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Dear Sir,—I acknowledge receipt of your cheque for \$5,000.00, in settlement of loss in recent fire, under policy in your Company, No. 1975. We wish to place on record our appreciation of the promptness and fairness with which you settled said claim, and to say that among other companies in which we were insured, your cheque was the first to reach us. And further you may use this letter if you wish.
Sincerely,
Yours very truly,
THE MARITIME MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.
J. McL. FRASER, Secretary-Treasurer and Manufacturing Director

Woodstock, N. B., January 26th, 1907.
R. J. PARSONS, Mgr.,
Agent Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the "Company's cheque on Bank N. A. for the full amount of my claim for damages" by the fire of January 5th, 1908. I placed the claim in your hands on the 22nd, and have the Company's cheque on the 25th, so have to thank your company for this 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.**

Lowmouset, N. S., December 15th, 1908.
To AVANCE MUTUAL FIRE:
Received from the Atlantic Mutual Fire Association the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars, in full settlement of my claim against the Association. I can acknowledge the promptness of this settlement, having been paid my claim within three days of my loss.
Yours truly,
GEO. L. MUNRO.

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CITY HOTEL BUILDING,
SPECIAL AGENT FOR P. E. ISLAND.
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10 CENTS PER PACKAGE.

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As the season for importing Coal to this Province is again drawing near, we wish to advise dealers and consumers of coal that we are in a position to grant orders for Reserve, Screened Run of Mine, Nut and Slack Coal from Dominion Coal Co's Mines, F. O. B., loading piers at Sydney, Glace Bay and Louisburg, C. B.

We guarantee good despatch for schooners at loading piers. Reserve Coal is well known all over this Island and is extensively used for domestic and steam purposes. Prices quoted on application. All orders will receive our careful attention by mail or wire. Schooners always in demand during the season and chartered at highest current freight rates.

PEAKE BROS. & CO.,

SELLING AGENTS FOR P. E. ISLAND.
March 26—41

Fall and Winter Weather.

Fall and Winter weather calls for prompt attention to the

Repairing, Cleaning and Making of Clothing.

We are still at the old stand,
FRINCE STREET, CHARLOTTETOWN
Giving all orders strict attention.
Our work is reliable, and our prices please our customers.
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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

Sir Wilfrid Protested!

The Bribe Offered to Civil Servants.—\$300,000 a Year to Pay for One Election.—If this Increase is Just, Justice Was Corruptly Withheld Until Election Time.

BAD FINANCIAL SITUATION

Revenue Continues to Fall, Expenditures Grow.—Debt Still Increasing Three Millions per Month.—Elections and Public Outlay.

DAIRY EXPORTS FALL OFF

Butter Trade Practically Gone.—Though Britain Buys More Than Ever From Other Colonies and Foreign Countries.—Mr. Fisher's Failure as Minister of Agriculture.

Patronage on the Intercolonial.

Ottawa, Dec. 19th, 1908.
A petition has been filed against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in respect to his election in Ottawa City. In government circles there are disquieting complaints over this proceeding. Sir Wilfrid's friends appear to think that the Premier should be allowed to use the most direct and effective methods of corruption to secure his personal election, and yet be exempt from the lawful and proper penalty of his act. In this case the facts are undisputed. When Sir Wilfrid became a candidate he wrote a letter to his colleague, Mr. McGivern, promising to use his influence to raise the salaries of civil servants by at least twelve and a half per cent., as suggested by the Civil Service Commission, and to have the increase dated back to the first of September. Mr. McGivern had promised this, but he had not sufficient authority to make the pledge good for votes. Therefore the Prime Minister wrote a letter giving his endorsement to the pledge. This letter of the Premier, with the striking passages printed in black capitals, was sent to every civil servant who had a vote, and the pledge of the Premier was canvassed by active campaigners, including civil service officials, all through the Departmental Buildings.

AN EFFECTIVE BRIBE.
No more attractive inducement than this could be offered to the 1,500 electors in public employ in Ottawa. It meant on the average over \$125 a year to each voter in the service. It meant a back payment of probably \$30 or \$40 on the average for services rendered before the change in salary should be made. It called for about \$200,000 additional annual payments from the public treasury, with extra back payments of \$50,000 to \$75,000. This is the bribe offered to one constituency, not from the purse of the candidates or their friends, but from the public treasury. It would not have been offered if the two seats in Ottawa had not been in danger, and if the Premier himself had not been a candidate, and were not in peril of defeat at his own capital. The original government candidates, whose defeat was certain, had been set aside, and the Premier had undertaken to run in Ottawa, while he was still a candidate in Quebec. Notwithstanding the enormous government expense, and the prestige of the Prime Minister's position, this bribe was needed in order to secure his election, and even then the majority was not half what it was four years ago.

JUSTICE OFFERED AS A BRIBE.
Of course it is said that the civil servants were entitled to this increase, and that the Civil Service Commissioners had recommended it. That does not excuse the proceeding. It only makes it worse. The recommendation was made nearly a year before, and the Civil Service Act was passed many months before Sir Wilfrid was a candidate. The salary increase had been demanded for years, and was held up pending the civil service inquiry. It was expected immediately after that recommendation, but was withheld until Sir Wilfrid needed votes. Having refused the increase so long, the Premier should have waited until after the election. To keep it back until October, then offer it as

an election bribe, is the worst way in which the bribe could be offered. It is an offence for a candidate to buy votes with his own money. The vote is greater when votes are bought with the people's money. It is greatest of all when justice is refused except as a price for votes for the Leader of the government which gives or withholds justice at its pleasure.

