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J. McL. FRASER, Secretary-Treasurer and Manufacturing Director  
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Asst. Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Sir,—I have 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.

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March 25—41

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## Ottawa Weekly Letter.

### British Columbia Conservative.

#### Pacific Province Five to Two Against the Government—Majority Reduced to 43 With the Yukon to Hear From.

### SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES

#### Judge Cassels Finds that 28 Marine Officials at Quebec Have Been Taking Commissions and Presents From Contractors. Might Have Been Discovered Long Ago But for Government Obstruction.

### Unhappy Financial Situation of The Government.

Ottawa, Nov. 14th, 1908. The three deferred elections held this week give the Government one seat in Saskatchewan and the Opposition two in British Columbia. The Government majority is now reduced to forty-eight with the Yukon election to be held. This is significant that it was in the last Parliament. In the last House the Opposition had seventy-three members, exclusive of the Yukon representative. There are now eighty-six with the Yukon to hear from.

There is a Conservative majority of twelve in Canada west of Ontario, there is an equal division, the Yukon having a casting vote. In the last House the Western representation stood 21 Government to 7 Opposition. Outside of Quebec province the Government has a majority of only four, and the Yukon vote may reduce it to three. In the last House it was 23 outside of Quebec.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA REVOLUTION.

The over-tune in British Columbia is remarkable. In 1904 the Government carried the whole seven seats. This year it has only two of the seven. One of these was carried in a deferred election by acclamation, and it was well understood that it would go with the party obtaining power. The other was carried by a labor-liberal in a three-cornered election, the Government candidate receiving more than half the vote. So there is not one British Columbia constituency in which a majority of the electors voted for the government. In the elections this week a government majority of 161 in Yale-Caribou has been turned to a Conservative majority of over 800, and in Keeney a government majority of 767 is replaced by a Conservative majority of over 900. All the centres of population contributed to this change. Conservative majorities include 12 in Greenwood, 124 in Kamloops, 95 in Grand Forks, 144 in Hazelton, 71 in Trail, 35 in Rossland, 184 in Nilsson. Mr. Ross, the defeated candidate in Yale, was one of the so-called dark lantern brigade of obstructors and his defeat will assist in the investigation of public accounts.

### ANOTHER PRINCE ALBERT ELECTION.

The deferred election in Prince Albert gave the government candidate a majority, but this was obtained in the back districts where the homesick inspectors, interpreters and other officials got in their work. The older settlements, villages and towns, first heard from Conservative majorities. It will, perhaps, be learned later, whether the remote polls were ever held, or followed the precedent of the last election in that district, where the election officers set down on the prairie and held the poll all by themselves, writing 150 imaginary names in the poll book and marking that number of ballots nominally for the government candidate.

### COMING OUT AT LAST.

The Cassels' inquiry at Quebec City abundantly justifies the reflection of the Royal Commissioners as to the "lack of conscience" in the Marine Department. It also explains the enormous cost of maintaining the Dominion steamers, and the rapidly increasing expenditure of the Marine Department. Year after year, Conservative members have protested that the outlay on government ships was too large to be honest. There was an Arctic inquiry. There was investigation

of the Montcalm. The accounts of the Druid, the Minto, and other ships have been before the Public Accounts Committee. But it was found impossible to bring out the important facts, and a majority was ready to whitewash every improper matter that was brought to light.

### WHOLESALE CORRUPTION.

The Royal Commissioners were hampered by no such restrictions. Ministers did not even know what Messrs. Courtney, Fyfe and Bazin were accomplishing until they had finished their work and made their fatal report. Mr. Brodeur was surprised and indignant—but had to take further action. Commissioner Cassels is holding a pretty free inquiry, and has no politician at his side to suppress the evidence. Therefore at the Quebec agency alone, he has received the admission from dealers with the Government that they have paid commissions or given presents to at least twenty-eight officers in the department. These include: The Government agent at Quebec; The Chief Inspector of the district; The Superintendent of the Ship Channel; A lighthouse inspector; The captain of the Druid; The captain of the Montcalm; Engineers on the Arctic, the Minto, the Druid, and the Montcalm.

A number of clerks, machinists, foremen and other employees.

### CONTRACTORS' ADMISSION.

James J. Murphy, dealer in building material, avers that he has paid in toll to government officers \$3,803.95.

W. R. Blackiston, sail maker, sold the government \$3,000 of supplies in two years and paid the government agent 5 per cent. commission.

EX Doleat made large sales to the government and paid the agent \$3,143 commission. To other government employees respectively he paid \$1,764, \$1,700, \$1,550, \$390, \$740, \$464, \$400, \$272, \$200, \$185, \$130, \$115, \$140, \$120, \$105, with numerous payments under \$100.

R. G. Gale, of the Slade Electric Company, paid 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent. commission in three years on \$10,000 of business.

Patrick Murphy, saloon keeper, sold to the government \$5,761.48 worth of second-hand coal bags and other goods at 80 per cent. profit, and paid the officials 5 per cent.

