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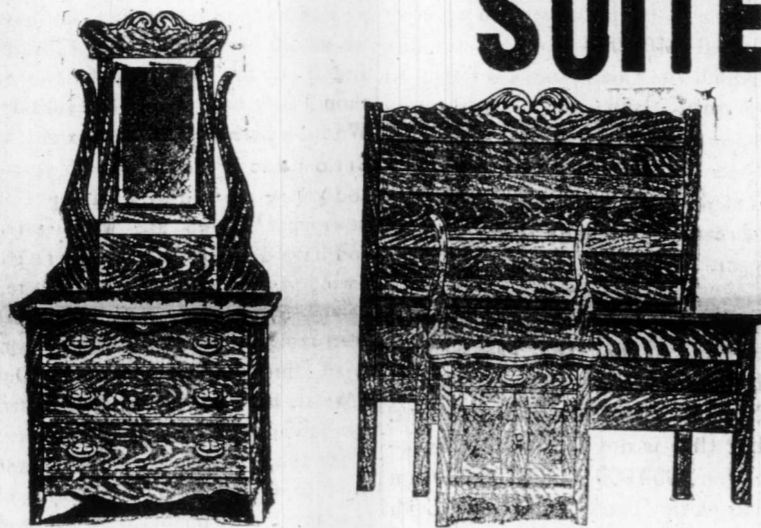
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LACK OF CONSCIENCE.

One Trouble With Marine Department; Officials Serving Two Masters, One of Them the Outside Trader; Militia Department Overloaded With High-Salaried Officers; Staff Sufficient to Handle Army of 100,000 Men.

DOWN WITH PATRONAGE

Commission Commends Conservative Platform of Appointment by Non-partisan Commission; Minister of Marine Furious over the Condemnation of His Administration; Could not Head off this Inquiry, But Attacks the Commissioners.

Report Produces Panic in Government Ranks.

Mr. Brodeur, Sir Fred, Borden and Mr. Pugsley Are Burdens Grievous To Be Borne.

Ottawa, March 28, 1908. The Government has suffered from many reverses, criticisms, exposures and disappointments of late, and particularly during the present session. The last and hardest blow has come from a Royal Commission, and its own appointment, composed of its own party friends. No government in Canada, federal or provincial, has had its administrative methods and practices so relentlessly exposed and so emphatically condemned as those of the Laurier Government have been by the Royal Commission appointed to report upon the condition and needs of the civil service. This Commission was created in consequence of the complaint of civil servants that their salaries were insufficient in view of the increase of cost of living. It was also suggested that the classification might be changed, and the Commissioners were instructed to report on the condition of the departmental organization. They did their work better than the ministers intended.

A LIBERAL COMMISSION. The Commissioners were: Mr. J. M. Courtney, for many years Deputy Minister of Finance; Mr. Thomas Fyhe, former manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, and Mr. J. I. Babin, retired merchant of Quebec. If Mr. Courtney has any politics he is a Liberal, and in his last ten years of service he was Mr. Fyhe's right hand man. Mr. Fyhe is a lifelong Liberal, and his statement that the generally increased cost of living is "the obvious and logical result of our wasteful, impoverishing, and demoralizing system of protection" shows that he has not forgotten the Cartwright formula. Mr. Babin is a fervent member of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's party. These three would not, without the strongest reasons, condemn the administration of public affairs by the Laurier Government. Yet what do they say? Here are some of the findings, largely given in their own words:

SOME OF THE FINDINGS. "Patronage seems to run through every department of the public service. This patronage evil is the curse of the civil service."

"Able and worthy young men have left the service."

"The postmaster at Kingston was appointed on the recommendation of a patronage committee. The last appointment to the postmaster's office of Montreal was given to an aged member of Parliament, 67 years old."

Promotions have been made a matter of politics, people being brought in from the outside and appointed over the heads of men who have given their lifetimes to the department.

"The service has fallen back during the last fifteen years, and the political element has steadily tended to deteriorate the service."

Promotions are made by political influence, the officers promoted doing the same work as in the lower grade.

EXTRAVAGANOE PREVAILS. "The old-fashioned notion of frugality and living within one's means has, to some extent, been departed from, and instances have been found of departments giving orders for stores and other services to be delivered within a year in excess of the vote granted by Parliament. Large amounts have been spent for supplies bought at retail rates from those enjoying patronage. Heavy expenditures have been incurred without necessary consideration or supervision."

