

That without the authority of the House the Government has caused 2,000 copies of that speech to be printed at the expense of the Province.

That, moreover, it appears by the Votes and Proceedings of the House (page, 192) that the Government replied to the question of a member as follows:

Question.—Has the Government bought or does it propose to buy for distribution or other purposes of publicity, a certain number of copies of the speech of Honorable L. Beaubien, delivered at Nicolet on the 4th, October last?

If so; how many copies and what price did the Government pay or does it propose to pay?

Answer by the Hon. Mr. Beaubien.—The Government proposes to buy a certain number over and above the quantity received from Mr. Ayotte.

The number and cost are not as yet established.

That the following appears by the Votes and Proceedings for the House (Page 354).

Question.—Has the Government received any copies of the speech delivered by the Hon. Louis Beaubien, at Nicolet, on the 4th October, 1896, apart from the 2,000 copies received from Messrs. Ayotte and Co?

If so, how many and when?

Answer by Hon. Mr. Beaubien.—Up to now the Gazette Printing Co., of Montreal, was to have sent to the Department 10,000 copies of that speech in English. The quantity has not yet been checked.

Up to now the firm of E. Senecal & Son was to have sent 25,000 copies in French of the same speech. The quantity has not yet been checked.

That it thus appears that the Government has caused its election literature to be printed and distributed at the expense of the Province. That such conduct is contrary to the interests of the Province and constitutes a scandal which the House reproves and condemns.

A reference to the Journals will show on pages 191, 290, 254, 377 and 406 will show that the information had to be dragged out of the Government. It wanted to keep the whole transaction as snug as possible. It also appears that not satisfied with charging the Province for 37,000 of Mr. Beaubien's incubrations at Nicolet the Government has also printed and distributed 3,000 of the same gentlemen's vapidity delivered before the unfortunates present at the opening of the Dairy School at St. Hyacinthe on the 11th March 1893.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN THE MONEY OF THE PROVINCE TO PAY FOR CAMPAIGN LITERATURE. IT HAS ALSO INTRODUCED THE MOST DANGEROUS PRACTICE OF GIVING MONEY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE HOUSE THEREBY INFRINGING UPON THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTRODUCING THE THIN END OF TYRANT GOVERNMENT.

The Farmers' False Friends.

In spite of the Hon. Mr. Beaubien's excessive zeal for Agriculture as exemplified in his self-sacrificing efforts at horse-rearing behind the Montreal Mountain and his having his campaign literature printed and paid for by the Province; in spite of all this conclusive evidence one feels inclined to doubt the sincerity of the "honest men" when face to face with the following resolutions which Mr. "Percheron" Beaubien and his Government friends voted down.

On December 27th, 1893, Mr. Bernatchez proposed that the House "deems it its duty to declare that it hopes that the Government, for the purpose of protecting farmers and settlers as much as possible against the numerous losses to which they are exposed, will cause to be adopted

ed within the shortest possible delay, a law creating a privilege on the property of all insolvent traders in favor of all farmers and settlers and all proprietors or patrons of butter, cheese or other agriculture industries, for all agricultural produce furnished or sold to the said traders within the year, and day preceding such insolvency."

Lost by a vote of 33 Tories including Flynn and Beaubien, against 16 Liberals. (See Journals, Vol: XXVIII, page 267.)

On December 2nd, 1895, Mr. Bernatchez moved, seconded by Mr. G. W. Stephens that: "This House is of opinion that, as a remedy for the evils from which agriculture suffers in this Province, it is urgently necessary to seek for the surest and most

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