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We wish to place on record our appreciation of the promptness and fairness with which you settled said claim, and to say that among six companies in which we were insured, your cheque was the first to reach us.

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Meantime,
Yours very truly,
THE MARITIME MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED,
J. McL. FRASER, Secretary-Treasurer and Manufacturing Director

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

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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 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,
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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

The Opposition Leader

Mr. Borden Not Worrying About His Own Future—His Leadership and Policy Vindicated by Ministers.—Forced to Pretend to Adopt Borden Platform.

New Departments

How the Higher Salary List Has Been Increased.—Cost of Deputies Doubled in Twelve Years.

Political Contractors and the Marine Department.—Something Left for Parliament to Investigate.

Ontario Liberal Campaign Machine Still in Operation.

Ottawa, Nov. 28st, 1908.

The general Liberal demand for serious reorganization of the Ministry will probably go unsatisfied. To make people forget it, government organs are suggesting that the Conservatives may change their leader and adopt a new platform. But the Conservative party is perfectly satisfied with its leader, and proud of his splendid and honorable campaign which he has made, while Mr Borden's platform has been so popular that the government has borrowed a large part of it. Mr Borden is not troubling himself in the least about his tenure of the leadership. He is as willing to serve in the ranks as at the head of his party, and has gone south for a few weeks' rest after the campaign, without anxiety as to his own position. Judging by the legislation of the last few years, and that which is promised the next year, the Opposition Leader is doing more than any other man in public life to improve the laws and administration and to reform the policy of the country. Take this record:

A GOVERNMENT COERCED

Government objected to Mr. Borden's programme of placing public utilities under the Railway Commission, but has now in part endorsed that policy and vastly increased the power of the Commissioners.

Government condemned and ridiculed Mr Borden's programme for Civil Service reform, but has been obliged to introduce a Civil Service Reform Bill, which pretends to cover a large part of the same ground.

Ministers declared that the Conservative policy of free rural mail delivery was fifty years in advance of the age, that the system was a failure in the United States and would involve an enormous deficit. But on the eve of the election the Postmaster General introduced the system in such a hurry that he had to send to the States for his post office boxes.

Government voted down session after session Mr Borden's resolutions in favour of election reform, but last session introduced and put through a bill which professed to accomplish the same purpose.

Government voted down Mr Borden's motion for a thorough investigation of the Marine Department by Royal Commission or otherwise, and has been driven to make such an inquiry, which has already shown that the opposition charges were more than justified.

The Opposition programme last session called for the purchase of supplies by open competition, and two departments have already been forced to declare their patronage lists abolished.

A POSSIBLE CLAIM.

Supporters of the Government may, however, justly claim that many of these reforms are not serious. In the late election the amount of fraud and corruption was not reduced, and the Government campaign funds raised by corporations and contractors doing business with the Government was the largest on record. Up to the present time, months after the Act became law, appointments to the Civil Service are still made by patronage and not by merit, and we shall have scores of salaries voted "notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act." Rural mail delivery has made little progress since the election. The Railway Commission as enlarged has never got organised and is one member short. In the Marine inquiry every question referring to campaign contributions by Marine contractors is shut out. While the patronage list is said to be abolished, the people whose names are on it continue to do the business.

But while the Government is not honestly carrying out the principles of the Conservative platform, it has paid Mr Borden and his party the high compliment of trying to make people believe that this policy is enforced.

SINECURE MINISTERS.

The proposed establishment of the Department of Labour as a separate portfolio recalls the pledge of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's party in opposition to reduce the number of departments and abolish several cabinet offices. Instead of doing this the government has already increased the establishment by restoring the heads of the Customs and Excise departments to cabinet rank with full salaries, while retaining the Department of Commerce to which part of their work had been assigned by the previous government. The net result was an increase of $4,000 in ministers' salaries and the creation of a sinecure office for Sir Richard Cartwright which he has held for twelve years. Three departments, namely the State, the Privy Council and Trade and Commerce, give practically no work to their chiefs, yet the Government is creating a new one with a salaried minister, whereas anyone of the above three might be tacked to the Department of Labour without sensibly increasing its work.

The appointment of an additional minister means much more than his salary. Each minister has his retinue of private secretaries, typewriters, messengers and doorkeepers; his travelling expenses, his private car expeditions.

A GREAT TIME FOR DEPUTIES.

The country will be astonished to know the amount of increase in the last twelve years in salaries to deputy ministers and officials of their rank. Here is a table showing payments to this class of officials in 1896 and in 1908. It includes assistant deputies, a class of officials in 1896 and in 1908. It includes assistant deputies, a class of officials not known twelve years ago:

	1896.	1908.
Deputy Minister Finance.	$4,200	$5,000
Clerk Privy Council	3,200	5,000
Deputy Minister Justice.	4,000	6,000
Deputy Min. Public Works	3,200	5,000
Deputy Minister Marine	3,200	5,000
Deputy Minister Militia	3,200	5,000
Deputy Postmaster General	3,200	5,000
Deputy Min. of Agriculture	3,200	6,000
Deputy Min. Indian affairs	3,200	5,000
Deputy Minister Interior	3,200	5,000
Deputy Minister Railways	6,000	8,000
Under Sec. of State	3,200	5,000
Deputy Trade & Commerce	3,200	5,000
Commissioner of Customs	3,800	5,000
Commis. Inland Revenue	3,200	5,000
Comptroller Mounted Police	3,200	5,000
Deputy Minister Mines	3,200	5,000
Deputy Minister Labour		5,000
Dominion Statistician	2,400	4,000
Auditor General	4,000	5,000
King's Printer	3,200	5,000
Clerk of Commons	3,400	5,000
Clerk of Senate	3,400	5,000
Parliamentary Librarian	3,200	5,000
General Librarian	3,200	5,000
Civil Service Commissioner		5,000
do do		5,000
Superintendent Insurance	2,200	5,000
Assistant Deputy Finance		4,500
Assistant Dep. Pub. Works		3,600
Assistant Dep. Interior		3,600
Assistant Deputy P. O.		3,600
Assistant Com. Customs		3,000
Total	$84,600	$184,900

Here is an increase of practically 100 per cent. in salaries paid for supervision under the ministers. It may be pointed out that the Deputy Minister of Railways of 1896 still remains in the public service at the same salary in the new office of consulting engineer, while another Deputy at $8,000 takes his place, and that while Mr Schrieber was chief engineer during the construction of the C P R, there is still another government chief engineer at $6,000 for the Transcontinental.

A TOP-HEAVY MILITIA.

As an example of the increases in salaries outside of those mentioned, we may take the military branch of the Militia Department, and consider only the increases made in four years from 1902 to 1906. In 1902 there was a Major General at $4,000; an Adjutant General at $2,200; an Inspector at $2,757,50, and no other officers at Ottawa with a higher salary than $2,000. In 1906 there was the following list:

One Chief, General staff	$6,000
One Inspector General	6,000
One Adjutant General	4,000
One Quarter Master Gen.	4,000
One Master Gen. of Ord.	4,000
One Direc. Gen. Med. Ser.	3,400
One Assist. Adjutant Gen.	2,800
One Assist. Adjutant Gen. for Musketry	2,000
Five Directors (each)	3,200
Two Assist. Directors (each)	2,400
One Intelligence Officer	2,165
One Special Officer	2,555

MARINE DISCLOSURES AT ST. JOHN.

As the result of Commissioner Cassels' inquiry at St. John, New Brunswick, the agent of the Marine Department for that district, the Engineer of a Government cruiser, and the New Brunswick inspector of lights, have been suspended for taking presents and obtaining loans from contractors with the department. It may be noted that the contractors who gave these favours are all active party men. Charles Macdonald, of the St. John Iron Works, who made several advances to the agent, and gave presents to the engineer, was one of the campaign speakers in the recent election for the Minister of Public Works, and his colleague in St John, B. Macaulay, who made some presents to the agent and frequently exchanged cheques with him, was one of the platform speakers for the government candidate in Queens Sunbury. John E Moore, who also made advances to the officials, is one of the contractors who just before the late election purchased the St John Telegraph, a Conservative journal, and transferred its support to the Government party. George McAvity, whose loans to officials amounted to the best of his recollection to $25,000, swore that he had burned his cheque books because they contained election accounts. He was associated with Mr Moore in the purchase of the Telegraph. But he is a man who receives from contracts as well as pays, for it was he who got the ten per cent. rake-off, amounting to $32,933, from the Mayes dredging contract. John McAvity, who also made many advances to marine officers, is a brother and partner of George. The family obtain from the government $100,000 a year in patronage, chiefly from the Railway Department.

Mr Vroom, another of the lenders, is or has been one of the inner circle of the government campaign organization in St. John.

If these men were willing to make large and continuous advances to the local officers, for the sake of the business with the government, how much more generously they must have contributed to the campaign funds of the minister who gave them the patronage? But the commissioner will not investigate this. It is a matter for parliament to take up.

SAME OLD MACHINE.

James Conmee, M P., is the only government supporter declared elected from New Ontario. He was one of the chief promoters of the Aylesworth Bill to give the federal authorities control of the lists in the unorganized portion of that province. How the lists were "stuffed" before the election was made public at the time. The same tricks were attempted in Algoma, but were partially frustrated in the West Riding.

But the sensational evidence of the Port Arthur personation trial just closed shows that more than one conspiracy was needed to elect Mr. Conmee. The uncontradicted evidence shows that the returning officer, appointed by government, moved a poll 15 miles by an order made two days before the election, giving no public notice of the change. Thus no Conservative scrutineer or voter reached the new voting place. The men whose votes were polled there were youngsters picked up at Port Arthur, shipped by special Sunday train to the designated spot, made

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MISCELLANEOUS.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.

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"A simply calls him dat becuz Ah has sech habd wuk gittin' him filled."

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LET HIM TRY.

"I fear no foe in shining armor," sang the man at a concert.

"Don't you, old chap?" grumbled the bachelor in the front row, "Then you try to open a sardine box with a pocketknife.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

SIMILARITY.

"Airship and courtship are much alike," sighed the jilted suitor.

"In what way?" asked his friend.

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"Here is a book of love poems," said the leading lady. "I have kept them under my pillow for seven moons."

"How thoughtful!" laughed the low comedian.

"Thoughtful?"

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Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

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

ACTORS AND AUDIENCES.

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Stickney—What are they?

Courtney—Playing golf and making fun of people who play golf.

Noted for years with a Diseased Liver.

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MILBURN'S LAXA-LIVER PILLS

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