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THE KENT COUNTY BYE ROAD GRANT.

It will be remembered that at the close of the session of the Legislature in 1893, public attention in Kent County was called to some peculiar features connected with the bye road expenditure as shown by the Auditor General's report for 1892, by which it appeared that out of the total annual grant to Kent on that account of \$3992, the sum of \$1004 had been paid over by the Government through one of the then representatives to certain parties (several of them not being bye road commissioners) who had failed to file any account of the expenditure, and there was nothing to show where the money had gone.

Acting upon this authority, Mr Emmer-son first made a deduction from the Kent bye road grant for 1893 of \$58.90 which was placed to the credit of the old indebtedness above mentioned, and then divided the balance, as shown by the statement on page 33 of the Public Works Report, as follows:—

Table listing names and amounts: A. Haines \$636.59, Simon J. Mazerolle 105.00, Geo. W. Raymond 40.65, Jacques Barriac 100.42, Beloni Chavari 34.65, Augustin C. Johnson 15.60, Anelme L. Allain 66.15, Denis Beliveau 13.65, Laurent J. Rochiveau 22.30, Marc M. Legere 60.65, Sebastien Babineau 173.50, Ephraim Daigle 7.90, Lemable LeBlanc 40.40, Pierre R. Richard 76.65, John Beers 59.75, Augustin Babineau 25.00, Angus McEachren 15.00, G. G. Irving 9.51, Thos. Ward 34.00, Joseph McFadden 63.00, Wm. M. Marshall 105.00, G. & J. Robertson 210.00, A. Haines, Mill Creek Bridge 782.64, do, Yankee Brook 25.00, do, Joudry 595.45, B. McLeod 7.00, Gregoire LeBlanc 9.45, A. Haines, Birch Island Bridge 373.19, Total \$3,933.10

From this it will be seen that out of the total grant, \$2637.87 appears to have passed through the hands, and presumably to have been expended by Mr. Alfred Hains, an employee of the government and understood to be a Bridge Inspector. The reports give no details of these expenditures. Several of the other persons named in the list are not, we understand, bye road commissioners, and it appears that the appointees of the municipal council, to whom the public look to have the roads and bridges kept in repair and the public money judiciously expended, have been deliberately overlooked by the Chief Commissioner. The representatives of the County, we are informed, were not consulted as to the distribution of the money, and the details of the expenditure cannot readily be had.

Under these circumstances it is not surprising to learn that complaints are being made from many sections of the county that no portion of the Bye Road Grant has been expended during the past year in them, and that in consequence the roads and bridges are in many places in a very bad and in some cases in a very dangerous condition. The people can now judge for themselves why this is the case, and can conclude whether the new departure made by the Government is likely to prove satisfactory or not.

As an instance of the details of some of the expenditure brought out before the public accounts committee we learn that on the "Yankee Brook Bridge" there appears to have been an expenditure of \$321.05 (\$250 from the Bye Road Grant and the balance probably from the Great Road fund). Of this amount Mr. James

Barnes received \$88 78 for lumber and stone, and Mr. Haines \$94.55 for "time and expenses." The details of Mr. Haines' account are:— 17 days @ \$4 \$68.00, Paid for nails 1.60, C. P. R. mileage book 10.00, Board and expenses at Moncton and Buctouche 8.95, Horse hire 6.00, Total \$94.55

The details of the "Grady Road Bridge," are:— Record Foundry Co. \$46.64, James Barnes 5750 ft. lumber @ 9 51.75, James Barnes 187 yds. stone 96.00, Richard Cluney 3.00, B. Leger, 4.00, George Johnston 5.84, Oliver Depres 6.00, George Staples 6.00, John E. Grady 2.00, A. Hains 7 days and expenses \$39.90, A. E. Wall making ac. 5.00, Total \$270.13

These are samples of the way the Bye Road Grant was expended in this County last year. If the same policy is pursued this year, and the larger portion of the Grant is expended by a local government official instead of through the Bye Road commissioners, we are of opinion that neither the roads nor the temper of the people will be much improved.

INVESTIGATION AT OTTAWA AND FREDERICTON.

The report of the commission appointed by the Dominion Government, to enquire into the alleged irregularities and frauds connected with the construction of the Lachine Canal Bridges, discloses a very regrettable state of affairs, and shows beyond question that the management and expenditure have, to say the least of it, been very loose and extravagant in every direction. The report is a lengthy document and goes into minute details, and the evidence accompanying it is most voluminous.

It shows that a most searching and painstaking enquiry has been made with all the circumstances, irrespective of the party or persons likely to be effected by the result, and tends at least to inspire confidence in this mode of investigation and to assure the public mind that if contractors, officials and employees of the Government will (as it is to be feared is often the case), through negligence or with corrupt purpose, permit or encourage improper expenditure of the public money, then there will be no attempt made by the leader of government at Ottawa, or the members of the cabinet, to cover up the wrong doing, or whitewash it over by a sham investigation through partisan committees, the majority of whom are prepared to "rub out" every question that may appear likely to get directly at the facts.

