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## PUBLIC MONEY WASTED ON USELESS BUT COSTLY "WORKS" FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES

### Outstanding Instances of Government's Pandering to Local Prejudices and Influences Are Related to House, But Resolution of Regret is Voted Down.

Ottawa, May 16.—(Special.)—To-day, on motion to go into supply, Mr. Blain (Peel), moved an amendment that "this house condemns the expenditure of public money for purposes not contemplated or authorized by parliament and especially regrets that any sums voted for the construction of public works should have been expended for purposes not contemplated or authorized."

He said that, at the instance of some friend, from Montreal, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the absence of Mr. Tarte, then minister of public works, had ordered a survey for a wharf at St. Joseph, on Lake Huron, a small hamlet, without shipping or harbor. The member from that riding, altho a Liberal, had protested against spending the \$5000 as an absolute waste of money. The government had persisted and the wharf had cost \$15,000. No boat had ever used it.

In the County of Gaspe, on the Lower St. Lawrence, the government had built another wharf costing \$57,488. There was not even a settlement at this point. The wharf was built solely to accommodate Mr. Lovell (Standstead), who owned a timber limit.

Before citing other instances, Mr. Blain declared that the government had virtually invited party workers to think up schemes to loot the treasury. He read from a circular letter sent by Sir William Mulock to all Liberal members and candidates for parliament, asking them to suggest any public works that might be undertaken in their localities, and requesting their preference as to performing the work by contract or day labor.

Mr. Blain compared the expenditures under Conservative and Liberal governments. In 1895, the expenditure for public works amounted to \$1,441,000, in 1905, \$8,476,000, an increase of nearly seven million dollars. This did not represent any proportionate return to the people.

So Easy.  
Disraeli, Quebec, is a town of 1800 people, located upon a small creek, crossed at one point by a railroad bridge thirty feet high and crossed by a municipal bridge, four hundred feet long, built on the water. At this point is back water and ponds that usually dry in the summer season. No vessel ever did or ever could enter this part of the creek, or get under either bridge. The municipal bridge being worn out, the scheme was framed to have the Dominion government build a new bridge under the guise of a national wharf. A stone pier, about 300 feet long, was built by the government, with a platform supposed to be a wharf. Then the municipality built the rest of the bridge. Thru day labor some fifty voters were employed, and including the general elections of 1905 up to date this bridge, or wharf, has cost \$5000.

He had visited Disraeli a few days ago, in company with Mr. Lennox (South Simcoe), who had taken photographs of the so-called wharf, and statements and affidavits from leading citizens. The town was using the municipal election, built according to the same specifications as the government half of the bridge, cost only \$2500.

Detectives Are Needed.  
Mr. Tobin (Liberal, Richmond and Wolfe), in whose riding the bridge was built, said in effect that Disraeli was a Conservative, and that Mr. Blain's informants were members of that party. The principal informant upon whom Mr. Blain relied had made the speaker an improper proposition respecting the timber to be used in the "wharf." He said that Mr. Blain had been playing detective. In this he had been assisted by the son of Mr. Moran (Dorchester), who was a member from Simcoe (Mr. Lennox). This was like detective. These statements in broken French created considerable merriment. Lennox and Blain explained that they had merely registered from their respective homes in the usual way.

Mr. Lemieux (Nicolet) said these were old stories about St. Joseph, Grand Valley and Disraeli. He claimed that the public works at Grand Valley could not have been undertaken to help Mr. Lovell because the

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Hear Douglas Hyde to-night.  
Oscar Hudson & Company, Chartered Accountants 5 King West. M. 4786.

Pemberton's Turkish Baths, 129 Yonge Street. Baths 75 cts., after 10 p.m., \$1.

Leg Torn Off by Saw.  
Frederick, May 16.—(Special.)—Charles Robbins, aged 35, while working in a saw-mill at Cross Creek, was caught in the saw and had one of his legs torn from his body. He died before medical aid could reach him.

