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ENQUIRIES ANSWERED IN THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE

The Business Like Government Paid \$10,200 in Settlement of a Claim After Engineer Wetmore Had Reported That the Contractors Were Entitled to \$675-- Mr Daggett's Travelling Expenses.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry:

1. Inasmuch as the claim for extras of the contractors, McVey & Son, amounting to \$15,247.42, was reduced by the provincial engineer, Mr. A. R. Wetmore, to \$675.66, how does the Government explain that \$10,200 was paid to Joseph McVey & Son by order-in-council of November 10, 1915, which information was given Tuesday, March 28, in answer to an inquiry, "What amount of extras was allowed the contractors by the Department or by the Governor-in-Council, and have they been paid in full and at what date, and to whom?"

Answer—After the receipt of the report from the engineer on the claims of Joseph McVey & Son for extras in connection with the contract on the Reversible Falls bridge, St. John, the Department instituted an examination of the account, and after careful inquiry and investigation reached the conclusion that in view of changes, errors and delays which had occurred without fault on the part of the contractors, they were entitled to an increase in the amount suggested by the engineer, and that the amount which should be allowed was \$10,200.

Has an Automobile.

Hon. Dr. Landry, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry:

1. Is there an automobile supplied or kept up for the Superintendent of the Jordan Sanatorium?

Answer—There is an automobile kept up for the Superintendent of the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium. The arrangements are that Dr. Townsend bought this new machine last year at his own expense, the commissioners agreeing that they would pay for the upkeep of the same. A fee is charged for the carrying of the patients to and from the institution, which is turned into the receipts from the institution.

2. If there is not, how is the expense in connection with an automobile of \$78.50, as set forth on page 84 of the Public Accounts, accounted for?

Answered by answer to question 1.

Hon. Dr. Landry, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry:

1. Who are the members of the Provincial Board of Health?

Answer—Dr. E. O. Steeves, Dr. L. N. Curran, Dr. Sprague, Dr. Mullin, F. S. Walker, D. Mullin, K. C., and J. B. Daggett.

2. Did they hold a meeting in St. John on 30th November, 1915, and was Mr. J. B. Daggett, Secretary for Agriculture, present at that meeting?

Answer—Yes.

Mr. Daggett's Expenses.

3. Did Mr. Daggett, Secretary for Agriculture, put in any bill for expenses for attending the said meeting through the Department of Agriculture, and if so, what was the amount and the date of the said bill and when was a cheque issued and countersigned by the Auditor General in payment?

Answer—No, Mr. Daggett did not put in any bill for attending this meeting.

4. Was there any other account presented by Mr. Daggett through any other official of the Province for expenses for the same trip to St. John, and was there any cheque issued to pay the same and countersigned, or about to be countersigned by the Auditor General, and then cancelled?

Answer—No account was presented by Mr. Daggett, but Dr. Mullin, secretary of the Board of Health, included Mr. Daggett's expenses together with all other members of the board in the expense account of the meeting.

5. What reason did the Auditor General give or did he give any reason to anyone for not paying this expense account to Mr. Daggett?

Answer—The answer given by the Auditor General was that Mr. Daggett, who was in St. John on this day on departmental business, had been paid in his regular expense account for the month the amount of \$3.50.

6. Was there any letter or requisition in connection with the matter, and what was the number of the cancelled cheque?

Answer—There was a requisition rendered by Dr. Mullin, Secretary of the Board of Health, as stated above, and the cheque was written number 55614, but before the cheque was entered the item was detected by the Auditor General and the cheque number 55614 was cancelled and not countersigned.

7. How did the Auditor General word his short letter declining to pay Mr. Daggett's expense account for the Board of Health meeting?

Answer—The Auditor General wrote a letter to Dr. Mullin, Secretary of the Board of Health, to the effect that Mr. Daggett had already been paid, in the way above indicated. This letter has disappeared from Dr. Mullin's office, and there was no copy taken by the Auditor General.

Mr. Daggett's Trip to London.

Hon. Dr. Landry, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry:

1. To what branches of the Department of Agriculture were the expenses of J. B. Daggett's trip to London apportioned?

Answer—Mr. Daggett's expenses to London were charged to the Immigration appropriation.

2. Is the "Miscellaneous expenditure December, 1914, \$55.94" as noted in the Auditor's report, page 82, a part of the expenses of his London trip?

Answer—The amount \$55.94 is not a part of the expenses of Mr. Daggett's London trip, but is the expenses of the London office only. Mr. Daggett's expenses from Fredericton to London and return, and for the time he was in charge of the London Office, totalling eight weeks, amounted to \$123.45.

3. Did not Mr. Daggett go to England at that time in charge of the

patriotic potatoes, and would not his expenses be therefore chargeable to that account?

