

MACMASTER AND M'LENNAN.

This is what these two gentlemen drew for one case—that of Shortis:—

For fees, for all services other than those in connection with the commission to Ireland....	\$7,500.00
Disbursements other than those in connection with the commission to Ireland.....	802.93
Fees and retainers in connection with the commission to Ireland	2,550.00
Disbursements in connection with the commission to Ireland....	845.09

Total.....\$11,698.02
Off.....1,500.00

Approved to the amount of...\$10,198.02

This piece of scandalous squandering of the people's money, besides being a sample of unprincipled favoritism, was made the subject of a motion in the House. Needless to say, the docile lambs which follow the Government's bell-wether voted it down and declared that it was a most virtuous and just proceeding.

WHAT IT COSTS TO COLLECT THE TAXES.

The Tories not only laid the taxes in 1892, they also provided some nice little pickings for their cronies—the lawyers of blue blood. Whatever the taxpayer may have undergone under the Tory tax-harrow the lawyers have waxed fat and undoubtedly will also kick if this goose that lays the golden egg is killed. If the Tories return to power the lawyers will see that there are taxes to collect. The following tables will show that.

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.

Lawyers: J. S. Archibald and J. G. Foster—at first. When Mr. Archibald was made a judge then L. Beaudin took his place. These gentlemen who have charge of such prosecutions as are necessary for the recovery of direct taxes wrote 5,155 lawyers' letters to the persons in arrears; for this they have been paid EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS. This bill was paid by the Government and not by the debtors. The Hon. Mr. Marchand moved an amendment condemning this enormous and useless expense, (see Journals 1896, page 308) but, of course, it was

voted down by the Tories who love good things of this sort.

It might be thought that the above mentioned *bonne-bouche* would be enough; far from it, the same lawyers have charged the Government, for costs, \$4,538.20, and still have a further claim of \$4,697.30, making in all the enormous amount of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS drawn by one firm of Government partisans.

N.B.—It will be noted that the amounts we are now dealing with are not included in the foregoing tables:

DISTRICT OF GASPE.

I. J. LAVERY.

From the 1st June, 1894, to 30th March, 1895:

Amount charged.....\$2,790.02
Off.....549.08

Amount approved.....2,251.33

A. ROBERTSON.

Amount charged.....\$1,111.74
Off.....292.50

Amount approved.....849.24

This amount was paid from November 21st, 1895, to June 18, 1895.

OMER BEAUBIEN.

On the 18th October, 1895, Mr. Beaubien received orders to collect certain arrears from the tenants of the Jesuits' Estates. This gentleman at once seized his pen and dashed off a series of letters full of sound and fury to the unfortunates; these valuable documents were delivered by special messenger. By this means Mr. Beaubien achieved a great feat, he made \$513 in less than six days.

How he did this is revealed in Sessional Paper No. 89, 1896-97. He wrote 513 letters and charged \$1 each. (Oct. 18 to 24).....\$513.00
A messenger was paid \$5 per day for 15 days, to distribute the 513 letters.....75.00

\$588.00

Note the messenger at \$5 per day: A further sum of \$60 was got in advance for writing some letters. May 20, 1896.