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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**Prof. Dunstan's Report**

It will be remembered that last year the Government invited a Prof. Dunstan here, who was to examine our coal areas and once and for all settle the question as to whether we had coal seams of commercial value or not. This gentleman's visit was to be the final effort. Nothing was to be left in doubt. He was to clear up everything.

That wonderful man has been here, and his report is before us, vague and undefined, and if possible leaving the question more in doubt than ever.

Only on one point does he drop the insipid language of him who has much to conceal, or has nothing to reveal, to speak out with anything like clearness, and that is where he insists that "systematic investigation is required," before anything else can be done.

The language adopted by Mr. Dunstan is purely that of the non-committal sort. It is quite reasonable to suppose that Prof. Dunstan was merely a party to a big game of hoodwinking, otherwise how could he have the gall to impose an empty and frothy report on the people of this Country as he has done in this case.

Mr. Dunstan came here in August and remained about one month. During that one short month he pretended to investigate all the natural resources of the Country. Any one item on his very extended programme would have furnished the greatest investigator living with at least three months careful and painstaking research.

Here is his very modest programme for one short month:— Arrived at St. John's Aug. 8th. remained till Sept. 16th. During this time he investigated Bell Island and Conception Bay areas where minerals are known to exist.

He examined the Grand Lake and Goose Brook coal areas. Examined the Deer Lake shale areas, the limestone deposits on the lower Humber, and other mineral deposits of Bay of Islands.

He investigated the coal seams of Robinson's River, and Middle Barachwis, and then took a hop over to the Codroy Valley and investigated (?) the coal deposits there.

In addition to all this he made observations on all other economic developments, at all places during his journey.

If that is not a pretty stiff programme for any man to get through with in the sort space of one month, we do not know what is.

The whole thing is ridiculous in the extreme, and would be laughable if not so hurtful.

Prof. Dunstan got at least three thousand dollars out of the tax payers of this Country for that disgraceful mockery of a report.

How long are we supposed to endure being made fools of by the wily politician, how long must we endure this contumely and scorn.

Does not the intelligence of every thinking man in the Country rise up in revolt against this unbridled desire on the part of a clique, to insult us while they pick our pockets.

Prof. Dunstan must know that he has done nothing for this Country by his visit. Why then is he so dishonest as to submit such a report to us? Why insult our intelligence in the manner in which he does in his meaningless report? He must know that he had not had time to investigate even one item on his programme, not to speak of covering all the varied items of our economy.

His attempted report on the coal deposits is vague in the extreme and altogether lacking in technique. Any school boy might have done as well, by taking up the various reports issued from time to time by Mr. James P. Howley.

Dunstan has added not one iota to what we have already learned from our Geographical Surveyor. To have brought Mr. Dunstan to this Country is an insult direct to Mr. Howley, and a shameful attempt to ignore the almost life long and replete investigations of that gentleman.

We unfortunately have not the great belief in the value of our coal seams that Mr. Howley has, but after all, that is a mere matter of opinion.

At the same time we feel most keenly the insult that has been offered an aged gentleman by introducing this Mr. Dunstan who is not a geologist at all. Mr. Howley's report are replete with all that can be learned of our coal areas, and this knowledge has been gathered through years of patient and loving toil.

Prof. Dunstan has about the biggest gall, that ever suffused the brain of any man, that we have any knowledge of in recent times.

Look over his vapid and meaningless report and see if gall does not show in every page. The man who inflicted this latest hoax on us, is not worthy of any respect, he is a time server and a tool of the Reid's and a money grabber of the meanest sort.

**Civil and Criminal Prosecutions**

We publish to-day a statement showing how \$6000 has disappeared last year in prosecuting Crown cases. The most notable grabs being those paid Furlong, Conroy and Higgins, \$815 having been paid that firm for three cases, \$290 for breach of the Fox law (don't state what case), \$47 for the Tait case which was prosecuted by Mr. Higgins; \$218 for the Mallard case which Mr. Higgins also prosecuted.