WORSE AND WORSE.
As was stated last week, the estimate income for November was one million and a quarter less than in November, 1907. Fall returns show the following shortages in all departments of the revenue:
Decrease in Customs \$ 1,251,057
Decrease in Excise 49,327
Decrease in Post Office receipts 3,138
Decrease in Works and Railways 169,737
Decrease in miscellaneous 63,349
Total decrease 1,536,658
Total revenue November, 1907 8,404,647
Total for 8 mos., 1907 7,867,988
Total for 8 mos., 1908 66,662,427
Total for 8 mos., 1908 55,115,327
Decrease 8 months 11,547,300
Increased expenditure, 8 months 9,234,410
Change for the worse 20,881,610
Or at the rate of \$31,322,415 a year.

With this state of affairs we look for a corresponding increase of debt and find the following:
Increase in November, 1908 \$3,263,144
Increase in past twelve months 35,730,390
So the debt is growing pretty steadily at the rate of \$3,000,000 a month.

In twelve months the bonds payable in England have increased by over \$31,000,000, and temporary loans in that country over \$13,000,000. Mr. Fielding will be spending his Christmas holidays attending to these loans and making more.

EXPENDITURE AND ELECTORIALS.
The effect of an election on public expenditure is shown by the statements of October and November, this year and last. Last year there was no election and the October expenditure was \$5,173,873. This year there was an election and the October expenditure was \$6,710,684, an increase of \$1,536,811.

On the other hand the November expenditure of 1907 was \$7,840,164, and of 1908 \$6,004,544, a decrease of \$1,835,620.

In other words, the government added a million and a half to the current expenditure of the election month and cut it out of the next month.

Agar while the capital expenditures for Public Works and Railways in October of this year exceeded that of last year by more than a million, that of November shows a much less increase.

INTER-COLONIAL DEFICIT.
All but a small fraction of the items of revenue under the head of public works, including railways, in earnings of the Intercolonial. During the eight months this income has decreased by \$465,000. The earnings of the government railway are at least \$400,000 behind, while the working expenses have increased. Mr. Graham is

HAD BACHACHE.

Was Unable To Do House-work For Two Years

Many Women Suffer Unholy Agency From Kidney Trouble.
Very often they think it is from so-called "female disease." There is less "female trouble" than they think.
Women suffer from backache, dizziness, nervousness, irritability and a dragging down feeling in the loins. So do men, and they do not know "female trouble."

Why, then, blame all your trouble to "female disease?"
Most of the so-called "female diseases" are not diseases at all, but are "kidney troubles" and can be easily and quickly cured by Doan's Kidney Pills.
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Price 50 cts. per box or 3 boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOT BROKE IN.
"I did not know Jenks was married. Has he been hitched long?"
"I think not. At any rate, he took a man home for supper the other night without first letting his wife know."

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

HIS IDEA.
"Well, just what is a secret anyway?"
"A thing to be kept?"
"Yes?"
"On tap?"
"Oh!"
"Until several people have fussed it out?"
"Well?"
"And then it is published with big headlines."

Millburn's Sterling Headache Powders give women prompt relief from monthly pains and leave no harmful effects whatever. Be sure you get Millburn's. Price so small you can't afford to lose it.

A Sensible Merchant.
Mrs. Fred. Laine, St. George, Ont., writes:—"My little girl would cough so at night that neither she nor I could get any rest. I gave her Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and was thankful to say it cured her cough quickly."

DIDN'T MATCH.
"Have you tried the new restaurant?"
"Yes."
"How is it?"
"Well, it would be all right if the eggs were as fresh as its waitresses."

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

HIS POPULARITY EXPLAINED.
"I don't see what makes that young friend of mine so very popular," said Willie Washington. He is in demand for any number of Christmas parties."
"That is very easily explained," answered Miss Ophelia. He is so recognized that he is continually mistaking holly for mistletoe."

Sprained Arm.
Mary Ovington, Jasper, Ont., writes:—"My mother had a badly sprained arm. Nothing we used did her any good. Then father got Hayward's Yellow Oil and it cured mother's arm in a few days." Price 25c.

THE WOMAN OF IT.
Mrs. Dorcas—What was the first thing she did when she got the Christmas present?
Dorcas—Went to the store to find out what it was.

WAS WEAK AND THIN
ONLY WEIGHED 75 POUNDS. NOW WEIGHS 115 POUNDS.

Had Heart Trouble and Shortness of Breath for Six Years.
MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS cured Mrs. E. E. Bright, Burnaby, Ont. She writes: "I was greatly troubled, for six years, with my heart and shortness of breath. I could not walk eighty rods without feeling four or five times in that short distance. I got so weak and thin I only weighed seventy-five pounds. I decided at last to take some of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and after taking eight boxes I gained in strength and weight, and now weigh one hundred and thirteen pounds, the most I ever weighed in my life. I feel well and can work as well as ever. I did, and can heartily thank Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills for it all."
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MR GRAHAM AND PATRONAGE.
The minister of railways has been making a speech, claiming that patronage in his department has not greatly increased the cost of supplies. A Cassels inquiry would contradict Mr. Graham's statement that patronage is made practically

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