

# SOUTHAMPTON ROAD'S COST GROSSLY PADDED

## Report of Royal Commissioner Laid Before Parliament Declared Company's Engineer Made False Statement of Cost to Secure Double Subsidy—Recommends Civil or Criminal Proceedings to Recover Over-Payment of \$34,607.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The report of H. A. Pringle, K. C., royal commissioner, appointed by the government last May to investigate charges made by Frank B. Carvell, M. P., in the commons, as to graft in connection with the subsidy paid to the Southampton Railway for the construction of thirteen miles, built in 1912 and 1913, was tabled in the commons this afternoon by Hon. Frank Cochrane.

The commissioner's report practically substantiates Mr. Carvell's charges. Mr. Pringle finds that the road received a double subsidy amounting to \$31,280, when a matter of fact it was only entitled to \$46,672. The company which constructed the road and which was headed by James K. Pinder, M. P., of York, was thus overpaid \$84,807, and the minister of railways has asked the minister of justice to take all necessary legal steps to recover for the federal treasury the amount overpaid.

The commissioner further finds that the bonds of the road were guaranteed by the province of New Brunswick to the extent of \$145,927. These bonds were sold at a net discount of \$60,078. The total amount of public aid thus received by the company was \$27,207, whereas the real cost of construction was only \$202,555, or \$124,350 per mile, instead of \$291,517, or \$222,954 per mile, as certified by the government's inspecting engineer, T. V. Johnston.

In other words, the company received over \$90,000 in public aid more than the whole road actually cost.

The commissioner reprimands Mr. Johnston for having taken the word of the company's engineer as to the cost of the road, instead of having an independent audit made.

The report further states that the minister of railways, in recommending a double subsidy of \$6,400 per mile on an alleged cost of \$22,284 per mile, acted solely on the report of his engineer in accordance with the usual custom. Mr. Pringle suggests that the subsidy act should be amended so as to make it compulsory hereafter for railway companies to classify and keep their books, accounts and vouchers in shape so that the department of railways may be satisfied that the reported cost of construction is correct.

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# BELGIUM'S CONSOLATION

By MARIE CORELLI

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one and all we accord a welcome to those of our own blood and kindred. But we are at war, and though our government is doing all the means available to prevent the threatened starvation of millions of non-combatants—women, children and the aged being sacrificed to what is called "military necessity," such means are not enough to move obstructed by the difficulties of the situation.

The grim idol of militarism must have its name obliterated from the map of Belgium so aptly and magnificently described in Lord Byron's *Childe Harold*.

"Lo! where the Giant on the mountain stands, His blood-red tresses deepening in the sun, With hand-shot glowing in his fiery hands, And eye that scorched all it glares upon; Resists it rolls, now 'tis, and now anon Flashes afar—and at his feet Destruction comes, to mark what deeds are done; All that for chase, but few the triumph share, The Grave shall bear the chiefest prize away, And hence scarce for joy can number their array!"

Time presses. The wolf of famine is at the very doors. Our hearts grow cold with terror, and our souls are in a land of desolation. We are at war, and though our government is doing all the means available to prevent the threatened starvation of millions of non-combatants—women, children and the aged being sacrificed to what is called "military necessity," such means are not enough to move obstructed by the difficulties of the situation.

How a Woman Sees the Situation. I, a woman, have naught to do with the quarrels and murderous onslaughts of men filled with blind fury and led by world power; all that I can see or hear is the sorrow and suffering befalling those who are innocent of any quarrel, the widows, the mothers, the young girls and boys, the little children, the helpless and bewildered old people. Cruel famine is already torturing these piteous and patiently enduring souls on whom such a black cloud of unmerited disaster has fallen that it seems as if it would never lift.

All who have power to visualize their unparalleled distress must and surely will take every possible means to soften and mitigate the horrors of their situation. Generous America—you have done and are doing much for us. You worked and are working strenuously to relieve the burden of Belgium's heavy affliction; but work to you is the very pulse of your large life, and biggest conception in noble deeds is your breathing power!