Charlie Hunt also made good on Crown cases—\$105 was paid him for the Bransfield case. He got several others grabs which don't appear in this statement. Morison and Knight got \$370 in connection with Sir Wm. White-way's case. This case is years old yet \$370 was scooped in by Morison on its account last year. It takes a lawyer to make out claims and get them paid, especially when his political friends are in power, and are not over particular as to how the taxes are scattered.

R. A. Squires got \$53 for a case—Kavanagh vs. Murphy—but there is no explanation as to why the Crown should have paid him this \$53. Even Frankie got \$40 on account of the Colford case.

Detectives in Snowden case got \$368—as part payment.

Howley and Fox got a little grab of \$79 on account Farrell. M. P. Gibbs got \$466 on account

**P. T. McGrath and the Herald Get Big Grabs**

**P. T. Gets \$2,350 for Compiling Public Message and Trade Report---Herald Draws \$10,000 in One Grab**

As a champion of patriotism that pays P. T. McGrath is a shining example. We publish below particulars of one Ten Thousand Dollar grab made by The Herald, and this by no means is the total of what boodle McGrath has scooped out of the Treasury the past six years. It will indeed be an eye opener for the fishermen of Newfoundland.

McGrath and The Herald have been well paid by Morris for the abuse heaped upon Coaker and the F.P.U. the past six years. McGrath's love of Country is measured by what dollars he can suck from the public treasury, and remembering the fact that he has by deceit and trickery been able to keep in with every government the past 18 years it is not surprising to learn that he has massed a fortune—a fortune wrung from the fishermen of this Colony.

It is for the purpose of providing such grabs as this and similar other ones that the Government are compelled to-day to place an extra burden of taxation on the backs of the sons of Terra Nova.

Is it any wonder that in the face of such boodling we find the treasury empty. Our public debt amounting to the enormous amount of **Thirty Three Millions of Dollars** and our people discontented and almost bordering on a revolution.

"Send your sons and fathers to die for the Empire," says Morris. "Make all the sacrifices you can," shouts our Patriotic Governor. "Don't do anything to cause embarrassment to the Government," shouts the Government pap fed press, while at the same time they seek every opportunity they can to bleed the people of this Colony to the tune of thousands of dollars. **Patriots with a vengeance.**

McGrath also gets the snug little sum of \$2350 for compiling news of the Colony's trade and digesting the public messages. The fishermen will remember how Patsy digested the public news last election. This payment of \$2350 is an outrage. The Colony gets nothing for it. It is purely a sop for McGrath, and would not be tolerated in any other quarter of the British Empire.

For printing bills, reports and speeches The Herald got \$4060.50. Another outrage pure and simple. Where is it all going to end. This kind of political knavery will go on until such time as the people

of the Ballard case. It is not much trouble to hand out \$6,000 in a few months in connection with Crown cases.

R. S. Squires is a Minister that seldom appears in court and such a Minister creates a harvest for small fry lawyers. He has appeared but once in court since he was dumped into the Justice Department. He did not forget to send in his bill as a member of the Consolidated Statues Commission and got \$500 out of a haul of \$2500 that they each hope to get for this job. He asked Dr. Lloyd not to send in a bill to the Government for services as counsel for the Sealing Commission, in order that the Opposition would not be able to get after him for grabbing \$500 for that job, but the bill will be paid very soon after the House closes.

The fees for the Hospital Commission have not yet been paid. Squires ought to know why. At least \$500 each is due the Commissioners for that job. They well earned it. Why have those Commissioners not been paid? Will Squires answer.

arouse themselves from their slumbers and place in power men who will safeguard their interests.

The reports of the House appear in the Government organs long after the session closes, and even worse is the fact that on several occasions Mr. Coaker has had to call the attention of the Government that both he and the other members of the Opposition have been misrepresented in the speeches published.

