautiful Contract for the Contractor.—Beautifully Interpreted to His Advantage.

GOVERNMENT PAYS YEARS IN ADVANCE.

In Defiance of the Agreement.—\$425,000 Paid Before the First Delivery.—Country Has Paid Nearly \$1,100,000 and Received 26,000 Rifles.—End of the Ontario School Book Scandal.

Ottawa, June 3, 1907.

It is now recognized that whatever value the report of the Royal Insurance Commission may have as political literature, it is of no great service in the matter of insurance.

WHAT IT COST.

But the inquiry was an excellent engagement for those employed in it. Parliament has voted already \$105,000 to pay the bills. Probably there will be other votes next year.

HAPPY MR SHEPLEY.

Mr. Shepley, Counsel for the Government, was paid \$100 a day and moving expenses during the time he was employed. He also received a counsel fee which was not fixed until after he had finished the job.

the Commissioners were supposed to be preparing the report. As Mr. Shepley is believed to have written the report, thus acting as presenting counsel, judge and jury, he probably earned his money during the period after the hearing as well as before.

OTHER FEES.

Mr. Tilley was Mr. Shepley's assistant. He got \$50 a day and expenses, and had drawn \$4,000 when last heard from.

HOW THE COMMISSIONERS FARED.

Then we have the Commissioners themselves. They were allowed \$30 per day in addition to their moving expenses.

JUDGE MACTAVISH AS AN ELECTION FRAUDS INQUIRER.

Judge MacTavish was also appointed by the Ross Government as Commissioner to investigate the West Elgin election steal.

HOW PAYMENT WAS MADE.

As stated above the contract for the first 12,000 was made in March 1902 and all the rifles were to be delivered in that year and the next.

THE GENERAL RESULT.

The other two insurance Commissioners do not appear to have exercised much influence. It has come about that the Insurance Commission report is absolutely valueless for the purpose intended.

THE ROSS RIFLE DEAL.

During the last session the Public Accounts Committee began an inquiry into the Ross Rifle contract. The evidence taken was largely concerned with the character of the rifle, the defects in workmanship and material.

other features and incidents bearing on the question whether the weapon was serviceable. The financial end of the transaction was hardly considered, but stands over for next session.

\$25 WAS A HIGH PRICE.

By the contract with Sir Charles Ross the Government agreed to pay \$25 each for 12,000 rifles. This contract was made on the 27th of March, 1902.

A second contract was made in 1904 for 20,000. A third contract in 1906, and a fourth in the same year were made for additional numbers, all at \$25 each.

The Dominion government had been buying the Lee-Enfield rifle, which is the weapon used in the British Army, for \$17.50.

A FEW EXTRA CONCESSIONS.

But there were other concessions. The contractor was allowed to bring in all the materials and machinery free of duty for his factory at Quebec.

PAID IN ADVANCE.

Moreover the contractor does not have to wait for his pay until he supplies the goods. The Government undertakes to pay him as he goes along in advance of delivery.

END OF THE SCHOOL BOOK SWINDLE.

The difference between an administration of spoils and raffle promoters, and one conducted on business principles, is illustrated by the new school book contract made by the Whitney Government of Ontario after receiving tenders.

\$60,000 A YEAR SAVED.

It is estimated that on readers alone the saving to parents in Ontario is \$60,000 a year. This represents only a portion of the excessive profits hitherto made by the ring.

MARK I.

Somewhat 12 rifles were served out, but were sent back to the Department and returned to the factory for alterations or repairs.

\$425,000 PAID IN ADVANCE.

In 1904, a year or so before the first rifles of the 12,000 order had been delivered, so while the contractor were drawing pay on the first lot, a second contract was made for 20,000 of Mark II. Advances were paid on this order, and the contractor had received over \$400,000 in advance on the second order.

order was made on February 24th 1905, and the last on December 7th of that year. This was very nearly a year and a half ago, and 3,000 rifles of this contract remain to be supplied notwithstanding the provision that no payments are to be made more than a year before delivery.

THIRD AND FOURTH ORDERS.

On the third order six payments have been made amounting to \$274,441.04. The first of these was made February 16, 1906, more than fifteen months ago.

The second and third contracts are for Mark II, rifles so called. There is a fourth contract for Mark III and the first payment of \$11,250 on this was made last December.

A QUEBEC STATE OF AFFAIRS. Altogether the contractor had delivered when the House prorogued 26,000 rifles, a large number of which are stored away at unserviceable in the present condition.

HOW THE COUNTRY SPOOD.

Not one of the rifles so far furnished has been wholly made in Canada or by Canadian workmen.

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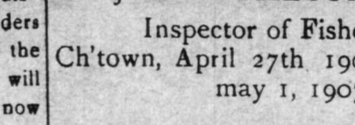
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Inspector of Fisheries.

By order of Department. J. A. MATHESON.

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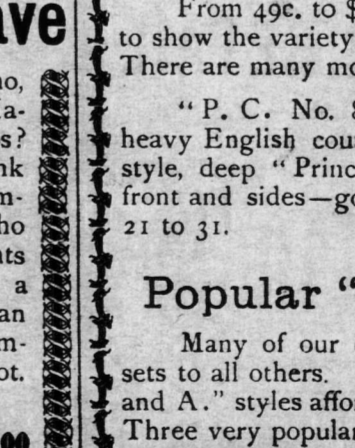
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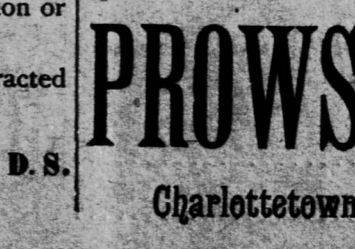
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