The Nicholls motor boat, with ordinary crew, will last ten years. See one at Nicholas Brothers, Limited, Foot York Street bridge.

Hear Douglas Hyde to-night.  
Cigarette Makers, for making cigarettes, 15c. each. Alive Bolland.

## INSURANCE COS. TO CONTROL FINANCES OF WHOLE WORLD

### U. S. Senator Makes a Prediction—Jealousy the Cause of Official Dishonesty.

Washington, May 16.—(United States Senator Bulkeley (Connecticut), who is president of the Aetna Fire Insurance Co., was heard by the house committee on judiciary to-day in refutation of the statement made yesterday before the committee by Miles M. Dawson, New York, actuary for the Armstrong insurance committee, to the effect that not one of the American fire insurance companies know whether they would or would not be solvent when they paid their San Francisco losses.

There was, said Senator Bulkeley, absolutely no foundation for such a statement, and he said further that he knew of no American company who did not know just where it stood financially. There were only two or three companies which could not pay their losses out of their surplus and still live.

Discussing the Armstrong investigation and the irregularities brought out in that connection, Senator Bulkeley said they did not arise from the internal management of the companies or from the personal or official dishonesty of the officers of the companies, but wholly from the jealousy of financiers to get control of the vast funds of these institutions.

"Twenty years from now," continued the speaker, "these great insurance corporations existing to-day will own the major portion of the investment securities of the country. They will control absolutely the finances of the United States and of the world."

Senator Bulkeley admitted, in answer to a question by Representative Dearmond, that he had contributed \$5000 of the funds of his company to the Rockefeller campaign of 1898.

"Do you think that action upon your part either justifiable, honest or decent?" queried Mr. Dearmond.

"I contend that every custodian of funds of this character," replied the senator, "is justified and within his rights, when he takes that money and applies it to the protection of the rights of the people." I contend that the election of Mr. Bryan would have been a calamity.

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## MONOPOLY? 'TIS ABSURD!

### STANDARD OIL COMPANY ONLY HONEST

#### Its Success Due Simply Keeping Agreements and Selling at Fair Prices.

New York, May 16.—The Standard Oil Co. to-day issued to its shareholders a statement in reply to the special message recently sent to congress by President Roosevelt, and the report on the country's oil industry by Commissioner Garfield, by the committee on corporations, which accompanied it. The statement is signed by C. M. Pratt, secretary, and was issued by order of the board of directors. It denies positively the charge that the Standard Oil Co. benefited by secret rates for the transportation of its products.

The statement declares that the estimate that the company saves \$700,000 a year thru the operation of certain freight rates, could only have been arrived at by theorizing.

"The company owns and controls only a very moderate percentage of the crude production of the United States, and with at least 125 rival refineries in existence, it is a palpable absurdity to call it a monopoly. For the last quarter of a century more than 90 per cent. of its output has been shipped to foreign countries."

"In creating and sustaining this vast foreign trade, the company has encountered innumerable obstacles and incessant competition from other petroleum industries possessing the advantage of geographical location and cheaper labor, and which are often times developed under the fostering care of their respective governments."

"If the company maintains a gratifying percentage of the world's commerce, it is because it keeps its agreements and delivers products of reliable quality at reasonable prices."

"After an investigation of shipments during a period of about 15 years over more than 1500 miles of railroads, the commissioner is not able to show that the Standard Oil Co. received a single rebate on its interstate shipments. He has only been able to call attention to a few instances in which the rate situation, in his opinion, required explanation. This explanation would be satisfactory to any man familiar with transportation problems."

SENATORS DISCUSS "REFORM"  
Sen. David Has a Proposition for a Division of Three.

Ottawa, May 16.—(Special.)—The senate to-day debated the James J. Hill "invasion of Canada" and then at some length discussed the propriety and necessity of senate reform and the difficulty to make a change in the senate in view of the rights which have been vested in the members by their commissions.