Last year the official reports of the House showed Mr. Coaker as saying "that the Government should appoint Donald Morison to a position on the Supreme Court Bench." Mr. Coaker never made such a statement either in the House or out of it.

The Honourable Patsy made another little scoop in connection with the Bell Island mines.

His brother Tom got a snug job in the Customs House as Surveyor of Shipping, a job for which he was entirely qualified for, we don't think. The salary was raised for Thomas and an assistant provided for him. The former holder of the office did the work himself that now takes two.

It is no wonder then that McGrath shouts from the house tops that the Colony is doing fine under the circumstances and that Morris is the best Premier we ever had. As long as the boodle holds out McGrath will support Morris but if he sees a chance to get in out of the wet and more gap in sight it is a case of "good-bye Morris with Patsy."

Here are some particulars of

The Herald's little grab:—

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Bills, Reports and Speeches | \$ 4,060.50 |
| Two years' subscriptions    | 6.00        |
| Printing                    | 705.50      |
| Printing                    | 152.00      |
| Printing List of Electors   | 436.00      |
| Printing                    | 540.00      |
| Printing                    | 210.50      |
| Advertising                 | 37.50       |
| Printing Ballots            | 22.75       |
| "                           | 55.25       |
| "                           | 19.50       |
| "                           | 52.00       |
| "                           | 26.00       |
| "                           | 13.00       |
| "                           | 55.25       |
| Customs Dept. acc.          | 3,640.00    |
|                             | \$10,031.75 |

**List of Money Sent From the Department of Marine and Fisheries to Bay de Verde District, 1914**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| John M. Murray, Adams             | \$ 100.00 |
| John Johnson, Northern Bay        | 20.00     |
| Phil. English, Job's Cove         | 70.00     |
| Ben. Morris, Lower Isld. Cove     | 17.00     |
| Martin White, Perry's Cove        | 10.00     |
| Pat. Forristal, Gussett's Cove    | 25.00     |
| Rd. Woodfine, Northern Bay        | 15.00     |
| Horwood Lumber Co.                | 24.20     |
| Tobias Sparkes, Lower Island Cove | 100.00    |
| Thos. Tucker, Burnt Pt.           | 30.00     |
| Wm. J. Doyle, Gull Isld.          | 45.00     |
| Jacob J. Snelgrove                | 104.00    |
| P. Doyle, Gull Island             | 68.20     |
| S. Kennedy, Western Bay           | 48.67     |
| Jos. March, Old Perlican          | 26.70     |
| Hez. Snelgrove, Grate's Cove      | 364.13    |

**MORE GRABS FROM CONTINGENCIES FOR 1914-15=== \$31,000 MORE**

**For Morris to Finish His Work Bell Island Transportation Co. Grabs Only \$1,057 From the Colony, as the Result of Having been Unable to Pay any Dividend on the Company's Investment for 1914.**

The Bell Island business men formed a company in 1913, election year, to transport goods and passengers from their landing place to the interior where the business was being conducted. The Government guaranteed five per cent on the capital in case the Company's earnings did not cover a five per cent dividend, and last year the company came in for the full guarantee of five per cent, and the poor fishermen who had to pay \$1,000,000 as war-taxes during the past year, and \$1,000,000 more as extra profits on provisions, caused by war conditions, had to find \$1051 for this little political vagrant of graballism in addition to all their other burdens.

Bowring Bros. got \$450 for rescuing a schooner in Trinity Bay, \$50 would be ample payment for the loss of time, but Bowrings being patriots of the finest water and lovers of Terra Nova, especially in war times, must grab \$400 more than the job cost them in order to have \$400 to make up for the \$5000 subscription handed out to the Patriotic Association. This is in keeping with their action in charging the Colony \$1.00 per day for all the women and children taken on board the Prospero at Little Bay in 1904, when the fire had driven the people to the water's edge. Anyone who know the firm well would not be surprised to learn of this, but the general public who always believed the Bowrings to be models of all that stood for good, will be amazed as well as indignant over this revelation.