This is in marked contrast with the methods pursued at Fredericton, where Mr. Blair himself formulates the charges against himself, appoints his own committee, with a man like Mr. A. E. Killam, looking for government favors and hoping to win the vacant seat in the executive, as chairman, conducts the examination himself to the exclusion of other counsel, and then prepares the report acquitting himself.

The Ottawa Commission say in their report:—"A government detective under the direction of the Department was employed to obtain evidence before and during the sittings of the commission, and every effort was made to obtain as much evidence as possible." Picture Mr. Blair assisting in this or any other way a committee of his own selection to get at the facts in reference to any public matter which the opposition deemed necessary in the interest of honest government, to investigate! He thinks it more consistent with his duty to prepare and force through the House resolutions condemning the gentlemen who in the discharge of a public trust endeavoured to get at the facts.

Then again we observe that not only was the Dominion government represented by counsel on the enquiry before the commission, but Mr. Parent and Mr. Kennedy who were examined and gave evidence on the investigation were each represented by leading counsel, and every latitude was given to counsel on all sides to examine and cross-examine witnesses. With what surprise will Mr. A. E. Killam who, as chairman, refused Mr. Quinn counsel on the recent sham investigation at Fredericton, learn that a Royal Commission at Ottawa should, contrary to his judicial opinion allow a witness to be represented by counsel.

When grave charges, involving the integrity of a government or any of its members or officials are made, it is evident from recent experiences at Fredericton in the Leary investigation, the Balcolm Draft, and Quinn inquiries that it is impossible, with partisan rulings and reports that are made, to properly investigate such complaints, and that in the interest of all concerned, as well as in the public interest the government at Ottawa pursues the proper course by referring all such charges to an independent non-political tribunal.

When can we look for the adoption of such a practice at Fredericton? Not, we fear, during Mr. Blair's regime.

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Mr. Shaw's Opinion of Mr. Blair.

The official report of the debate on Mr. Blair's proposition to legislate the Connolly case out of the jurisdiction of a St. John jury was a very meagre one. The Fredericton Gleaner publishes the following report of Mr. Shaw's remarks on that occasion:

While the discussion of the point was going on in the somewhat free and easy way in which the lawyers in the house occasionally discuss law bills, Mr. Shaw, the independent and burley member for St. John, ever watchful in the city's interest sat somewhat restlessly in his seat. He is recognized on both sides of the house as a man who carefully weighs his words, and never makes an attack unless it is absolutely called for. This occasion, however, was one that in justice to his position as a city representative he could not allow to pass, and it was no surprise when rising in his place, he proceeded in earnest tones and with suppressed feeling to denounce Mr. Blair's attempt to abuse his position as the leader of the house and force through a measure calculated and deliberately intended to subvert his own interests and those of his clients. He said that words failed him to express the utter contumacious surprise with which he had listened to the motion of the attorney general, and had observed the attempt by the man who, for the time being, was the leader of the house to exert the influence which that position necessarily gave him to pass an amendment which would override the decision of the courts and give him (Blair) and his clients (the Connollys) a privilege and an advantage which had never been claimed or deemed necessary by any litigant since the passage of the St. John Union act. It was in his opinion a most shameful proceeding, and unless he had been present and witnessed the attempt and heard the discussion, he could not and would not have believed that any man could have proved so recreant to a public trust as the attorney general had shown himself upon this occasion. No one could have induced him to believe such a statement, but the fact was now undeniable. Mr. Blair had, by his proposed amendment, cast a serious and uncalculated reflection upon the citizens of St. John, that sitting as jurors they would not be disposed to do justice and deliver an honest verdict in any suit in which the city was financially interested. This had not been the experience in the past, in fact the very opposite had, it was generally believed, been the result, that the litigants against the city had been more than fairly treated. It had been left for the attorney general of the province, after he had been employed by the Connollys as their attorney, to throw out for the first time on the floors of the legislature the insinuation that the people of St. John would not act fairly under their oaths, and he (Mr. Shaw) felt justified and compelled as one of the representatives of that important constituency to resent the gross insult cast upon them by the attorney general. Mr. Blair might think he was doing his duty to his clients, but he stood in the legislature not as an attorney of the Connollys, but as a representative of the people, and the man especially responsible for the character of the legislation passed by this house and it would be a most glaring outrage and disgrace that while a suit was pending and the solemn judgment of the court had been given against Mr. Blair and the Connollys the legislature should now intervene. The remarks of the attorney general had no doubt already done not a little to prejudice the interests of the city in the case, and he (Shaw) felt that a gross wrong had been done the corporation by Connollys' attorney. When the contract, for the alleged breach of which the action was brought, was entered into, both the city and the Connollys knew what the provisions of the act were, and the legislature had now no right, at the instance of the attorney of the Connollys, to change the law and thereby, in effect, alter the terms of the contract.

