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GOVERNMENT FINDS DIFFICULT TASK TO EXPLAIN OVER EXPENDITURE ON BRIDGES

\$290.00 Spent for Lumber Which Was Never Used

Doctors and Lawyers for Bridge Inspectors. Mr. Upham Takes Up Florenceville School Matter

The government wriggles desperately to get away from the damaging facts in regard to its expenditure for the superintendence of the ordinary bridge work. The ministers quote figures to show that in this particular case and that particular case the amount which went to superintendence included some payments for horse hire or other expenses of the kind. Such statements may be true but they cannot blot out the fact that under the present system the cost of superintending the bridge work is out of all proportion to the amount which goes to the workmen. It is a matter of secondary importance whether the money goes for horse hire or railway fares. The fact remains that it costs thousands of dollars of the people's money to meet the bills of the Government's friends who are appointed to act as bridge superintendents. Thousands of dollars go into the pockets of these men, money which it would be much more in the people's interest to have spent upon the actual bridge work. People in Carleton county understand the situation quite well. They know that friends of the Conservative patronage dispenser have made exceptionally good wages out of the bridge work in Carleton in the past two or three years. It is idle for the government men to try and persuade the people of Carleton that the money spent extensively on bridge work in that county has really been expended in a way that will be productive of the most benefit to the people.

Dr. Sormany, an Acadian representative from Gloucester, made a startling statement the other evening when he showed that in 1910 over \$291 had been charged for lumber against the Point Brule Bridge in Gloucester, and that not a single foot of the lumber had been placed in the bridge. This bridge is within a very short distance of Dr. Sormany's own home, and he was consequently in a position to speak with authority. Let the statement be repeated. Over \$290 was spent for lumber on the Point Brule Bridge in Gloucester county in 1910, and not a single foot of this lumber was put into the bridge. Dr. Sormany asked the question, where did the lumber go? At a subsequent sitting of the House, Mr. Morrissey explained that the lumber is at Grand Anse, but he did not explain clearly why it had not been put into Point Brule Bridge. Neither did he explain by what form of reasoning it can be made justifiable to charge against a bridge a bill for lumber which was never used on the bridge. There are a great many peculiar things about the government's form of book-keeping, particularly in reference to bridge accounts. In the meanwhile the people can watch with interest this question as to what becomes of the lumber for which the government paid out of the public treasury but has never been used.

The more one looks over the bridge accounts of the province for 1910, the more strange things one finds in them. The Sentinel has already drawn attention to one of the peculiar facts revealed in respect to bridge work in the Auditor General's report, but there are more of these things coming to light all the time. Some peculiar choices, it has been noted, have been made when inspectors, and superintendents and foremen were to be appointed. Down in the Parish of Dorchester, Westmorland,

a foreman of one bridge was Mr. Allen W. Chapman, whose name will be recognized by very many people as that of a practicing barrister in the Town of Dorchester. In York county a man who inspected at least one bridge was O. E. Moorehouse, M. D. Rumor says, by the way, that on the bridge which Dr. Moorehouse inspected, where there was to be a curvature upwards there was a matter of fact, a curvature downwards, and jack screws had to be called into use to put the curvatures up where they belonged; however, even if rumor is correct what is a trifle like a misplaced curve anyway on a Hazen bridge? In the County of Kings the inspector of a piece of permanent bridge work was B. S. Thorne, M. D. Dr. Moorehouse was paid about \$96 for his services. Foreman Chapman was paid \$113. Dr. Thorne did better. He was paid \$156. It is strange, indeed, that the Hazen government thinks it necessary to employ these professional men in positions which could just as well be filled, by carpenters and other artisans. The government professes great friendship for the farmers and the laboring men, but it puts its professions into very peculiar practice.

Mr. W. W. Melville, who was in charge of the much discussed road work on settlement lands in Victoria Co. which cost the people a pretty penny, appeared before the committee. He stated that he had had some experience in building roads at militia camps and that he considered himself of average ability as a road builder. Replying to Mr. Tweeddale he admitted that when he started the work in Victoria he brought four men from Carleton County with him. He also said that he could not get men in Victoria County to do the work, a statement which Mr. Tweeddale disagreed with in that the Victoria member held that there were plenty of men in Victoria equally as capable as Mr. Melville himself. Mr. Melville admitted that the cook in his gang was paid by the province and that he himself boarded the men, the amount of the board bill being deducted from their wages. MR. MELVILLE SAID ALSO THAT SOME OF THE VICTORIA MEN TO WHOM HE GAVE WORK CAME TO HIM ALMOST HALF-NAKED, WITH THEIR TOES STICKING OUT OF THEIR BOOTS, AND IN NEED OF CLOTHES. Mr. Tweeddale took exception to such statements as he said that the young men in Victoria were just as well and comfortably clothed as the men in any part of the province. QUESTIONED BY MR. TWEEDDALE IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER MR. MELVILLE'S ANSWER WAS THAT THERE WERE SOME DUDES ON THE TOBIQUE.

