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Editor & Proprieto

The libel suit of Hon. Jean Prevost, Minister of Colonis Mines and Fisheries, in the Queber Government against Oliver Asse lin, editor of Le Nationaliste newspaper of Montreal, was concluded in the Criminal Court at Quebec on Saturday last. The trial was conducted before Judge Bosse and a jury. The trial ended in a disagreement of the jury. After the addresses of counsel, the and charged strongly in favor of the defence. He declared it as his conviction that it would have been better if the accusation for libel had died a natural death. Our readers will remember that this is the case to which we re ferred last week, in which Baron L'Epine of Belgium gave evidence implicating the Quebec Government in a corrupt land deal with a Belgian Syndicate, in which \$150,000 were to go into the election fund It is quite evident from the Judge's declarations that the friends of the Government and the Government press wen beyond all reasonable limits in their attempts to thwart the ends of justice and to place the defence at a disadvantage. The attempts to brow-beat the Judge did not succeed, although a hopeless disagreement of the jury resulted. Judge Bosse, in the course of his charge, said he had been accused of partiality in favor of the de fence by writers of anonymous letters, received in the course of ened with impeachment. His Lordship declared, however, that he had done his duty and he now asked the jurymen to do theirs. At this stage his Lordship rendered his decision in the matter of Le Soliel newspaper which, he ruled, had made improper and illegal comments on the case at

The School Book monopoly was an evil inherited by the people of Ontario from the Ross Government. This evil had been very much in evidence for many years, and the Ross Government made a pretense of removing it, by appointing a School Book Commission, which made an investigation into the cost and quality of the books furnished by the publishers, holding a monopoly of such publications in that Province. The evidence taken by this commission and reported to the Government, showed that the prices were exorbitant, and that the quality was very poor. Instead of using this report for public enlightenment and reform, the Government concealed or destroyed it. So the evil continued. The Whitney Government did not lose much political inquiry. All the rest is time in having the matter fully investigated, and the consequence object of ridicule to every person is that the public have the facts who has knowledge of insurance. and the Province is free from the publisher's monopoly. The people of Ontario now get their school no attention to the draft bill sub- Commission report is absolutely books for less than half what they formerly paid for them. The Toronto Mail has tabulated the saving on the school readers as follows .

the beginning of the proceedings

against the legitimate rights of

the defence. He condemned the

writer to a fine of \$50, and costs

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62 1-2 per cent,—Sixty-Two and not fixed until after he halfin- in workmanship and material, advance of delivery of any rifles unline and the pay went on the adverse reports of commission these extraordinary figures the after he half finished examining sions of inquiry, its condemnation seventy five per cent. of the whole candidate makes, at least, to

of readers averaged 224,000 each to the people will be as follows. On First Book Part I \$ 11,200 On First Book Part II On Second Book On Third Book On Fourth Book

"But, of course, these figures were made several years ago, and

entation of the school populinterest, is not so important to the individual as the saving he makes personally during the period that his children are at school. This it is not to be despised even for a \$7,743.80. small family. When the other reforms are made in the text book system the figures will be even more notable. The province is entitled to congratulation upon the fact that the government has taken up this question, and has dealt with it in a fearless manner. It is a good thing to have a straight anti-machine administration, and we ought to have a govas well as at Toronto."

Ottawa Weeklu Letter.

A Costly Commission

Pay by Political Service .of Commissioner McTavish. -How He Did Not Discover Election Frauds,

ROSS RIFLE STATIS-

TICS.

Beautiful Contract for the Contractor.-Beautifully Interpreted to His Advan-

GOVERNMENT PAYS YEARS IN AD-VANCE.

n Defiance of the Agreement, -\$425,000 Paid Before the Has Paid Nearly \$1,100,coo and Received 26,000 Rifles.-End of the On-

Ottawa, June 3, 1907. the organization as a whole seems to have taken seriously was the a tumultuous jumble, and the report itself now appears to be an The Government has taken no

mitted by the Commissioners. WHAT IT COST.