Therefore, no hesitation need be felt in asking you to go on working and doing all you can for the tortured, half-dying people of a devastated country; a people whose magnificent heroism has blazoned itself in a chronicle of glory for you to read and to be proud of.

Mr. Smith, Conservative M. P., Uses Plain Talk at Horse Breeders' Meeting—Farmers Fleeced by Political Workers—Not Getting Full Value.

# ESTIMATES TOTAL \$190,000,000

About \$17,000,000 Less Than Last Year, But Supplementaries are to Come—Three Millions for Halifax Harbor and \$1,500,000 for St. John Among the Items—Interest Charges \$9,000,000 More Than in 1914—Big Sums for Intercolonial

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The main estimates for the coming fiscal year, tabled in the commons last night, provided for a total appropriation of \$190,000,000, a decrease of \$17,789,220, as compared with the total amount voted in both the main and supplementary estimates last session. With supplementary estimates still to come, this session's appropriations total \$44,000,075, a decrease of \$7,229,000.

The principal increase in current account expenditure is for interest on the growing public debt. The increase on this head totals nearly \$9,000,000. On public works there is a decrease of a little over \$10,000,000. The immigration department has had its appropriation cut down by \$264,800; the trade and commerce department by \$1,000,000; the naval service by \$100,000; the fisheries by \$100,000, and militia and defence by \$4,526,000. This last decrease, however, is due mainly to the switchback of the expenditures to the general war fund account.

The chief items of capital expenditures on public works and railways and canals include \$8,188,230 for the Intercolonial railway; \$1,386,925 for the Prince Edward Island railway, and a total of \$9,459,000 to continue the work already under way at Esquimaux, Halifax, Port Arthur, Quebec, St. John, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria and other harbors.

Amounts to be voted for the I. C. R. and Prince Edward Island railway include the following, practically all of them being votes from last session:

- Amherst—Additional facilities, \$16,000.
- Anti-creeper and tie plates, \$50,000.
- Bridges, to strengthen, \$500,000.
- Wulverton Junction to St. Romuald—Double tracking, \$300,000.
- Division of line between Nelson and Jersey Junction, \$6,000.
- Division of line between North Sydney and Let's Creek, \$60,000.
- Fredericton—To increase accommodation, \$5,000.
- General protection of highways, \$16,000.
- Halifax—Docks and wharves, \$80,000.
- New terminal facilities, \$8,000,000.
- Wulverton Park sewer, \$14,500.
- Esquimaux—Subway and facilities at, \$38,750.
- Installation of block system in connection with operation, \$145,000.
- Installation of telephone system in connection with operation, \$100,000.
- Levis—Improvements, \$200,000.
- Montreal—Improvements and car shops, with equipment, \$110,000.
- Elimination of level crossings and grades, \$124,000.
- Quebec—Improvements of roofing, \$22,500.
- Mulgrave—To provide new car ferries and dock for same, \$394,000.

For Halifax dry dock there is an appropriation of \$250,000, and for St. John harbor improvements a vote of \$1,500,000. Appropriations for public buildings in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are all re-votes of last session. The only new votes for harbors and rivers are as follows:

- Nova Scotia.
- Hantsport—Repairs to wharf, \$1,000.
- Brook Cove—Repairs to breakwater, \$1,500.
- Canada Creek—Improvements, \$1,000.
- Halifaxville—Repairs to breakwaters, \$5,000.
- Margaretsville—Repairs to breakwater, \$3,000.
- Acum Teuch—Repairs to wharf, \$2,500.
- Ostrea Lake—Repairs to wharf, \$2,000.
- New Brunswick.
- Beaver Harbor—Repairs to wharf, \$1,900.
- Burnt Church—Repairs to wharf, \$6,000.
- Caracquet—Repairs to wharf, \$1,500.
- Chocolate Cove—Rebuild wharf approach, \$1,500.
- Dalhousie—Repairs to wharf, \$2,000.
- Quaco—Reconstruction of breakwater, \$27,000.