The House went into committee with Mr. Pinder in the chair. Mr. Upham moved a resolution for papers concerning the dismissal of John N. Perry from the Board of Trustees of the Florenceville Consolidated School and read a petition from twelve of the ratepayers of Florenceville protesting against the removal of Mr. Perry. In speaking of this matter Mr. Upham said twelve ratepayers of the Florenceville Consolidated School District had been informed some months ago that their names appear-

ed on a petition dated July 12, 1910, asking for the removal of John N. Perry from the Board of School Trustees of the district in question. After receiving this information the gentlemen referred to at once set out to learn who it had been who had the audacity to sign their names to a petition without their knowledge or consent since they declare that they never signed the petition in question or authorized any person to sign it for them. However, their efforts were not successful and they were then compelled to go further and sign a counter-petition, which was dated December 5th, 1910, and was forwarded to the Board of Education protesting against the act of cation. In this second petition the person or persons who had been guilty of signing their names without their consent. They also asked for a re-consideration of the dismissal of Mr. Perry from the Board of School Trustees, regarding that gentleman who, by the way, is a member of the County Council as an upright man well worthy of the honors and trust which had been placed in him.

Mr. Upham went on to say that the gentlemen who had signed the second petition have been and are at a loss to understand why the Board of Education has not taken the necessary steps to investigate the matter and deal with the facts which may be brought out as the law demands since the signers of the second petition have accused some person or persons with forgery in connection with the first petition upon which the Board of Education apparently acted since Mr. Perry is no longer on the School Board of the school.

The following is a copy of the second petition and the signatures of the men signing it:
Florenceville, N. B., Dec. 5, 1910.
Members of the Board of Education,
Fredericton, N. B.

Gentlemen—Your petitioners have been informed that a petition dated Florenceville, N. B., July 12th, 1910, and asking for the removal of John N. Perry from the Board of School Trustees of the Florenceville Consolidated School was presented to you, and that the undersigned men's names are in such petition, a copy of which petition was forwarded to one of their number, John A. Perley, by the clerk of the Executive Council, and that therefore they have every reason to believe the copy to be a genuine copy of the original petition, and that, acting according to the request of the aforesaid petition, your Honorable Body has removed John N. Perry from the Florenceville Consolidated School Board, and whereas the undersigned petitioners wish to state as follows:—

1st. That no such petition was ever presented to them for their signature by any person whatever.
2nd. That, if the undersigned petitioners names are on the original petition, now filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council, to ask for the removal of John N. Perry from the office of Trustee; they have been placed there by some other party without authority, or in plain terms, the undersigned petitioners find that their names have been forged to such petition; and therefore, your Honorable Board, having acted on an informal and unauthenticated petition, the undersigned petitioners request that you reconsider such action, as your petitioners refuse to be responsible for such action, when they absolutely state that they never signed such petition as in duty bound will ever pray.

John A. Perley, James A. Stephenson, Gilbert Stephenson, Charles N. Bayer, S. D. Moss, T. A. McCain, W. W. Boyer, George Nicholson, Clarence Nicholson, Miles R. Birmingham, Wetmore Holmes, C. Caldwell.
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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A serious fire occurred in Toile, Sunday night, the loss is estimated at \$3,000,000.

Several battles have been fought during the past week in the rebellion now on in Mexico.

Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, has donated \$10,000 toward the Y. M. C. A. in Halifax.

It is estimated that the Coronation ceremonies will cost \$925,000 and this will not include the many thousands of dollars spent by those going to London for the week.

Prince Rupert, B. C., was the scene of a serious riot last week when 12,000 strikers came in contact with the police. One striker was fatally shot and over 40 arrested.

King George has revived Queen Victoria's regulation excluding from court persons who have been divorced. The Victorian rule was somewhat relaxed during the reign of King Edward VII.

The Steamer Iroquois plying in the Pacific coast foundered in a storm last Monday. All the women passengers were drowned. Those of the passengers or crew who escaped, did so on rafts or portions of the wreck.

Berlin capitalists are planning an airship large enough to carry 300 passengers across the Atlantic. The plans called for dirigible 775 feet long driven by thirty motors. The cost of the proposed vessel will be \$2,000,000.

Severe shocks of earthquake have been felt in Rome during the last few days. There was some panic during the course of which the prisoners confined in the state prisons made two desperate attempts to gain their liberty.

Fifteen bodies had been recovered early Monday from the Banner Mine of the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company, Littleton, Ala., in which 128 miners were entombed Saturday. Twenty bodies, it is said, are at the first landing. Their removal will be the next task undertaken.

Hector the St. John negro who is under arrest for murderous assault upon Mrs Davidson at Willow Grove, was before Judge Ritchie on Monday last. Damaging evidence was given against him by Detective Killen. He will be sent up for trial.

Two hundred men, women and children were burned to death Sunday night last, in a fire in Bombay, India. The fire started in a thatched structure in which they had gathered for a festival. Five hundred persons were in the building when the fire broke out. There was only one exit and an indescribable panic ensued.

Congressman Moore, of Pennsylvania, arraigns the American people for their extravagance of living and vast expenditures for what he terms useless luxuries. He points out that the national expenditure for chewing gum is \$25,000,000, for confectionery \$78,000,000, for jewelry \$800,000,000, and for soda water \$320,000,000, and then points out what a vast work of public improvement could be accomplished for this grand total of \$1,223,000,000 expended for jewelry, candy, chewing gum and soda water.