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Shows Where Thousands of Dollars Are Lost Yearly to the Colony by the Present System of Purchasing by Our Public Depts.

Suggests The Appointment of a Purchasing Agent Which He Claims Would Net the Colony Large Financial Gains.

MR. GRIMES.—Mr. Chairman: In discussing the question of Tuberculosis the members of the Government side of the House say that they are desirous that this appropriation should be made larger than it is, but that they cannot see a way to find the money to make the increase. A few days ago the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister made a statement that no constructive policy has ever been suggested by members on this side of the House. His actual words as I took them down were, "No one expects any constructive policy from anyone on the other side of the House." We have suggested from this side of the House, not only at this session, but at past sessions, many good proposals, some of which were accepted and placed upon the Statute Book. Now we make altogether other suggestion by which the Government could economize and thus make an increased expenditure for such a worthy object as the tuberculosis campaign. The one suggested by the Leader of the Opposition and ably supported by Mr. Coaker was the introduction of some method of purchasing supplies for the various institutions so as to ensure lower prices. I have looked over some of the accounts that have been furnished by the different Departments, and I find that the need is very great and that the patronage system is condemned as one of the worst systems that could be in vogue if you want economy practised or supplies furnished at lowest prices.

Many Items On Which the Government Could Save Money

The Finance Minister stated that all supplies were put out for public tender, but his statement is not borne out to the fullest extent on examination. A portion of the supplies are put out to tender, but not all of them. There are many instances to prove the contrary. Take the question of potatoes. I do not know nor have I seen any tender made public asking for supplies of potatoes, and looking over the accounts we find a great variation in prices. In one instance 200 barrels were supplied at \$2.00; some at \$2.20 and some at \$2.00. These were all supplied in the same month of the same year. If potatoes can be supplied for \$2.00, why pay \$2.20 and \$2.00? Must you be kind to your friends at the expense of the people, who must lose \$1.00 a barrel to enrich a political supporter. The Government could save on that purchase alone the sum of \$150.00 in the purchase of cabbage, here again there is a big variation in prices. I find on one bill a charge of \$1.20 per dozen; on another \$1.50 per dozen, and on another \$1.80 per dozen, covering a period from September to October in the same year.

All Governments Have Been Alike In This Respect.

There is not the slightest doubt in the mind of any reasonable person that put out to tender or purchased with due regard to the interests of the country, at least \$60.00 could have been saved here. Then take the purchase of turnips. The account which I have here does not give the total amount supplied, and only applies to two or three months, but of the 100 barrels supplied the prices varied from \$1.60, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per barrel. It is well-known that turnips could have been purchased at \$1.60 a barrel right through. On that 100 barrels alone the Government lost \$30.00. Here is another item that shows the evils of the patronage system. Of course, the Government has not been any worse in this respect than any other Government, but all these things show the need of reform, a reform that can be easily brought about if the same initiative were shown as was shown in the year the Government first took office, building branch railways and enriching the Reids. There is 3,200 lbs. of fish supplied at 3c. at the same time at another institution there was a quantity at 4c. per pound. On this purchase the Government lost \$33.80.

RT. HON. THE PRIME MINISTER—I think the hon. member will find that this fish was supplied to the Lunatic Asylum, and that the additional cent was for cartage in to the Asylum.

Thousands of Dollars Lost by Purchasing From Party Supporters.

MR. GRIMES.—That may be, but had it been put out to tender there is no doubt that you would have had the whole lot supplied to the Lunatic Asylum for 3c. right through, including cartage. There are a lot of eggs supplied to the Institutions. I made a total of 600 dozen supplied to the Lunatic Asylum and the General Hospital, supplied in October and November, and the price varies from 35c. to 50c. a dozen, and another at 45c. and 50c. all within two months in the same year. I could understand 50c. being charged for good fresh eggs in the winter, but seeing where some of these came from I have grave doubts as to whether they were fresh at all, and in any case at that time of year they could have been bought at 40c. On that 600 dozen eggs, taking an average of 40c. a dozen, the Government could have saved \$60.00. Then there is the purchase of sugar. Quite a lot of sugar is supplied to the various institutions. I see no reason why the Government should go to a Water Street retail firm and pay 7½ for sugar when it could be bought for 6½c. from any agent of American sugar refineries. In some cases the Government purchases through Agents. The Minister of Public Works imported paints from Canada from a manufacturer, and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries purchased his oil through the representative of the American Oil Company. If that is done on these articles, why not do it on all the supplies? It could be done with sugar, just as well as with oil and plants. On the

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Small Items Which Annually Run Into Hundreds Of Dollars.

There is a bill for "flash" at \$1.20 per dozen. "Flash" is used for cleaning hands and other uses are made of it. It could have been bought for \$1.00 a dozen, and on this 16 dozen you could have saved \$3.20.

In the case of Dry Goods there is nothing in which the Government could be more easily deceived. You have such an item as Safety Pins at \$6.00 a gross. The very best article on the market could be bought at \$1.00 a gross, and in fact the ordinary ones used by people at 50c. and 60c. a gross, and here you are charged \$6.00. On another bill I find cup-towelling at 40c. a yard. Now you can buy a splendid article at 20c., the best article on the market, and here the Government pays the exorbitant price of 40c. a yard. Bought right, you could have saved \$51.00 quite easily. If the Government is really serious about increasing the vote for Tuberculosis they should appoint a man to look after the purchase of supplies. You could get a live experienced man for \$2,000.00 a year, and he would save the Government \$40,000 in the purchase of supplies.

Why Not Purchase Coal Direct From The Coal Company At North Sydney.

Another item which shows more exorbitant charges on the part of some person is sewing cotton, off one bill at \$6.90 a gross. That is the correct price, but on another bill it is down at \$7.00, and on another at \$8.40. On this item the Government could have saved \$25.00. What about coal? You go to some coal merchants in the city and order your coal. Why not deal directly with the Coal Company at North Sydney or the United States? You cannot expect that the coal merchant in this city is going to supply coal without making some profit; they will make at least 50c. per ton, and on the 4,000 tons of coal which we buy for our public buildings and light houses you could save the colony \$2,000. On coal alone you could make enough to pay your man to look after the purchase of supplies. The total amount of these bills which I have cited is \$37,432.00. At a conservative estimate I have calculated that the Government could have saved \$3,331. The Government must have spent at least \$300,000. At an average saving of 10 per cent, anyway you make \$30,000. You would save more than that. I have pointed out cases in which the Government has been charged twenty, forty and even fifty per cent, higher prices than have been charged over the counter in our retail stores in St. John's.

Why Not Appoint A Purchasing Agent For All Supplies.

Now here is an opportunity for the Government to accept a suggestion from the opposition side of the House. Here is something of a constructive nature that would have the effect of reducing public expenditure, and if the House would take the trouble to go into this matter and deal with it as it deserves it would effect a very necessary reform advantageous to the country and with credit to itself. At least \$30,000 could then be voted to the Tuberculosis work, and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries would doubtless find himself in a position to help out those people in his district who are not able to guard against tuberculosis, because they cannot afford to follow the instructions given. Everybody will agree that it is no good to give lectures to people unless they can follow out the instructions with regard to good food which is always recommended, and which their scanty means will often not allow. Here is an opportunity for the Government to increase the tuberculosis vote and grant to those people, who are not in a position to help themselves, assistance in getting the right food to fight this dread disease. If this is a constructive Government, as it boasts it is, and if the members are sincere in what they have said in the matter of increasing this grant, here is an opportunity to save money enough to supply the necessary food to those in need and save hundreds of them from lying preventable deaths.

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