It was a most unheard of proceeding and he (Shaw) desired to enter his strong and earnest protest against the proposal, and hoped there would be sufficient independence in the legislature to defeat such an extraordinary and discreditable amendment.

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Base Ball.

Mr. Editor: Considering the sluggish inertness which characterizes the young men of this town, I imagine some steps should be taken immediately to rouse them from their lethargy, and to incite them to surpass former athletic successes. With this end in view, I write this advisory letter.

Many means may be thought of by which this dullness can be driven away. One of the most efficacious means is, in my opinion the game of base-ball. It has been said that this game was fast dying out in this country, but daily experience goes to prove otherwise. Last year, viewing it from a financial and scientific standpoint, was an epoch in the base-ball calendar, and judging from reports, this year bids fair to surpass even the old year's record.

Now why should not our Richibucto young men stir themselves a little, and renew their once enthusiastic but now dormant interest in base-ball? One need not be endowed with an extraordinary memory to recall the remarkable exploits achieved by the "Gladstones," or the success attending the persevering "Mayflowers." The first named club had occasion in their short but eventful career, to gain many well-earned honors. Some

of the young men, who then were the main participants in these honors, are yet to be found in Richibucto, and willing, I think, to adorn the diamond once more with their presence. All that is really needed for the promotion of this excellent game is a little zeal from the old players and a general support from the citizens. This support can easily be obtained, as our people have always showed up grandly in the good cause of innocent amusement.

So boys, begin again, enter once more the field and see if by practice and real interest you cannot surpass all former records. Let the first of July see an outside team fall victims to the superior playing of a Richibucto nine.

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Ceogage Bridge.

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Table listing items and costs: Record Foundry Co. \$14.25, John Chipman 1.87, David Chipman 3.62, Maxim Gallant 3.12, Philip Goggin 5.09, Chas. Noel 2.81, James Barnes, 12 flooring, @ \$9 108.00, Alfred Haines, time and expenses 19.00, A. E. Wall, keeping ac. 2.00, Total \$159.67

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The details of the cost of the stone approach at the north end of the Buctouche bridge as shown by the accounts are as follows:—

Table listing items and costs: Labour \$819.62, Stone 1015.30, Lumber 109.85, Iron, etc. 62.19, Total \$2006.99

Out of the item for stone, Mr. James Barnes received for 1466 yds. @ \$50 \$733.00.

Among other items in connection with this bridge are:—

Table listing items and costs: H. I. McGrath \$90.39, A. Haines 150.00, do 407.42

MEETINGS.

Ladies' Christian Temperance Union Richibucto, will meet every fortnight at the residence of Miss Ostle. Meetings on Wednesday at 3 p. m. Mothers' meetings will be held every fortnight on alternate Wednesdays, at the same place and hour. Mothers are requested to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. Wm. Hamilton, pastor. The usual services will be held on Sabbath first, viz:—Kingston at 11 o'clock a. m., and Richibucto at 7 o'clock p. m.

Rev. J. S. Allen will preach on Friday at Nicholas River Bridge at 7 p. m.; Pine Ridge, Saturday, 7 p. m.; Sunday, West Branch, 10.30 a. m.; Kingston, 3 p. m.; Richibucto, 7 p. m.

Divine services in the Episcopal churches (13th inst., Whitsun Day) as follows:—The Parish church, Richibucto, at 11 a. m. & 7 p. m.; Kingston at 3 p. m. Appropriate subjects.

H. Hackenley, Rector.

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AN INSTANCE OF HIS BOUNDLESS CHARITY TOWARD ALL MEN.

The memory of the late Hon. John Boyd, ex-Senator and at the time of his lamented death Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, will long be cherished by thousands because of his boundless benevolence and deep sympathy with his fellowmen. One of the last kindly acts of his life, and one that his friends love to relate, gives the key to his loving and charitable nature. With some friends he was looking over a vessel lying at her wharf in St. John, when he observed that one of the crew was suffering from a severe and harassing cough. His Honor spoke to the man, took his name and promised to send him down something that would relieve him. On his return home the warm-hearted Governor sent a youth down to the vessel with several bottles of Hawker's balsam, which he invariably recommended to anyone suffering from cough or cold, and always kept on hand for use when needed by any member of his own household. The sailor was cured by the remedy so thoughtfully sent to him, and will ever remember with gratitude his meeting with Lieut. Gov. Boyd. The following testimonial of the late Governor will be read with interest: To THE HAWKER MEDICINE CO'Y: Gentlemen.—We have used Hawker's balsam of tolu and wild cherry for coughs and colds, and can recommend it for those needing remedies for the affection, having been effectual in all the cases we know of. JOHN BOYD.

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