But the inquiry was an exployed in it. Parliament has voted already \$105,000 to pay Ross Whitney Saving the bills. Probably there will be other votes next year. There was a vote of \$20,000, then one of \$10,000, then one of \$75,000. went has been explained. Other 7 cts 8 cts. explanations will perhaps be made

HAPPY MR SHEPLEY.

Thus it will be seen that the Government, was paid \$100 a day an inquiry into the Ross Rifle 1902 contract. Altogether \$425,000 influence, the Supt. has decided saving effected by Mr. Whitney and moving expenses during the contract. The evidence taken had been paid the contractor before two of them to be awarded at the amounts to from 50 per cent, to time he was employed. He also was largely concerned with the he delivered the first rifle. The total 62 1-2 per cent,—Sixty-Two and received a counsel fee which was character of the rifle, the defects payments on the second order in

THE HERALD total saving to the people places the Commissioners were supposed other features and incidents bear-order was made on Federary 24th for business purposes, or with a jury, he probably earned his over for next session. The papers view to the admission of another money during the period after the brought down are, however, departy to the school book ring. hearing as well as before. Down The figures then supplied indicat to April 10th Mr Shepley had ed that in twelve months the sales received \$8,000. It may be renarked here that his firm drew Charles Ross the Government \$8,266 in the previous year in round sum of \$7.500 for profesthe Grand Trunk Pacific contract. A second contract was made in ment in the Bell Telephone inquiry. There is a minister of Dominion government had been 21,000 justice, a solicitor-general, a de-buying the Lee-Enfield rifle, puty minister of justice, and two

> OTHER FEES Mr Tilley was Mr Shepley's assistant. He got \$50 a day and

when last heard from. Mr Dawson, principal Actuary was allowed \$50 a day and expenses, and had two assistants at tem is very considerable where \$20 a day and expenses. Altothe family is not small, and gether these Actuaries received

> HOW THE COMMISSIONERS. FARED.

Then we have the Commisioners themselves. They were to their moving expenses. This pay seems to have gone on continuously. Payments on account down to April last were \$2,500 to Commissioner MacTavish, \$2,000 to Commissioner Langmuir, and \$2,000 to Commissioner Kent. Chairman MacTavish is a County ernment of this kind at Ottawa Court Judge and has been a Commissioner before. Sir Wilfrid hands it over to the Government. Laurier appointed Judge Mac-Tavish to inquire into the Brockville and West Huron election steals and frauds of a like char acter. These matters had been under discussion in the Privileges

> ELECTION FRAUDS INQUIRER.

the West Elgin election steal, provision has been cheerfully disre-tities direct from the publishers. He held an alleged inquiry and garded in the interests of the con reported that while there were tractor, and that delivery has taken some irregularities, nothing had place two and three years after payeen done "by which the integrity of the poll was violated. or the will of the electorate subswear that their votes had not been counted. After his report February 24th, 1904 making light of the whole affair, March 5th, 1904 First Delivery. - Country the Ross Government candidate March 12th, 1904 was brought to bay in the courts July 26th, 1904. He then confessed that fraudulent July 26th, 1904 and corrupt means had been used to secure the election, that ver value the report of the Royal candidate had concealed in their great service in the matter of electors. But Commissioner Macinsurance. The one thing that Tavish discovered none of these record as a Commissioner in election inquiries.

THE GENERAL RESULT. exercised much influence. It has the summer of 1904. action on the report, and has paid come about that the Insurance valueless for the purpose intended and so far as can now be seen for partment and returned to the factory any other purpose. Even the poitical scheme has failed. The cellent engagement for those emexpenditure of a large sum of money' and the origination of the wine, women and graft" episode. resulting in the precipitous retirement of Mr Emmerson from office and perhaps in delaying the re-The way some of this money turn of Mr Hyman to his native