LEWIS ACT WORKING WELL. Hopewell Hill, N. B., Feb. 8.—(Special) Mrs. Porter, widow of Isaac Porter, 73 years of age, was found dead in bed at an early hour this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. C. Moore, Riverview, with whom she resided. Mrs. Porter had been in her usual health during yesterday and at the time she retired. Shortly after midnight Mrs. Moore heard her mother moving about the chamber and sometime later, on going into the room, found her lying dead on the edge of the bed. Death had evidently occurred only a short time before. The deceased was a Miss Cannon before her marriage. She is survived by four sons, Alpheus, Ora, Ivan and Renforth, and two daughters, Mrs. O. C. Moore and Mrs. Henry Collins, all residing at Albert. Her husband died upon a number of years ago.

# NERVOUSNESSES

by Dr. Cassell's Tablets

forms should be presented for all officers and employees who are in military service.

This circular is based on an order-in-council passed Aug. 11, 1914, which is set forth that the prime minister ordered that many employees of the government were desirous of enlisting in the militia and overseas.

The order as adopted, however, states the minister observes that, considering one of the several departments of the government in order to maintain and carry on the public service and the necessity of retaining a sufficient number of experienced and qualified men for such purpose, and after consulting the heads of the various departments, he is of opinion that it will not be possible or expedient to grant all applications of this character.

The minister therefore recommends as follows: Any person in the service of the government, whether the inside or outside service, who is enrolled in the active militia, shall, if required by the head of department, with the consent of the minister of militia, be released from his duties in the militia.

Subject to the foregoing provision, all persons in the employment of the government of Canada, whether in military or non-military service, who are called out to service as members of the active militia, and all persons who, with the consent of the head of the department which they are engaged, enlist in any predatory force raised in Canada for service abroad during the war, shall be entitled to receive their regular salary during such period of service, subject to such regulations and conditions as to the amount of such salary to the families of dependents of such persons, or otherwise, as may be prescribed by the order-in-council or by the head of the department in each case.

The first paragraph of the application states clearly: "I have volunteered for active military service and I have passed the qualifying examinations and have been accepted, and I hereby apply for leave of absence in order to do up my military service."

The form then states "provided my application for leave of absence is granted, it is decided that I am to receive my regular monthly salary or wages during the time I am in active military service, I hereby direct that amount of said monthly salary or wages be paid to me."

The form then goes on to give the particulars of the relative to whom the salary is assigned.

Dr. Cassell's Tablets now explains that the I. R. employees, in making out this application and receiving the permission of their superior officers in their department, took it for granted that they would receive their pay, but that the minister did not grant the leave of absence but for except in a few cases. The employees at the same time are mandating that the promise be carried out, or that they be given an honorable discharge from the service.

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# GRAFT IS FEARED IN REMOUNT PURCHASES

Wm. Smith, Conservative M. P., Uses Plain Talk at Horse Breeders' Meeting—Farmers Fleeced by Political Workers—Not Getting Full Value.

(Toronto Globe, Feb. 4.) The prevailing system governing the purchase of remounts by the federal government came in for frank and full condemnation at the hands of William Smith, M. P., of Columbus, at yesterday morning's session of the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association.

Mr. Smith, who represents South Ontario in the dominion parliament, is one of the best-known breeders on the continent, and his words went unchallenged before the largest audience that has been seen at a meeting of the association for a number of years.

Mr. Smith's words, following so closely upon the alleged difficulties encountered by Sir Adam Beck in attempting to eliminate all traces of graft, were of unusual significance and were applauded by his auditors.

In accordance with the actions of other agricultural bodies, the Horse Breeders' Association passed a resolution favoring the appointment of a standing committee to look after the interests of the agricultural industry in general, and with particular respect to dealings with railway companies regarding freight charges.

A visitor at the meeting was John Bright, dominion live stock commissioner, who complimented the executive on the splendid attendance at the sessions: William Smith, of Columbus, is again president of the association, and the new secretary is R. W. Wade, of Toronto.

Of course, these men are there for political reasons, and that should not be. I want now to repeat publicly what I have said many times privately. Some of the horses that I saw at Valcartier last fall were a disgrace to the parties who bought them and put them into service.

