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And further you may use this letter if you wish.  
Yours very truly,  
J. McI. FRASER, Secretary-Treasurer and Manufacturing Director

**THE MARITIME MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
J. McI. FRASER, Secretary-Treasurer and Manufacturing Director

WOODSTOCK, N. B., January 25th, 1907.

S. J. PARSONS, Esq.,  
Agent Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Company's cheque on Bank B. N. A. for the full amount of my claim for damages by the fire of January 5th, 1907.

I placed the claim in your hands on the 22nd, and have the Company's cheque on the 25th, so have to thank you very much for the prompt response and for their courteous treatment. I shall place other insurance with you as soon as it can be arranged.

I feel both safe and satisfied in dealing with the Atlantic Mutual.  
Yours very truly,  
(Sgd.) A. W. BROWN.

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Yours truly,  
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## Ottawa Weekly Letter.

### Cassels Inquiry Closed!

Many Interesting Disclosures, But the Main Scandals Still Covered.—Because the Judge Had No Authority to Follow Them Up—Sifton Was Large Stockholder in Company Selling Buys to Government.—Sold Out Just Before Election and Then Denied All Connection With the Concern.

### Popular Majority for the Government Not Large After All

THE END OF THE FRENCH TREATY.

Archambault Is Number 82

Ottawa, Dec. 19th, 1908. Judge Cassels will take no more evidence in the Marine Department enquiry. He has skipped Prince Edward Island and will omit British Columbia. The evidence taken will be submitted to the House with the Judge's report at the beginning of the session.

So far as it went the investigation was pretty thorough. Where there was reason to believe that any subordinate official obtained money from contractors, or made use of his position to get benefits for himself, the case was followed up. Some forty or fifty officers and employees have been connected with transactions of this kind, and many of these are now under suspension. It has been found that

SOME OF THE DISCOVERIES. An agent of the department regularly took a percentage for searching claims against the government.

That another agent was in the habit of borrowing cheques from contractors with his department.

That numerous officers have had gifts of money from men doing business with their office, and many have had personal accounts with contractors, who never collected the bills or who gave special prices.

That certain inspectors obtained money and favours from persons whose work they supervised and whose accounts they certified.

That important and responsible officers put in fictitious expense accounts, in some cases charging travelling and living expenses in two places at the same time.

That contracts were changed increasing the amounts payable to the contractors.

That vessels were chartered at higher prices than the contractors themselves offered to accept.

SPECIALLY FAVORED. That the Willson Company at Ottawa and the Northey Company of Toronto, which supplied the government with gas buoys, carbide, diaphanes and other apparatus, and received among them nearly \$2,000,000, were allowed to do business on their own terms, and made profits all the way from 100 to 1,000 per cent on their special products.

That the Ottawa company gave a minister a large block of stock for nothing, and that a former minister has been one of its largest shareholders.

That the apparatus supplied by these contractors was far beyond the needs of the Department and much of it has never been used.

That these goods were ordered against the protests of department officers in the places to which they were sent and are now piled up on wharves and elsewhere.

That the Chief Engineer of the department was, against his wish, superseded by the officer who ordered these goods, and the Chief Engineer believes that this officer owes his appointment to the contractors' influence over the government.

That payments to contractors and dealers was often long delayed so that the government creditors were continually seeking relief and assistance from officers and politicians.

That the Auditor-General habitually refuses to accept certificates of some chief Marine officers, believing them to be unreliable.

That supplies purchased for the department by the Minister's orders were not required, and have since been offered for sale by local dealers on the patronage list.

That silverware certified by the

Deputy Minister as entitled to free entry for the use of the department was never received.

That when official letters were sent from the department to agents robbing extravagance and ordering greater economy, private letters and messages followed explaining that these official communications were intended for the public and were not to be regarded by the agent.

That a system of fictitious reports and inquiries was maintained, utterly misrepresenting the facts, for the purpose of deceiving the Auditor-General and Parliament.

That excessive and dishonest prices were paid for supplies for the benefit of firms on the patronage list.

That political influence was used everywhere and always to produce and continue this plunder, Members of Parliament continually interfering to prevent the adoption of business methods.

That huge and unnecessary expenditures were incurred at election time and for campaign purposes. These included the employment of about one hundred extra men at the Halifax Dock Yard just before the last election at the instance of the two government candidates.

MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE. That under Mr Brodeur and his predecessor the department has been managed on these principles apparently in the interests of contractors, middlemen and the Liberal party and that no apparent effort on the part of either minister to improve the condition was visible until after the recent exposures.

That the condition of things was made known to the Ministers through the Public Account's committee investigations, and called to their attention by some of their own officers, so that they and their colleagues in the government are entirely responsible for it.

THE ENQUIRY LIMITED. That since the inquiry began the (5) of the department were proud at the disposal of accused officers, who were alone with them for days, and that numerous additions were made to them during that period.