J. D. Cole, plumber, received some \$37,000 from the government in three years. He says that he paid Inspector O'Farrell \$100; the Captain of the Montcalm \$140; another captain \$100; to a chief engineer \$250, and to another employee \$75.

Belanger & Co. say they made a payment to the government agent.

A Davies, of the shipping and wrecking firm of G. T. Davis and Sons, Ltd., paid an average of \$500 a year for eleven years to government officers in commissions.

Thibodeau, grocer, paid 5 per cent. on \$7,000 worth of business.

Another grocer paid the same rate.

Mr. Wiggs says that he paid his commission in supplies which he made no collection.

A Anyon sold \$4,000 worth of fireworks for the Arctic and paid officials 10 per cent. commission on the job.

John Doleat sold meat to the department, and gave the captain of the government ship his own supply at a reduced price.

George Marchand, boiler-maker, repaired a lightship for \$5,000. He

## MANY DON'T KNOW HEART AFFECTED.

More People Than are Aware of It Have Heart Disease.

"If examinations were made of everyone, people would be surprised at the number of persons walking about suffering from heart disease."

This startling statement was made by a doctor at a recent inquest. "I should not like to say that heart disease is as common as this would imply," said the expert, "but I am sure that the number of persons going about with weak hearts must be very large."

Hundreds of people go about their daily work on the verge of death, and yet do not know it. It is only when the shock comes that kills them that the unsuspected weakness of the heart is made apparent.

"But undoubtedly heart weakness, not disease, is more prevalent nowadays. I should think that the stress of living the war and time of profound business life, has a lot to do with heart trouble."

There is no doubt but that this is correct, and we would strongly advise any one suffering in any way from heart trouble to try a course of MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS.

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## THE PEOPLE PAY.

These statements are not contradicted to any serious extent, though some of the officials claim to have rendered service by discounting claims on the government. It is not surprising that contractors' bills against the government are excessive. The public will understand the value of certificates given by officers in the pay of contractors. For every dollar which a contractor pays in commissions he receives many in extra profit. The Montcalm, the Arctic, and other government vessels have cost double the proper charge for maintenance, and this evidence explains it.

## IT IS NOT NEW.

Most of the facts brought to light at Quebec could have been discovered long ago if the Parliamentary inquiry had not been blocked. The Arctic inquiry was held in 1906, but was so restricted by government officials and the ruling of the majority that the inside facts could not be discovered. It was held by the majority that the certificates of officers proved the prices to be right. Now these very officers are under suspension, and we are told that they are to be prosecuted for corruption. In the Merwin inquiry two years ago, it was made clear that the Government was paying in some cases more than double the proper price for machinery and supplies bought in enormous quantities by the Marine Department. This was established in the face of government obstruction of all sorts. There was ample ground for prosecution at that stage, but the majority whitewashed everything.

## WATCH THE PROSECUTION.

The government now announces intention of prosecuting both contractors and officials. We shall see how far that will go. But prosecutions should not be limited to the Marine Department, or to subordinate officials or to small contractors. If a sailmaker has paid \$150 to get \$3,000 worth of business, the officer who took it ought to be punished. But what about a party leader who gets \$36,000 as the price of assisting a contractor to obtain a government dredging contract? What about the officers who assisted middlemen to obtain a rake-off on sales of land to the Intercolonial, the rake-off on one transaction being several times larger than the whole amount of the Quebec commissions?

## PATRONAGE.

The government now promises to abolish the whole patronage list in the Marine Department. That is a good undertaking, and we shall see how it is carried out. But why should not the rule be extended to the Railway Department, the Department of Public Works, and every other branch of the public business?

## AN AWFUL RECORD.

The complete financial statement to the end of October is now issued. It shows a depressed revenue in every department except public works, as compared with last year, and for the seven months a decrease in every department except the Post Office. Following is the revenue statement:

October, 1907	\$3,298,071
October, 1908	7,519,716
Decrease	703,355

For the 7 months, 1907 (March to October) \$5,257,779

For the 7 months, 1908 (March to October) 48,247,268

Decrease 10,010,541

Increased ordinary expenditure for October 1,536,811

For the seven months 5,468,120

Capital expenditure for the seven months exceeds that of the previous year by 4,896,443

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### A LITTLE HOME TALK.

"Willie!"  
"Yes'm."  
"Have you been in swimming?"  
"No'm."  
"How did you get your shirt so wet?"  
"I perspired on it—honest I did."  
"What?"  
"Yes'm. That's what done it. I run so fast to get away from where I would be tempted to disobey you that I got all wet with sweat."  
"Willie!"  
"Yes'm."  
"Come here."  
"Yes'm."

### Minard's Liniment cures Distemper.

### GRUDGING HIMSELF PLEASURE.

Lady Bountiful—I hope you are coming to our "pleasant evening" tonight at the coffee tavern, Giles?  
Giles—Well I s'pose I shall have to.

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"Does your titled son-in-law know anything about business?"  
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Mr H. Wilkinson, Stratford, Ont., says:—It affords me much pleasure to say that I experienced great relief from Muscular Rheumatism by using two boxes of Milburn's Rheumatic Pills. Price a box 50c.

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"You say she hates their family physician?"  
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