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OUR COSTLY GOVERNMENTS.

Two leading papers have taken up with the suggestion of this paper that the question of Maritime Union would be a live one for the consideration of electors, at the next general provincial elections. The Toronto World, a very independent, and outspoken journal says:—"An effort is being made in the eastern part of Canada to simplify the system under which they are governed. We in Ontario, with our 90 representatives in the legislature, complain of over-government, but we do not suffer to the same extent as the people of the Maritime Provinces. The three Maritime Provinces, with less than a million population, have 125 local legislators, three lieutenant-governors, three bancs of judges, three sets of Cabinet Ministers and so on. Consolidation is the order of the day all over the world, and, judging from our experience in Ontario, we would say it would be a very good thing for the Maritimes to confederate into one decent-sized province, to be governed by a legislature of not more than fifty representatives."

The Montreal Star deals with the subject quite extensively in an editorial, in which it commends THE DISPATCH for its stand, and says:—"It is in the multiplication of offices and buildings and the machinery of government generally that the extravagance of such an arrangement as they have down by the sea lies. Some figures are easily at hand. Three Lieutenant Governors are now required, two of which draw salaries of nine thousand per annum, and the other seven. One at, say, ten thousand would be enough were the provinces united. This takes no account of the other expenses in connection with the three offices. Then they have at present eleven paid Cabinet Ministers in the three provinces—though, be it said to their credit, the salaries are by no means extravagant. The significance of these surface facts is, however, that they indicate a threefold multiplication of offices that must cost the taxpayers of Maritime Canada a pretty sum in the total. And unless they like to pay taxes down there better than we do up here, this is a matter of weight with them."

Continuing the Star says:—"It is to be feared, however, that THE DISPATCH can hardly hope for an agitation for union to spring from the official class. With us, the politician, whether he be in office or only expecting to get in, is always loath to do anything that will materially reduce the number of offices to which he may aspire. And if the evidence of THE DISPATCH may be taken, his counterpart down by the sea is not very different. The agitation then for union must clearly spring from the taxpayers. They are the people who will profit by it, while the class to which they habitually delegate their political thinking stands to lose. This is a piece of work they must do for themselves if they are to get it done, and they must set themselves to the doing of it pretty vigorously too."

Since writing the article which is referred to THE DISPATCH has collected a few figures which may be instructive. Unless the population of the Maritime Provinces is growing more rapidly now than it did between 1881 and 1891 the population is not over 900,000. It was 880,737 in 1891. Ontario's population in 1891 was 2,114,321. The indemnity of Ontario's ninety legislators amounts to about \$54,000 annually. Our members of the legislature are paid less and cost for the three provinces about \$36,640. Ontario's governor is paid \$10,000 and its local cabinet \$31,000, making a total for sessional indemnity, governor, and cabinet, of \$95,000. The Maritime Provinces pay, in indemnity to members \$36,640, governors \$25,000—the expense of our three governors for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island is equal to half the salary paid the governor-general, or half the salary paid the president of the United States,—the three cabinets cost \$32,800,—a grand total of \$94,440. So that it costs as much to run the three provinces with less than half a million of people as it does to run Ontario with considerably over two millions. We pay twice as much for Ontario, and the people in Ontario think their provincial legislature is an expensive affair. The same is true of the supreme court judiciary. We have about as many judges of the supreme court, as Ontario with over double the population.

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The building itself is substantial and comfortable looking outside, and is well appointed inside. Quite a few flowers adorn the front of the building, giving a cheerful appearance to everything. There are now ten inmates, whose comforts are well looked after by Simon Adams, the caretaker, and his wife. The rooms are kept clean and comfortable, and altogether the unfortunate poor of Woodstock have not much reason to complain of their lot.

The farm is quite large, comprising in all, perhaps two hundred acres, with at least seventy acres well wooded. The rest is in cultivation or pasture. The farm produces a good crop. This year about sixteen tons of hay were cut, and the outlook for the other crops is good. Adams expects that he will have between 25 and 30 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of oats, 175 of buckwheat. He has quite a large bit of ground in potatoes, but, as with all other farmers, the rust and rot caused some disappointment. However, it is hoped to get out of the field 75 barrels. It is estimated that they will pull 100 barrels of turnips, 100 barrels of carrots, five or six barrels of beans, three barrels of corn, two of onions, and a good lot of beets, and garden produce generally. This spring 16 cords of bark were peeled. The stock kept on the farm consists of six pigs, nine head of cattle, two horses and fifty hens and chickens.

Of course several of the inmates are quite incapable of work. There is one poor man who has been there for many, many years. He is totally blind, his eyes having been blown out, as long ago as when the Richmond Branch of the old N. B. and C. R. R. was being built. Others are equally infirm from other causes, but there are several who are capable of doing some work, and they help around quite a bit.

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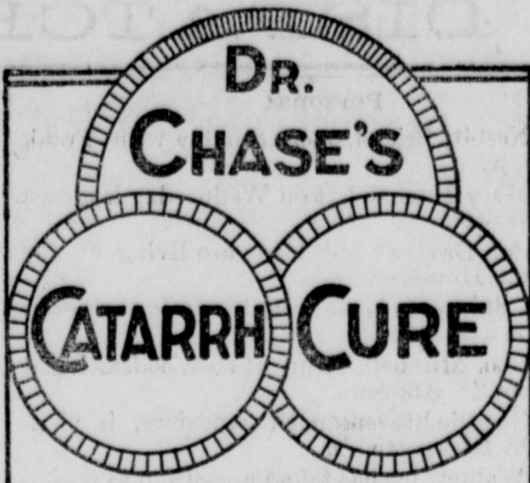
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