One magistrate is not enough to have pouncing on the Labrador. They had to find a job for Capt. H. Dawe, who turned over to graballism a few days prior to the elections in 1913, and for so doing, had to be compensated, and secured a snip of \$500 and expenses for a two month's picnic in the Lower Labrador steamer.

Professor Dunstan, over whom the Premier created such a fuss during the session of 1914, and who was heralded so effectively in the Governor's speech last winter, got \$2927 for his report and over \$400 as expenses, for writing a report that informed the people less than they previously knew about coal areas.

This mighty outrage is dealt with in a separate article, and we forbear here to say more at present.

The fishermen had to find \$3000 for the picnic, and many a poor child experienced the effect of this grab, when their fathers had to pay taxes on beef, sugar, tea, flour, Kero. oil, last winter.

Probably the most outrageous payment contained in this \$30,000 grab is that paid to Reid's solicitor, M. W. Furlong, who took \$400 out of the people for drafting the Stamp Tax Act passed in the war session. Martin Furlong is the Solicitor of the House of Assembly, for which he receives \$750 for each session work—say two months. He is usually occupied at the work about five hours per week. He has not touched one Bill that the Opposition has had to do with the last two sessions. He did not touch one of the Select Committee's Bills this session. His work for a session would not exceed 75 hours, consequently he is paid at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Bill and saved the \$400. Talk about revolutions. How our fishermen can put up with such outrageous acts of legalized robbery, in the face of conditions bordering upon starvation for thousands, is a puzzle to men who know how hard working and honest they are, and how fragile in their use of money.

Mr. Grace Dock Co. got \$1855 as 5 per cent on capital invested in the dock, which cost about \$37,000. The dock is not paying and won't pay under present management. The people therefore must make up the 5 per cent guarantee and \$1855 is licked up by the twinkling of an eye for something that is of no benefit to Mr. Grace or Colony. The dock could have been erected for ten or twelve thousand dollars, and could have been made a paying concern, but P. J. Fitzgerald and a few others who are after the boodle, killed the enterprise by extravagance, and the Colony must pay the guarantee for 15 years.

D. Morison \$750, as fees in Commercial Cable tax case. This was when he was Minister of Justice. Why was it paid? Was it right for Morison, Minister of Justice, to get \$750 as fees while defending the Colony's case, while the late Sir W. V. White-way was driven into a premature grave by the Liberal Government years ago over a claim he had against the Colony for services rendered, which were denied by Sir E. P. Morris, who was then Minister of Justice.

Morison must get his pick in spite of war miseries and taxes. He must get his pound of flesh although he is worth \$200,000 in gold. Let Morris finish his work, said Morison, in 1913. Well may he wish it, for although not Minister of Justice now he is scooping just as much in the way of fees from the Government as though he was drawing the Minister's salary.

Sir E. P. Morris \$2250. The amount increases each time he goes abroad. Once he was content with \$2400, now it is \$3250, or about \$100 per day for the time he was away. Let him finish his work, and finish it he has, for never again will he get the chance to grab \$100 per day for a trip to England. His mission failed. He could not raise the loan he went for.

He was told by the Opposition last winter in the House that he could not raise a 3-1-2 per cent loan, he could have raised it he says at 4 per cent, but he had no power. Now it can't be had at less than 5 per cent. Let him finish his work, yes, it would have been alright had he not tried to finish up the Colony and fasten fetters of Serfdom on the people. He got his \$3250, and he intend to take another \$3250 this year for a trip, even though 50,000 men, women and children are to-day without bread to eat, and black despair is facing the Colony in all directions.

