

(3).—" If not, why has not the Government yet carried out the act authorizing the consolidation, revision and amendment of the Municipal Code ? "

Answer by Sir Lomer Gouin :

(1).—" Yes.

(2).—" Mr. L. J. Gauthier has been instructed to make preliminary studies with a remuneration of \$166.66 per month. No secretary has been named as yet.

(3).—" The Government will put the law into execution immediately after the preliminary work has been completed."

(Journals Leg. Ass., 1909, page 161.)

On the 1st of April, 1910, Mr. Tellier made the following interpellation to Mr. Gouin :

(1).—" When did the Government direct Mr. L. J. Gauthier to make preliminary studies with a view to the consolidation, revision and amendment of the Municipal Code ?

(2).—" What is Mr. Gauthier's remuneration ? How much has the Government paid him to date for his work ?

(3).—" Has Mr. Gauthier finished his work ? If not, how far has he got ?

(4).—" Has Mr. Gauthier sent any report of his work to the Government ? If so, when ? What is the nature of his report ?

(5).—" Does the Government propose to appoint a commission to proceed with the consolidation, revision and amendment of the Municipal Code, under the Act 8, Edward VII, Chapter 8, when Mr. Gauthier's preliminary studies are finished ? "

Answer by the Honorable Mr. Gouin :

(1).—" 11th August, 1908.

(2).—" His remuneration is the amount allowed by the Act 8, Edward VII., Chap. 8, namely, \$2,000 a year. He has received \$3,112.88.

" (3 and 4).—Mr. Gauthier has made no report in writing. He has not yet finished his work.

(5).—" Yes."

Mr. Gauthier was then being paid for the privileges of learning and to complete HIS STUDIES since March the 8th, 1908, at the expense of the Province, and as a recompense for the speeches on the hustings in favor of Mr. Gouin and his Government.

Therefore, the Government attempted to hide that fact from poor Mr. Mousseau, on the 22nd of March, 1909. The Government was ashamed of its own actions, and it required all the vigilance of the opposition to discover the " flower pot."