However, he thought it might be well to place the appointment of a third in the hands of the government, a third at the disposal of the provinces and a third with universities and similar public institutions.

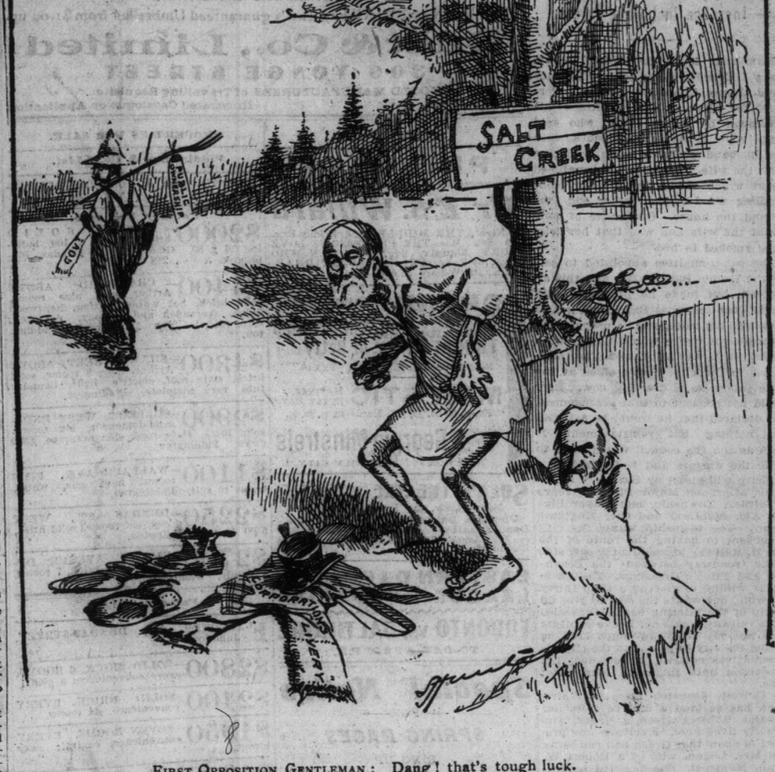
The senate might be reformed or changed, but in the interest of the country it should not be abolished.

TORONTO PAINTER KILLED.  
Precipitated by Breaking Ladder on to Pile of Bricks, Scaffolds.

Detroit, May 16.—(Special.)—Falling from a ladder, Charles Bedford, 39 years of age, a painter, rooming at 74 Farrar-street, received injuries this morning that resulted in his death at the Emergency Hospital last night.

Bedford was working on the ladder, which separated where the sections joined together, and he was precipitated on to a pile of bricks.

## HIS LOSS



FIRST OPPOSITION GENTLEMAN: Dang! that's tough luck.  
SECOND OPPOSITION GENTLEMAN: 'Cause he's took yer clothes?  
FIRST OPPOSITION GENTLEMAN: No, 'cause he hasn't took 'em.

## Hailstorm in East York Great Damage in Fields

### Considerable Re-seeding Necessary as Result of Heavy Rain and Ice Downpour—Storm One of Worst Known in the District.

A hail and rain storm in East York, covering a territory of about 25 square miles, yesterday caused a great deal of damage in the fields newly sown or, worse still, to fields sown within ten days, involving the entire re-seeding of the low-lying lands.

Hail from size of peas to large sized marbles fell thruout the storm, and in places where it collected on the ground from the roofs or barns and other buildings, it is said to have been inches deep.

Around the Town of East York and its vicinity for five miles east and five miles north from the lake, the storm was at its worst. West of Yonge-street there was little or no rain.

In the city it rained in spots, there being a heavy shower at the Union Station, while the Yonge-street wharves remained dry.

"May is about the most uncertain month," remarked the weather man last night. The thunderstorm, he said, was entirely local. The warm weather will stay awhile.

The first thunder storm of the season bore down on East York and East York with terrific force and the fall of hail, which followed the great crash of thunder, was the greatest ever remembered even by those who have resided in East York for years.

