

Here is the plain result of Tory corruption. The Province pays ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS for the Beauport Asylum property which the owners themselves valued at \$270,000.

The Province loses NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS by this one scandal. The same Government which in 1896 gave \$370,000 for the Education of the Province gave three times as much to one Tory clique.

The general public are in a way aware that \$425,000 was given for a tumble down building not worth much more than half, but it is not realised what lies behind, or the extent of "unlawful gratification" skillfully hidden by the figure-jugglers at Quebec.

On December 19th, 1893 Mr. G. W. Stephens seconded by the Hon. Mr. Marchand, moved in amendment that "it be resolved, that, whereas under the offer, of the Grey Nuns to the Government under date 31st, Oct., 1892.

"The Reverend Sisters made the following propositions to the Government:

"We, at first offered them \$270,000, basing our offer on a sale made of one-sixth of the property by Mr. Ernest Landry to Messrs. Landry and Larue, two of the present owners. This offer was refused in a letter which was very long, but contained no practical suggestion in our opinion and did not tell us what price the proprietors wanted to get.

"Subsequently, in order to come to an understanding and as we were shown that, since the sale by Mr. Ernest Landry, certain improvements had been made to the property, we offered \$325,000.

"We would prefer to lease the property instead of buying it. We would then pay for rent, insurance and repairs, a total aggregate amount of Twelve thousand dollars while our contract lasted. In such a case we would give as much as \$75,000 for the purchase of all the movables according to a list made out by experts this summer, deducting what has been expended and adding what has been added.

"I. We would undertake to take over, afterwards, the Asylum, its contents and dependencies at a price to be determined and settled between the Government and ourselves so as to do justice to the proprietors.

"2. If the proprietors refuse the price, as determined, we would undertake to build an asylum on the plan of Longue Pointe Asylum with all modern improvements to the satisfaction of the Government, and this, within a few months. This problem has been solved at Longue Pointe since the last fire and we have data and information which enable us to guarantee that the project is easy of execution.

"We have visited grounds, which we

can easily obtain, and which would be very suitable for the purpose.

"Even if the Government should come to an immediate decision we would have ready for the month of May, next, comfortable buildings which would be finished before the following cold season.

"But if it be absolutely necessary to build, we are prepared to do what has been done at Longue Pointe, and such a new asylum with all new furniture would cost much less than the amount which the proprietors of the present Asylum seem to wish to get for theirs.

"In any case, if the Government has any fear as to the possibility of our building a new asylum in time, we would at all events be ready to receive the insane, even now at a month's notice. Several of our country houses can be made available in a few days, amongst others our hospital of St. Joseph de la Deliverance, at Lévis, which alone would be sufficient and which fulfils all the required conditions as to isolation and otherwise.

"That under the circumstances this House regrets that the Government has not made direct arrangement with the Reverend Sisters—to the entire exclusion of the purchase of the old Beauport Asylum property—thereby securing modern buildings with all modern sanitary improvements necessary to the comfort and welfare of the future patients, and placing at the disposal of the Sisters the best facilities for promoting the cure of the patients entrusted to their care. The whole at less cost than under the present proposed arrangement."

The House divided with the following result, 22 for and 39 against.

(Journals, Vol. XXVIII, p. 308.)

The whole question is here exposed in a terse and clear manner and shows the Government's barefaced and gratuitous waste of money.

On December 20th, 1893, Mr. Bernatchez moved and Mr. G. W. Stephens seconded the following amendment: "That it be resolved, that by binding itself to pay the unpaid annuities of \$18,600 per annum when the contract for the care of the insane will end either by mutual consent during the ten years of the contract or at the expiration thereof, the Government has imprudently assumed a great responsibility inasmuch as the words 'unpaid annuities' which shall become due in future but also those which would be due and payable at the time of the cancelling the contract."

This was lost by 21 to 44.

Mr. Turgeon then moved, seconded by Mr. Dechene: "That it be resolved, that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has, in the deed of purchase of the Beauport Asylum, guaranteed the payment of the purchase price to three vendors, to wit: Philippe