These and other facts have been brought to light in a limited enquiry. Judge Cassels has refused to investigate the conduct of Ministers and of politicians and campaigners. Where the enquiry disclosed that a Minister ordered or authorized an improper transaction, the investigation stopped there, as the Commissioner held that he was only to enquire into the conduct of departmental officers. Where the interests of politicians came in the matter, was passed over as lightly as possible. Where it appeared that contractors with the department used a part of their extensive profits in campaign contributions, counsel for the government headed off the enquiry in short order. These matters must be investigated by another authority.

FICTITIOUS CORRESPONDENCE. Further evidence of Deputy Minister Goudeau on Saturday and this week shows that after his \$125 a day contract was made with the (Halliday) Bros., the contractor enlisted political influence, and it was the Minister himself who ordered the price to be changed to \$200. After that an elaborate and fictitious correspondence was carried on between the department and the Agent at Quebec as if the matter were still open. Another pre-arranged correspondence took place

the next year in order to deceive the Auditor-General, and make it appear that the higher price was paid at the instance of the Quebec Agent. The deputy member swore that the statements in this correspondence were deliberately and intentionally untrue.

MR. SIFTON WAS IN IT AFTER ALL.

The interesting discovery was made on Tuesday that Mr Sifton was from June 1907 to September of this year one of the principal stockholders in the International Fog Signal Company, which sells the Wills buoys to the government. It may be remembered that shortly before the election, Mr Sifton made a statement through the government organs that he had no connection with this Company and no interest in its business. The statement was technically true at the moment. Mr Sifton had sold his stock early in September. Before that he held an interest for which he had paid \$75,000 and proposed to pay another \$75,000. This was the sworn testimony of Mr John Bain, lately assistant Commissioner of Customs, who a year or two ago left the public service at Mr Sifton's request, to assist the Ex-Minister in his enterprises and become manager of the Fog Signal Company. Mr Sifton sold out when he became a candidate for reelection, and was thus able to say that he had no interest in the buoy contracts, but he sat in one parliament for one session and part of another while he was one of the largest shareholders in this remarkable contract.

A GIN DEAL.

It was also brought out by the Deputy Minister's evidence, that Charles Strubbe of Montreal, some of whose remarkable contracts with the government have previously been exposed, once tried to sell a quantity of canned goods and gin to the department. The deputy minister refused to buy, as the goods were not required, but they were bought by written order of the minister.

THE OIL GUARDEAN swears that in order to protect the minister from the exposure of the accounts he called in a favored contractor and let them between them paid for the liquor and had it carted to the contractor's quarters for sale. The gin was "off color" and has not yet been sold.

ELECTION RETURNS.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has given out an unrevised and incomplete statement of the popular vote in the late general elections as follows:

Province.	Liberal.	Conservative.
Ontario	224,821	236,919
Quebec	158,393	129,364
Nova Scotia	48,434	47,615
New Brunswick	40,710	34,945
Prince Ed. Island.	14,496	14,386
Manitoba	28,196	34,890
British Columbia.	3,514	4,493
Alberta	18,665	19,290
Saskatchewan	27,221	19,883
Totals.	574,350	542,685

This table needs investigation. It does not give the whole Conservative majority in Ontario because in Toronto East, Toronto West, Frontenac for example there were no government candidates. The Conservative majority in these ridings would be perhaps 6,000 in a party contest. No such majority seems to be reckoned by the official. The list does not include the Vancouver or the two deferred elections in British Columbia, which gave vast Conservative majorities. But as it is the record shows that in the face of strong and corrupt government and corruption influence the Conservatives polled more than 48 per cent of the total vote. A change of some 10,000 votes, or about one and a half percent of the total would have given them a majority. Outside of Quebec there is practically a tie vote, and even in that province the Conservatives polled 45 percent of the total.

THAT UNHAPPY FRENCH TREATY.

Mr Fielding has been to France on matters of the French treaty and despatches indicate that his trip has been a failure. The French Senate has held up the treaty until now, and is about to kill it altogether. There are various reasons but the chief one given is that the Canadian Commission mis-represented the case. They told the French Commissioners that the terms given to France would not be open to Switzerland, which is the chief competitor of France in many articles. Having discovered that this information is not correct, the French Senators condemn the treaty itself and the manner in which it was negotiated. It is not supposed that Mr Fielding and Mr Brodeur knew they were wrong, but only that they did not take the trouble to find

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Mrs Doyle—Where?"

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Husband—I'm afraid I'm becoming cross eyed my dear.

Wife—The idea! Why do you think that?

Husband—This thing of trying to look at my income and our expenses at the same time is slowly but surely getting its work in.

THE BRUTE.

Magistrate—You say that your husband ill treated you terribly and then ran away. Can you give us any clues that will assist us to recapture him?"

Wife—Oh, yes sir! Here is a lock of his hair which I pulled out during our discussion last night.

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