

Nor is this all it costs the Province to support its ornamental figurehead. Every possible item that can be charged is charged. The following are almost impossible of belief; but as they are in the official records of the Immaculate Government it may reasonably be assumed that they are correct.

Page 188 of the Public Accounts for year ending June 30, 1895, contains these tit bits; being buried amidst Miscellaneous Services they do not strike the casual reader as being connected with Spencer Wood. A skilful method of smuggling in a few extras.

To pay expenses re Reception etc., at Spencer Wood of Colonial Delegates in July, 1894\$230.48

Does a gentleman holding a high position ask the country to pay him for entertaining the guests which he entertains by virtue of the position he holds? Is this a usual way of doing things?

The next item is; Government's share of the expense incurred in the Receptions etc., to the Admirals and officers of the English and French fleets, and in connection with the visit of His Excellency the Governor-General, during the summer of 1894.....\$590.00.

We have not got to the end yet. His Honor, who is a Federal employe, believed it to be his duty to attend the funeral of the late Sir. John Thompson at Halifax. Well and good, but he charges the Province which he did not represent, \$65.61 for going. This is of a piece with the trick of the Tories at Ottawa who laid a floral tribute at the grave of their old colleague and then charged the country with it; and worse than all, had to be sued for the account. This sort of thing seems to run in the family.

It would also appear to be a good thing to be a favored employe at Spencer Wood for we read that Charles Delage had \$75.00 for "indemnity allowed him for cancellation of his engagement as gardener at Spencer Wood. Another, a young Frenchman, secretary of His Honor wrote a book entitled "Constitution et Gouvernement du Canada"; 800 copies were bought for which the Province paid \$200. It must have been the whole edition for no one seems to have heard of the production. What good has it done to the Province? Is it not time to protest?

A protest has been made. On November 25th 1895 Mr. Dechene, after enumerating the enormous sums of money that have been spent as extras over Spencer Wood—as is given above—moved the following resolution:

"This House is of opinion that in view of the financial condition of the Province, it is necessary to cease incurring expenses for repairs, maintenance and improvement at Spencer Wood and to hand over the

possession of the same to the owner at the expiration of the present incumbent's term of office.

"That this House relies upon the enlightened patriotism and disinterestedness of the persons appointed to the honorable and highly remunerated position of Lieutenant-Governor to assist it in realizing this great economy."

The said motion in amendment being put to the vote was negatived on the following division:

YEAS.

Bernatchez, Bisson, Bourbonnais, Caron, Cooke, Dechene, Fitzpatrick, Girard (Rouville), Girouard, Gladu, Gosselin, Laliberté, Lemieux, Marchand, Morin, Parent, Pinault, Shehyn, St. Marie, Spencer, Tessier, (Portneuf), Tessier (Timouski), Turgeon, 23.

NAYS.

Allard, Baker, Beaubien, Beauchamp, Carbray, Cartier, Casgrain, Chateauvert, Cholette, Chicoyne, Doyon, Duplessis, Flynn, Girard, (Lake St. John), Greig, Grenier, Hackett, McDonald, McClary, Magnon, Marion, Martineau, Nantel, Panetonn, Parizeau, Pelletier, Poirier, Rioux, Simpson, Taillon, Tetreau, Villeneuve, 32.

The "nays" are the men who voted for the Province continuing to bear the unnecessary burden. The men who were to run on economic lines. Let the electors bear this fact in mind when they are canvassed for their "vote and interest."

Considering the poverty of the Province and the large income paid to the Lieutenant-Governor the following items are abominable scandals; each and all are paid by the Government out of the Public Funds; H. Heyman and Fils of Paris, \$153.86 for a pair of silver candle branches; L. Morency and Frere, \$384.55 for mirrors; Boyer Callot, Paris, \$456.08 for silverware, candelabra etc.; Alfred Hache & Co., Paris, \$374.16 for two china dinner sets and \$130.00 paid to A. W. Colley as freight and customs on the same; making a total of \$504.16 for these precious dinner sets. These are from the accounts of 1894.

In the 1895 accounts we find that Mr. Chapleau bought some photogravures in London for which he charged the people \$77.71. Can the Lieutenant-Governor not afford to pay for his own pictures, out of \$10,000.00 per annum? A complete set of "L'Illustration" for use in leisure hours it is supposed—cost us \$112.58 whilst sperm candles—to read aforesaid with, cost \$182.57. We might have expected more light from Spencer Wood from the oil and candle bills. Still this did not satisfy, even the private articles are dragged forth into the light of the garish day; toilet articles \$17.65. Common decency might have made His Honor pay that out of the \$10,000.00.