"Large amounts of money are paid over each year to merchants whose names are on the patronage list. While the practice was always bad, yet, through the great development of the country, the extent was not so great as to become serious until of recent years."

"The public expenditure has increased in the last twelve years 150 per cent. or more. The time has come when the practice of paying retail prices to a few favoured merchants in each locality should be discontinued."

CORRUPTION SUGGESTED. "The Auditor General stated that 'in one department he did not believe in the certificates received.' The auditor informed the Commission that 'he really audited and took stock of only two public departments.' In many cases stores were ordered unnecessarily and there is a doubt whether a good quality was always delivered. Stores had been received which were not wanted and which it was difficult to get rid of."

In connection with the purchase of supplies, the Commissioners recommended that "inquiry be made as to the working of the prevention of corruption act of the Imperial Parliament passed in 1906 and the bribery clause in question therewith."

A SWEEPING INDICTMENT. As a rule, the Commissioners found in the outside service that politics enter into every appointment, and that politicians on the spot interest themselves, not only in the appointment, but in subsequent promotions of officers. "In the outside service the politics of the party is of greater importance in making appointments and promotions than the public interests of the Dominion. Promotion in that part of the service has become almost a nullity." In the outside service those who have the political pull use it for all it is worth. They pass by their superior officers and

bring pressure to procure anything that may prove to their advantage.

SHOCKING CONDITION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT

These observations refer to the Administration generally, but some compliment is paid to the Post Office Department. Two of the Commissioners, Messrs. Fyhe and Babin, made a particular investigation of the Department of Marine, over which Mr. Brodeur presides, a department in which the Public Accounts Committee has been making some investigation, in the face of great obstruction. The Commissioners use plain language of general condemnation. After some general statements as to the difficulty of fixing responsibility in this department, the Commissioners say:

"Work proceeds in a lumbering, haphazard way, giving rise to constant blundering and confusion. There is no sign visible of a single directing head, or an intelligent purpose, unless it be that of spending as much money as possible. Zest for economy and good management, or pride in the work, is not visible. Perfunctory and mechanical discharge of duties is the rule, with apparently no perception of any need for improvement."

"The lack of organization and of organizing power in the department has recently been very conspicuously and painfully illustrated by the fact that the accountants or bookkeeping branch has apparently fallen into such confusion that expert accountants had to be called in to put things to rights, and create some intelligible system. After months of work by these highly paid experts, the result has been at least greatly improved books, so far as mechanical form is concerned, but probably little else; and this achievement has been accomplished at an almost fabulous expense."

WITHOUT A CONSCIENCE.

"There is not only a lack of efficient organization and method in the department. There would also seem to be a lack of conscience. In connection with the enormous expenditures which are deemed necessary, the word 'discount' never appears. It is tacitly assumed that there is no such thing; but the whole commercial world knows otherwise. If no one gets any benefit from trade with the government except the trader, then it must be clear that in these great purchases made for the government, without discount, its officers must be assisting the trader to get better prices from the government than he can get anywhere else; for everywhere else he has to give discount. In other words, some of the government's officers are serving two masters, and apparently succeeding with both—Scripture notwithstanding."

"It seems amazing that this question has never been courageously faced and dealt with. There is evidently a power in the hands of responsible officers of some of the departments which they can exercise without the necessity of giving any account of it, and with the most demoralizing consequences all round. It is certain that under such a state of things it must be impossible to develop high character in the service, or, rather, to prevent the deterioration of what character there is."

After criticizing the lighthouse board as an irresponsible body, which has voted \$1,691,813 in two years, the Commissioners say that their general conclusions as to the administration of the Marine Department "are most unfavourable. It seems to have few redeeming features, and no radical improvement need ever be expected until the political pull is eliminated."

THE MILITIA DEPARTMENT CONDEMNED.

The three Commissioners seem to join in their condemnation of the Militia administration. The expenditure of this department has gone up to \$6,500,000 a year, an increase of \$3,000,000 in four years. The office of Inspector-General, at \$6,000 a year, is declared to be unnecessary, and merely "a stepping stone to the retiring of high military officers on large allowances." While there are only three officials in all the rest of the service with salaries of over \$4,000, there are in the Militia Department alone two at \$6,000, one at \$5,200, and three at \$4,000, besides other officers receiving salaries and allowances far beyond the ordinary officials. The staff of paymasters is declared to be unnecessary, and the Commissioners laugh at the departmental excuse that an army in the field could not get along without paymasters. They say that this carries to an extreme the principle of preparing for war in time of peace.

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