# THE STANDARD DREW \$27,058 "PAP" LAST YEAR

St. John Torv Organ Got \$4,000 More Than the Moncton Times—Montreal Gazette Led With \$153,000.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—(Special) Among the interesting features of the auditor-general's report are the figures giving the amounts distributed by the government to party newspapers for "advertising."

The Montreal Gazette heads the list with a total of \$158,000, of which \$148,000 was for government printing.

The St. John Standard drew \$27,058. Other conservative newspapers were paid as follows:—Fredericton, *Cleaner*, \$8,484; Halifax Herald, \$7,181; Hamilton Spectator, \$8,667; London Free Press, \$9,148; Toronto Mail and Empire, \$9,861; Ontario News, \$7,657; Windsor World, \$6,722.

CANADIAN NURSES AT FRONT LOOK SMART. London, Feb. 8.—(Gazette Cable) The Belgian correspondent of the Dutch newspaper, the *Nieuw Courant*, writes: "The Canadian nurses here in Flanders look very smart indeed. In the field they are everywhere, and know no danger."

Paris, Feb. 9, 247 p. m.—At a point between the Oise and the Aisne French artillerymen have been successful in bringing down a German aeroplane. The machine, in flames, landed within the German lines.

# LEWIS ACT WORKING WELL. SWIFT CALL TO ALBERT WOLAN

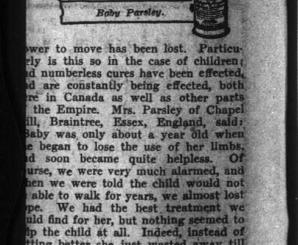
Ottawa, Feb. 8.—A report on the operation of the industrial disputes act for the last fiscal year states that in all the nineteen cases in which the act was invoked, strikes were averted. The number of men involved was 40,876.

During the same period, in cases outside the act, or in which the opportunities offered by the act were rejected, there were 28 field strikes, affecting 39,538 men, who lost 1,287,678 days.

General Hughes Trip With Staff to Europe, Costing \$24,620, Was Also Held Up as a Charge Against Annual Drill.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The auditor-general's report, tabled in the house of commons this afternoon, draws attention to loans made through an issue of dominion notes to the extent of \$10,000,000 to the Canadian Northern Railway, and to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to the extent of \$6,000,000, on security of collateral pledged by the companies last September, which note issues were, according to the auditor-general, not authorized by parliament. His report notes that these advances to the railway companies were made from an issue of dominion notes placed to the credit of the minister of finance in two of the chartered banks, and that the proceeds of this extra note issue were not placed to the credit of the consolidated revenue fund, as required by the Dominion Notes Act. Therefore, the auditor-general, in a letter to the finance department on September 22 last says: "In my opinion the government has no legal authority for making these loans, and therefore I cannot sign the certificates."

As already intimated by the minister this afternoon, the advances to the railway companies, which at the time the auditor's report was written amounted to \$16,000,000, will have to be legalized by supplementary legislation at this session. The report also draws attention to the fact that the auditor-general objected to the payment of \$24,620 in connection with the annual drill, but the auditor-general objected that it was not a proper charge against that appropriation. The treasury board sustained his objection, and the amount now appears in the balance sheet of the public accounts as a liability against the department of militia and defence.



power to move has been lost. Fairly so in this so the cases of children in numerous cures have been effected, and are constantly being effected, both in Canada as well as other parts of the Empire. Mrs. Parsley of Chapel Hill, Braintree, England, says: "My baby was only about a year old when he began to lose the use of his limbs, and soon became quite helpless. Of course, we were very much alarmed, and when we were told the child would not be able to walk for years, we almost lost hope. We had the best treatment we could find for him, but nothing seemed to help the child at all. Indeed, instead of getting better she just wasted away till she was a mere frame. She hardly ate anything, and was so weak and ill that it did not seem possible she could recover."

"Then we gave her Dr. Cassell's Tablets. The first effect of the Tablets was that the baby got sound, natural sleep, and she improved in general health, and gradually power returned to her, until my little one was stronger and stronger, more plump, till now she is quite cured."