Answer—Mr. Daggett went to England in charge of the patriotic contribution of the same. On account of Mr. A. Bowdler's death, Mr. Daggett was instructed to take over the London Office until further advised. Therefore his expenses, amounting to \$123.45, are properly chargeable to immigration.

4. Are any of the expenses of this trip included in the sum of \$545.04, "J. B. Daggett's travel expenses," as set forth on page 49 of the Public Accounts? If so, how much?

Answer—No item of the expenses of Mr. Daggett's London trip is included in the sum of \$545.04, "travel expenses," as set forth on page 49 of the public accounts, nor in any other account. \$123.45 is the whole bill.

Hon. Mr. Murray, in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry in the House on Thursday:

1. Has Hon. A. R. McClellan any mortgage upon any farm property purchased by the Farm Settlement Board in Albert county?

Answer—Hon. A. R. McClellan has no mortgage upon any farm or property purchased by the Farm Settlement Board in Albert county.

2. Did he have any at the time of purchase?

Answer—No.

3. If so, how was the matter arranged?

Answered by answers to questions 1 and 2.

The Valley Railway.

Hon. Dr. Landry, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry:

1. Does the Government not place certain funds to the credit or at the disposal of the St. John & Quebec Railway Co. for the purposes of making payments on railway account?

Answer—The Government does not place funds at the disposal of the Railway Company at present.

2. If so, what sums have been paid over or placed to the credit of the company, and at what dates?

Answer—The following amounts have been placed of the credit of the Company on the dates specified:

1915 October 5th	\$20,000
October 19th	20,000
October 30th	40,000
November 11th	20,000
December 10th	20,000
December 30th	65,000
1916 January 21st	90,000
January 29th	30,000

3. How are these amounts paid out by the Railway Company? Who signs and countersigns the cheques?

Answer—By the commissioner appointed to settle claims against the Railway Company and its contractors, with cheques signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of the Railway Company.

4. Has the Government no knowledge or no means of obtaining the knowledge that Irving Todd, former President of the Railway Company, was paid over \$400 for his services when it gave the following answer to an inquiry made in this house March 25th by Mr. Pelletier (Mr. Irving Todd was President from September 8, 1915, to December 31st, 1915, he did not receive any salary)?

Answer—See answer to question 4 of inquiry of March 25th by Mr. Pelletier:

"No member of the Company draws salary for services; the fees for attending meetings are \$20 per day and expenses."

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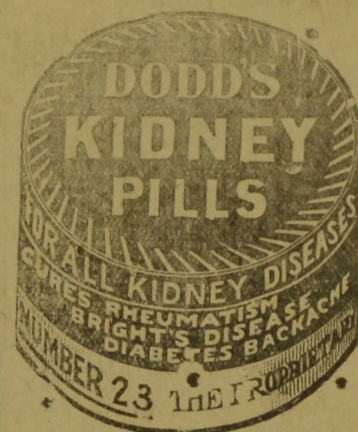
MORE ABOUT THE PATRIOTIC POTATOES

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refunded by those who were connected with the potato business. The accounts prove the truth of the opposition charge, but the question is: Is the whole truth out? Are there not other disclosures to follow?

This habit of "refunds" seems to be growing, thanks to the efforts of the opposition. A York county ferryman George P. Olts, followed the example of J. B. M. Baxter, who found it wise to pay back \$500 to the St. John & Quebec Railway Company. Then there was another refund from The Gleaner noted in the auditor's report, and now comes B. Frank Smith.

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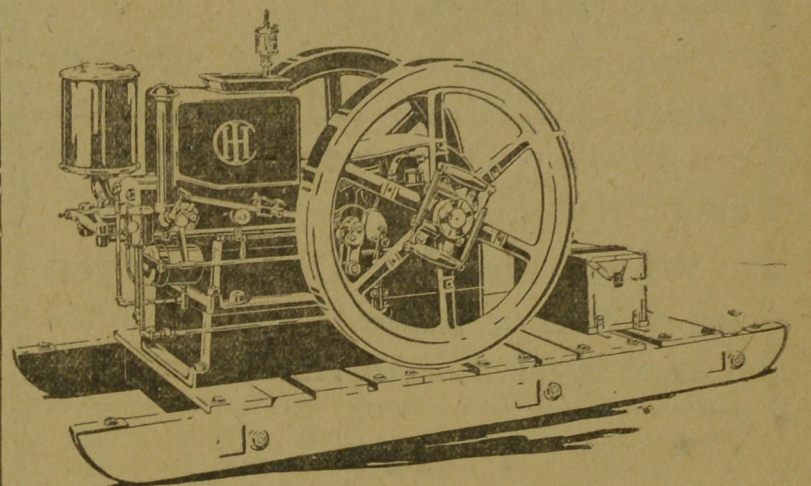
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