THE ROSS RIFLE DEAL

Puring the last session the Mr Shepley, Counsel for the Public Accounts Committee began they delivered the first rife of the mail says: "An estimate of the the witnesses, and all the time by the Mounted Police, and the price. Tog first payment on this the attainable number of ma

it at \$50,000 a year. But this is to be preparing the report. As ing on the question whether the 1905, and the last on December 7 h Mr Shepley is believed to have weapon was serviceable. The of that year. This was very nearly a written the report, thus acting as financial end of the transaction year and a half ago, and 3.000 rifles rosscuting counsel, judge and was hardly considered, but stands of this contract remain to be supplied

\$25 WAS A HIGH PRICE. By the contract with agreed to pay \$25 each for 12,000 Rebruary 16, 1906, more than filteen connection with other Govern- rifles. This contract was made months ago. Not a rifle has been the second, 180,000 of the Third, ment business. This included a on the 27th of March, 1902, the delivered under this contract though ies. Our trade during 1906 contractor agreeing to deliver the the contractor has received his three has been very satisfactory. sional services in connection with 12,000 rifles before January, 1904 quarters of the price of \$14 530.

> Also it may be said that this pro- 1904 for 20,000. A third contract for Mark II. rifles so called. There essional child of fortune is now in 1906, and a fourth in the same is a fourth contract for Mark III and cting as counsel for the Govern- year were made for additional the first payment of \$11,250 on this numbers, all at \$25 each. The was made last December. Of course which is the weapon used in the or three legal advisers to the De- British Army, for \$17.59. One A QUEER STATE OF AFFAIRS Altogether the contractor had de partment of Railways, but they of the principal small arms man-Shepley, even though he comes to supply the Canadian covern

ish Army rifle and bayonet complete for \$20, as Dr Worthington. M. P. stated in the House. The American magazine rifle with expenses, and had drawn \$4,000 bayonet ready for service costs \$16. So it would appear that the Ross Company had a fine

A FEW EXTRA CONCESSIONS in all the materials and machinery free of duty for his factory at Quebec He was allowed to purchase in the United States or elsewhere such finished or unfinish parts as could allowed \$30 per day in addition not be made in his factory and to im prove them free of duty. All the raw material was also admitted free. Thus the contractor has not been obliged to establish a factory for the ient, imports other parts, some partially finished and some entirely

PAID IN ADVANCE. Moreover the contractor does not United States for the more delicate have to wait for his pay until be supplies the goods. The Govern END OF THE SCHOOL BOOK ment undertakes to pay him as he Which Did Not Investigate Committee and discoveries were all the cost of his material and work ministration of spoilsmen and rakegoes along, in advance of delivery, Insurance.—But earned Its made. It became necessary to up to seventy five per cen', of the ff promoters, and one conducted on hoke off the inquiry and so Sir price of the rifle, or \$18.75 for each business principles, is illustrated by No fishing for Quahaughs Wilfrid used his majority in the weapon. As this is considerably he new school book contract made allowed on Oyster Beds. Mr. Shepley's Large Re- House to refer the charges to a more than the price of either the by the Whitney Government of ward-Previous Services, Commission. It need only be English or the American service rifle, Ontario after receiving tenders. The said that the inquiry was never it is probably the full cost of manu The old school book ring has dis JUDGE MACTAVISH AS AN on with his business without any will be sold at less than half the Judge MacTavish was also ap- advance payment cannot be made on per cent and more. Even from these pointed by the Ross Government riffes more than a year before delive low prices there are large discounts to

> HOW PAYMENT WAS MADE 25,000 00 33 703 88 40,558 60

> > 60,000 00

2 568 11 Total \$224,802 51 tario School Book Scandal. strangers had been brought to By the time these advances were Nimrod hunted for glory but Temagamhold polls under assumed names, made it was nearly seven months lane bunt for game. Those Indiane that the votes were falesly count- after the date when the whole 12 - who made the first cance of birch bark ed, that ballots were manipulated. | oop rifes of Mark 1, order should be long ago, were our greatest benefactors. It is now recognized that whatbeen supplied, nor was there one for Insurance Commission may have homes the strangers who acted as me than a year after this last pay- they will paddle your cance in their as political literature, it is of no deputies and who corrupted the ment. These amounts were only own superb way. They will be the per cent, of the price of the whole 12 000 rifles, yet it was not until things. Such is Mr MacTavish's August 26, 1905 that the first rift. before 9,000 had been delivered The other 300) have never been tion sent free apply to J. Quinlan, The other two insurance Com- supplied, although three quarters of Bonaventure Station, Montreat, Que. missioners do not appear to have the price of 2.960 of them was paid in