P. T. McGrath \$2325, for a Trade Report for the Commission which visited the Colony last August, and for the output public dispatch. He scooped in as much in that grab as John Bennet gets as Colonial Secy., and as sessional pay, yet he probably did not occupy one week's time for the \$2325. He was paid at the rate of \$400 per day.

came here to make us rich last August. War times, taxes on every article of food and clothing, taxes even on a Receipt for payment or on a receipt for goods, or on a cheque, taxes on books, Kero. oil and gasoline for motor boats, on motor engines, yet \$430 I spend on a whisky drinking bout at your expense. What would your stern old fathers say if such whisky was practiced in their day. Why they would never permit one of the scoundrels who gave away that money to show their faces again in an outpost. Ain't Ned Morris finishing his work boys. Ain't he doing it as well as Satan could. The old boy himself could not do it better, \$430 for a whisky bout at Waterford Hall. Mark it down, send it home to every grab-all heeler and grabber. Drive it down the throat of graball candidates, if such ever appear in your midst again, \$5000 more for advertising abroad, advertising to benefit Reid's railway traffic to bring tourists to give Reid returns. People may starve, Conception Bay fishermen may lounge on the rocks this summer and die of starvation, because supplies for fishery cannot be had, yet \$5000 were thrown away this year for advertising in foreign papers.

Ain't it time for Morris to be finished? Ain't it time the people finished him and his party? Who dare say no, is there 1,000 men in this Colony today who do not receive boodle from Morris that won't say amen to our question. Ain't it time to finish Morris? What say you, fishermen, of North, South, East and West.

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| Bell Island Transportation Co., subsidy                 | \$1051.00 |
| Bainie Johnston & Co., winter relief                    | 1470.19   |
| Britain's Pub. Co., advertising                         | 122.12    |
| Bowring Bros. Ltd. rescuing schooners                   | 450.00    |
| Board of Works, motor foxes refund                      | 1569.75   |
| Bank of Montreal, outstanding cheques                   | 31.75     |
| Wm. Biggs, bullock killed                               | 30.00     |
| Canada Newspaper, advertising                           | 1114.37   |
| Lizzie Costello, cattle killed                          | 40.00     |
| James Coughlan, Hospiti Commission                      | 150.00    |
| Crown Agent, Govt. Proportion                           | 481.75    |
| Dr. Curtis, hire of room                                | 50.00     |
| Ed. Cleary, cow killed                                  | 30.00     |
| John Croft, cow killed                                  | 35.00     |
| John James Davis part salary analyst                    | 1199.97   |
| Capt. Dawe, Magistrate, Labrador                        | 500.00    |
| Daily News, printing report                             | 119.00    |
| Professor Dunstan, Mineral report                       | 2627.63   |
| T. Duhart, cattle killed                                | 15.00     |
| John J. Evans, advertising                              | 40.00     |
| Higher Education, expenses Rhodes Scholarship           | 125.00    |
| Capt. Ed. English in G.O. Capt and crew S. S. Lushanbia | 123.46    |
| Thos. Elliott, for outstanding cheque                   | 4.00      |
| Furness Withy Co., passages of two reservists           | 90.00     |
| M. W. Furlong, Stamp Act Financial News, advertising    | 400.00    |
| Feid, advertising                                       | 973.95    |
| E. J. Harding in a/c Line Commissioner                  | 962.00    |
| Commissioner  | 500.00    |
| H.R. Grace, fire brigade                                | 100.00    |
| Holloway Studio, photos                                 | 436.00    |
| H. Martin cattle killed                                 | 35.00     |
| Joseph Hicks cattle killed                              | 75.00     |
| F. Houlihan, lightkeeper                                | 233.31    |
| Job Bros. & Co., Relief, Labrador                       | 521.05    |
| Dr. Keegan, travelling expenses                         | 500.00    |
| A. W. Knight, enquiry South-ern Cross                   | 310.60    |
| John King, cattle                                       | 30.00     |
| G. R. Lilly, pension, late Magistrate                   | 174.99    |
| LeGrow, cattle  | 80.00     |
| Marine Railway Dock, Hr. Grace, Interest                | 1855.50   |
| Hon. D. Morison, fees Commercial Taxes                  | 750.00    |

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