

a standstill. Settlement was seriously retarded owing to the lack of railway facilities to open up new sections of the Province, and on this account also actual settlers were tremendously handicapped in marketing their grain and procuring the commodities of life. It also transpired that while the policy of lethargic indifference was the chief asset of the Greenway administration in so far as public interests were concerned, it was very much alive to matters involving personal interest or self aggrandisement. Every device, no matter how dishonorable, for the purpose of retaining office was resorted to. Deception and lack of candour was practiced to the utmost degree. The public money of the Province had been expended at a spendthrift rate. Upwards of a million dollars of the public money had found its way into the pockets of railway promoters with no corresponding equivalent in return as to control of freight rates, actually no benefits whatever, but on the contrary, simply a huge expenditure of public money to perpetuate a monopoly. These and many more gross violations of duty and public trusteeship the Greenway Government were guilty of. The whole foundation and superstructure of Government had become rotten and insecure.

The result was that at the General Election in 1899 an outraged people hurled this moribund Government from office and placed a Government in control of public affairs which promised reforms and upright dealing. This was not accomplished, however, without a superhuman effort on the part of the electors, for the reason that the Greenway Government had so entrenched itself in office by means of a corrupt voters' list that it seemed almost impossible to accomplish the result.

However, the Conservative party of the Province, after the expenditure of thousands of dollars, succeeded in a measure in purging the lists of stuffed names of voters, and procured a fairly complete voters' list.

The first step taken by the Government succeeding the Greenway Government was to make the necessary financial arrangements to pay the past due school grants and other accounts left unpaid by the Greenway Government, and provision was made for other accruing payments and the repair and improvements to many of the public buildings, some of which were tottering to their fall. Accordingly the new Government, in order to wipe off and provide for the above, and to give the Province a new financial start, negotiated a loan for the sum of \$500,000.00 on the credit of the Province. The proceeds of this loan were used and devoted to the following purposes:

Deficit of the Greenway Government	\$248,436 40
Public buildings, 1900-1902	84,363 49
Foundation, Parliament buildings	14,772 86
Railway aid bonuses (Greenway)	131,453 32
Survey fees, M. & N. W. Ry, lands	21,750 78
Town of Nelson, aid	3,000 00
	\$500,506 55