The storm struck the section about 2.15 p. m., and started with a heavy crash for about fifteen minutes, during which time the streets were running like rivers. Suddenly a flash of lightning followed, which grazed the large

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A NEW EXPLOSIVE.  
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, May 16.—H. E. Winton is going to Canada to watch experiments with ammonal, the new explosive in which contractors and engineers there are interested. It is claimed that ammonal explodes only by detonator.

Dr. Hyde, Massey Hall at 8 p.m.  
PARKDALE ROLLER RINK. 216  
DEPOPULATING EDINBURGH.  
(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, May 16.—Unlet property is said to be greater in Edinburgh now than it was last year, because of the large numbers emigrating to Canada.

## COAL COS. PRESENT STOCK TO GET RAILWAY FAVORS

### Officials Tell Inquirers of Methods Used to Secure Preferred Treatment.

Philadelphia, May 16.—Revelations of an unusual character were made to-day during the investigation of the interstate commerce commission into the alleged discrimination by railroad companies in the distribution of cars to coal companies in the bituminous region.

Three important witnesses were heard in the persons of George W. Creighton, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., and Robert K. Cassatt, son of President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and eastern manager of the Keystone Coal and Coke Co., and John M. Jamison of Greensburg, Pa., president of the Jamison Coal and Coke Co.

Cassatt said that at a time when the Pennsylvania Railroad was suffering from a scarcity of coal cars it had relinquished its claim to 500 cars ordered from the Pressed Steel Car Co., which were then purchased by the Keystone Co.

George W. Clark, Pennsylvania Railroad car distributor at Altoona, Pa., told of having received monthly a cheque for \$50 from Capt. Alfred Hicks, a mine operator, and stated that he did not know why the money was sent to him.

Creighton said he had been presented with shares of stock in six different coal companies. He had found it necessary to practically abandon the percentage basis and distribute the cars among about 20 or 40 companies, which had large contracts to fill.

John M. Jamison of the Jamison Coal and Coke Co. of Greensburg, Pa., said that Robert Pittsinn, now assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, had been offered 500 shares of the stock in the Jamison Co. Mr. Pittsinn did not want the stock, however, and witness bought it back from him for \$5000.

"Why was this stock offered to Mr. Pittsinn?" he was asked.

"I believe Mr. McGinley considered him a good man to have in the company, because of his railroad connections," replied Jamison. He enumerated several railroad men, including R. L. O'Donnell, general superintendent of the Buffalo and Allegheny Valley division, who he had owned stock in the coal company. The motive in giving away this stock was to secure better treatment and facilities from the railroads and the desired end had been secured.

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## RACINE STANDS BY ROSS.

### Incidentally Calls Power Bill "a Barefaced Steal."

Ottawa, May 16.—Mr. Racine, M.L.A., to-day publishes the following letter in the Free Press, the local Liberal organ:

"I hereby take this opportunity of denying in the most emphatic terms possible the rumor emanating from The Toronto News insinuating that I was about to change my political allegiance."

"There is not a particle of truth in the rumor. I am well satisfied with the Liberal party and with its present leader, Hon. G. W. Ross, who has always looked after the interests of the farmers and shown equal justice to all classes."

"I feel that with such an extravagant and reckless rule as exists to-day at Toronto, the surplus left by the Ross government will soon be squandered and Ontario reduced to a deficit, something new for our fair province."

"I think the electric power bill is a barefaced steal from the farmers generally, and from the pockets of the people of the whole eastern portion of the province, who will be taxed to support power for Toronto and points in close proximity."

"I have the greatest respect for and pride in my venerable leader, and an unshaken confidence in my party."

MISSED COLONIAL FLAGS.  
Were Not a Feature of Decorations Welcoming Prince Honor.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, May 16.—H. H. Allingham, a Canadian, writes to The Daily Mail that no colonial flags were used as decorations for the welcome of the Prince of Wales on Thursday, and suggests that the flags of all the colonies would be much better than the meaningless bunting actually used.