MARK 1.

out, but were sent back to the Defor alterations or repairs. The contractors was pail \$15,000 extra fir replacing the sights of these rifes and prices have gone up like sky-rockets. after the original sights had been Local deliveries have brought 85 cents to acce pted.

\$425.000 PAID IN ADVANCE. been delived, and while the contrac- probably been reached

tors 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 contractors had received over \$200,000 in advance on the second order, before

notwithstanding the provision that no in the city. My prices are payments are to be made more than a dead right, that's the reason

THIRD AND FOURTH ORDERS On the third order six payment 441 04. The first of these was made

The second and third contracts are no rifles of this order have been de-

livered when the House prorogued are all paid for. Seventy-five pe cent has been paid on 3 000 of the first order not delivered, though the last payment was made three years ago, and on 3,000 of the second order not delivered, though the last payment was made nearly a year and a half ago. A sufficient payment has been made on the third order to cover seventy-five percent of the cos of 14,530 not delivered, and of the payment has been made on 600. The E I Music House. total payments to the Company, including extras, amount to \$1.087.000

or by Canadian workmen. So far as manufacture of the complete rifle, He is known no a single order has been makes such parts as he finds conven- filled on contract time. The contract was altogether in favor of the contractor and has been varied to his finished, completes the manufacture advantage. The country has not ac at Quebec, puts rifte together and quired a factory which in the event of Dandruff. a war would be able to supply a com plete rifle, but is dependent on th

and the advances at the time the

SWINDLE. facture. Thus the contractor can go appeared, and the series of readers capital, the Government acting as his present cost. Not one book will banker and charging him no interest. cost fifty per cent of the price now It is provided in the contract that charged, while some are reduced 60 as Commissioner to investigate ery. But it will be seen that this purchasers of even the smallest quan. \$60 000 A YEAR SAVED.

It is estimated that on readers alone the saving to parents in Outario is \$60,000 a year. This represents only a portion of the excessive profits As stated above the contract for the hitherto made by the ring, much of verted." He refused to believe first 12,000 was made in March 1902 which doubtless went to the political men who swore that they them- and all the rifles were to be delivered machine managers. The machine of selves had switched ballots. He in that year and the nex'. The Gov Ontario must now be financed wholly did not hear the evidence of ernment began to pay in Marchi 1903 from Ottawa plunder. Unfortunately scores of Conservatives ready to and made the following payments: some of the other provinces are not March 26th, 1903 \$25,000 00 yet delivered from the school book \$25,000 00 yet delivered from the school book 37 971 92 swindle,

The Great

North Country.

Nimrod was a mighty hunter, but had he hunted in the "Temagami" region he would have been a mightier one, cance, and they know how to use it. and if you go to Temagami this summer \$200 less than the full seventy-five best guides you ever had. Students who camp in summer along the Temagami lakes are able to do two years work in one. Finest of fishing and hunting. Easy of access by the Grand came to hand, and it was a year later Trunk Railway System. For information and beautiful descriptive publica-

Winnipeg advices of the 1st say :-Wheat is no longer king here. While all eyes have been turned upon it, the potato Some Mark I rifles were served market has been arratio and excited, peding the demand has been increasing. In 1904, a year or so before the first rifles of the 12,000 order had shat they think the top of the market has \$1.05 on the track, and are sold in a job-

> manner as to stimulate educational winPrince Edward Island. To carry that the gift may exert the widest pos

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