It cures like the above, the genuine one of which has been thoroughly investigated that it was made by Dr. Cassell's Tablets one of the most talked of remedies of modern times. Their entire purity and safety, their suitability for use on the sick and old, their scientific accuracy have ensured a high reputation throughout the world. Test their reliability as a remedy if you suffer from nervous Breakdown, Nervous Prostration, Little Weakness, Neurasthenia, Sleeplessness, Anaemia, Kidney Trouble, Dyspepsia, Stomach Disorder, Wasting, Irritability, and they are especially valuable for nursing mothers and for the approaching womanhood. All druggists and storekeepers throughout the Dominion sell Dr. Cassell's Tablets at 50 cents per bottle in outlying districts should be sent by the Sole Agents, the Canadian Dispensary, P. Ritchie & Co., Ltd., 10 McCaul Street, Toronto, Ont.

Winter's Chills Bring Out Kidney Ills. Winter quickly makes you realize that there is something radically wrong with the Kidneys. There can be no doubt as to just what is making your back ache all the time—what causes you to urinate so often—what makes the urine so highly colored and so painful to void.

The trouble is with the Kidneys. They are weak or strained, or you may have taken cold and the cold has settled in the Kidneys. The inflammation has also extended to the bladder, which is irritated also by the excess of uric acid.

GIN PILLS FOR THE KIDNEYS are a perfect protection against winter Kidney and Bladder Troubles, as Mr. Dunn will testify.

"For four years, I suffered from Kidney trouble and tried four different pills all failing to do me any good. I was all but discouraged when I saw your GIN PILLS advertised and after taking three boxes, I was entirely relieved. It is now a year since then and I have had no return of the trouble!"

Depend on Gin Pills to cure your Kidney and Bladder Ills—to give you relief from Rheumatism and Pain in the Back—to neutralize uric acid and prevent bladder irritation—to regulate the urine—in short, to enable you to enjoy life this winter.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50. Gin Pills are "Made in Canada". Sold in U.S. under the name "GINO" Pills. Trial treatment if you write National Drug & Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited, Toronto

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BARBS 1 IN. LONG. AT ONE INCH INTERVALS. 1/8 IN STEEL ROD.

Kokomo (Ind.) will supply the "war barb" of Europe, which deadly barb wire to make what is expected to be the most formidable fortifications used in the present war.

The wire to be manufactured in Kokomo has barbs more than one inch long, wound on one-eighth-inch steel rod. The barbs are placed in sets of four one inch apart along the steel core, the points standing out at right angles. Barbed wire entanglements have come into general use in the European war to hold the enemy at bay.

Corns Applied in 3 Seconds Cured Quick. Forns, blistering feet, corns, blisters, etc., can be cured by Putnam's Extractor in 24 hours. Putnam's Extractor is a small, hand-carried, powerful, and safe device for drawing out the poison from the corns, blisters, etc., and thus curing them. It is a small, hand-carried, powerful, and safe device for drawing out the poison from the corns, blisters, etc., and thus curing them.

EVERY NEURALGIC HEADACHE CURED! USE "NERVILINE"—IT WON'T FAIL. The Miraculous Healing Power of This Liniment is Unailing RUB ON NERVILINE.

There may be a thousand pains, yet, excepting sciatica, neuralgia is the worst. Most remedies are not strong enough or penetrating enough to relieve neuralgia. You know everything you have tried has failed to give even momentary relief, and you have decided that neuralgia must be borne forever.

Do not make this mistake—try NERVILINE. Apply it to the sore spot. Notice the glow that spreads deeper and wider as Nerviline's curative power is carried further and further into the tissue. How quickly the pain is soothed! How rapidly it lessens! In a little while you have forgotten the pain—it has actually gone.

Neuralgia gives "Nerviline" an opportunity of demonstrating its superiority over all other pain remedies. Not magic, as you might imagine after you have used it—simply the application of scientific knowledge to the relief of pain. Nerviline is a great outcome of modern medical ideas. You cannot afford to be without it, because pain comes so quickly and comes to us all. Guaranteed to cure the aches and pains of the whole family. Large bottles, 80 cents, trial size, 25 cents; at druggists, or the Cathartose Co., Kingston, Canada.