MARRIAGES.  
HUTCHINGS—HILL—On May 15th, 1906, by Rev. E. P. Bowles of Sherbourne-street Methodist Church, George Hutchings to Annie Mabel Hill, both of Toronto.

DEATHS.  
CHURCHILL—On Wednesday morning, May 16, 1906, at 143 Jarvis-street, Bernard J. Churchill, beloved husband of Elizabeth Churchill, in his 50th year.

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### Czar Making Concessions to Parliament in Real Endeavor to Avoid a Conflict.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—In spite of the fear that the addresses in reply to the speech from the throne, moved on Tuesday in the lower house of parliament, would precipitate an immediate conflict between the crown and parliament, the Associated Press is in a position to state that Emperor Nicholas is determined to avoid a breach if possible. Not only will partial amnesty be granted, but the emperor is ready to replace the Gornykin ministry with a cabinet chosen from among the Conservative members of the majority in the lower house, in the hope of effecting a compromise. He is not willing, however, to permit the majority to select the premiers, but once such concession is made it is difficult to understand how the emperor can halt half way and refuse the full constitutional monarchy which government by parliamentary majorities involves. Parliament has practically already won a great victory.

Position of Poland.  
The Constitutional Democrats in addition to being much concerned over the increasing radicalism developing in their ranks, and that the Poles are inclined to cause trouble. The latter at a meeting held last night adopted a resolution in favor of the "historic position of Poland and the international guarantees." The Constitutional Democrats fear that this may raise the spectre of a revival of the Kingdom of Poland and tend to weaken the Constitutional Democrats in this country, where undoubtedly the predominant feeling is in favor of the preservation of the integrity of the empire. This group of peasants which supported the motion to postpone taking action on the address yesterday based their position on the alleged fear that it meant the separation of Poland.

Parliament Re-assembles.  
When parliament re-assembled at 11 o'clock to-day the impression prevailed that the day would witness stirring scenes. Premier Gornykin and the entire cabinet were seated on the ministerial benches, and it was understood that the premier intended to outline the views of the government in regard to the reply to the speech from the throne.

The excited frame of mind of the members of parliament was evidenced by the long list of speakers who were before President Mourouzeff had called the house to order. This was not so much due to Russia's love of talk as to the fact that every member seemed to feel himself to be charged with a message from his constituents which he must deliver.

Peasants' Simple Speech.  
The speeches of the peasants were in the simple language of the villages, which was more easily understood than the utterances of the city members, who were inclined to indulge in high-flown eloquence and foreign

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Hat prices and high profits to sleep. We are revolutionizing the hat line—extraordinary facilities enable us to have our hats made in volume of business—that's the reason our \$2.00 and \$2.50 Derbys are the talk of the town. The goods, the prices and the methods are sure to keep on winning. You are invited to share in the new business corner Yonge and Temperance-streets.

Dr. Hyde, Massey Hall at 8 p.m.  
THUNDERSTORMS.  
Observatory, Toronto, May 16.—(8 p.m.)—Unsettled showery weather continued to-day in the Northwest Provinces and local showers have occurred in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and a few scattered thunderstorms in Ontario, the weather has been fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 40—68; Athabasca, 38—50; Port Simpson, 48—54; Victoria, 42—54; Vancouver, 44—51; Kamloops, 42—52; Calgary, 34—50; Edmonton, 40—42; Qu'Appelle, 44—64; Winnipeg, 40—52; Port Arthur, 44—52; Pelly, 50—58; Montreal, 52—64; Quebec, 44—61; St. John, 42—62; Halifax, 42—64.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southwesterly winds; mostly fair and continued warm, with local thunderstorms.  
Superior—A little cooler with showers. Manitoba—Cooler with showers. Saskatchewan and Alberta—Showery with about the same temperature.

Dr. Hyde on Irish music, language, poetry and industries at 8 p.m.  
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