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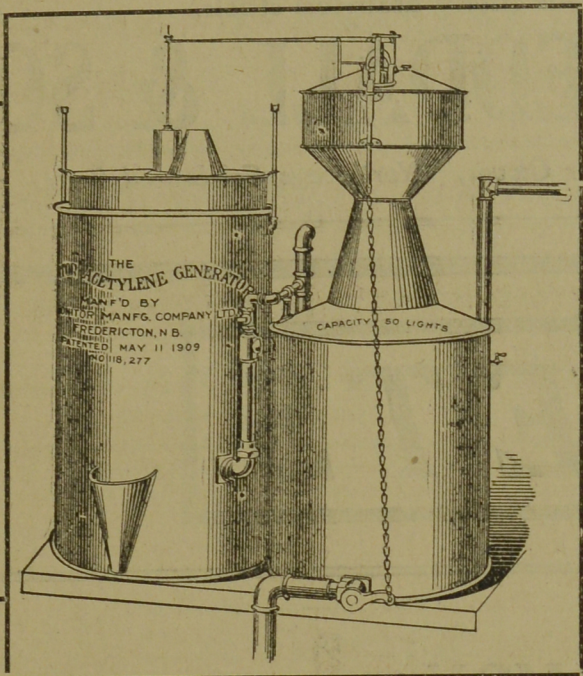
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THE VALLEY RAILWAY BILL

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two millions of money and they would not get one cent out of the railway until the province was safely provided for. The precautions which the government had taken should be good enough to satisfy anybody. First, they required payment of interest during construction; then a deposit of \$3,000 a mile to provide for it with an additional ten thousand dollars a mile for purposes of construction. This showed that the government had faith in the railway as an earning proposition.

He had tried to show how the road could be built, but he asked did anyone think it possible to construct the railway which should not cost the province a cent. The previous governments had built railways some of which were needed and some were not and the province was now carrying large debts for the subsidies granted to those railways upon which interest would have to be paid for all time. If a company came to the government without any guarantee and asked for a subsidy only, was there anybody who would say "Don't give it." The payment of a subsidy only of \$2,500 a mile for this road would mean an annual charge of \$20,000 a year as interest for all time. No one could say that this railway was not wanted. Going up and down the country they saw farms which had been hewn out of the forest by human labor, allowed to go to ruin for want of cultivation because there were no means of transportation

PRESIDENT TAFT

ENTERTAINS EARL GREY

New York, March 21.—President Taft reached here at seven o'clock this morning over the New York Central Railroad from Albany. His car was immediately attached to the express on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, leaving at eight o'clock for New Haven, where the president today will attend a meeting of the Yale corporation. During the hour interval at the station, here, President Taft breakfasted in his car with Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada, and Collector William Loeb, Jr., of the port of New York, his guests on the trip from Albany.

Opportunities do not come with their values stamped upon them.

available for anyone who occupied them. Could there be a more lamentable sight than deserted farms and tenantless farms lying wasted and uncared for? To avoid such results, as this the province should not hesitate to meet the cost.

Hon. Mr. Hazen moved that progress be reported.

The Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Hazen asked leave for the committee to sit again on Monday.

Hon. Mr. Hazen moved that the time for the introduction of private bills be extended to include today.

Mr. Slipp presented the report of the corporations committee.

The House adjourned at 5.50 p. m.

LOCAL TORIES FARED WELL FROM THE PUBLIC TREASURY

Some Interesting Information Gleaned From the Auditor's Report—The Gleaner's Big Scoop—Heroic Game Wardens Well Provided For.

The auditor general's report on the public accounts of the province for 1909 contains much information of interest to the public, especially to those familiar with the promises and pretensions made by Conservative candidates and stump orators before the accession to power of the Hazen government. The ordinary revenue of the province last year amounted to the respectable sum of \$1,259,826.89, an increase of \$173,088.55 over the previous year. The ordinary expenditure was \$1,255,381.92, leaving a balance of only \$4,444.97 to the credit of the account. The expenditure chargeable to capital account was as follows: Permanent bridges, \$186,102.16; International Railway subsidy, \$75,000.00; Wharves and grain elevators, St. John, \$2,500; N. B. Coal and Railway repairs, \$26,583.01. Total, \$290,185.17, making a grand total of \$1,545,567.09.

When the old government was in power, we used to hear a great deal of criticism from the Opposition benches in regard to the item of travelling expenses of the members of the executive. One would almost have inferred from the remarks of the hon. gentlemen opposed to the administration that it was right and proper that members of the government should pay their own travelling expenses, and that if a change should ever come this policy would surely be carried out. It has not been, however, by the Hazen regime, as the following items from page 35 of the auditor general's report, attests:

Hon. J. D. Hazen, travelling expenses,	\$575.00
Hon. J. K. Flemming, travelling expenses,	436.50
Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, travelling expenses,	580.00
Hon. John Morrissey, travelling expenses,	890.00
Hon. H. F. McLeod, travelling expenses,	590.00
Hon. Robert Maxwell, travelling expenses,	135.00

Total,

The members of the executive also came in for something in their capacity as commissioners of the Provincial Hospital, as the following will show:

Hon. H. F. McLeod, 17 days' travelling expenses, making collections from the municipalities at \$5 per day \$85; attendance meetings, \$24; do, \$24, do, \$24	\$157.00
Hon. J. D. Hazen, attendance meetings, \$24, \$24, \$24	\$72.00
Hon. J. K. Flemming, attendance meetings, \$24; \$24; travelling expenses re amounts due by municipalities, \$55; traveling expenses two trips to Bathurst, \$55; investigation, Gloucester Liquor License funds, \$60	\$222.00
Hon. John Morrissey, attendance meetings, \$24, \$24, \$24	\$72.00
Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, attendance meetings, \$24, \$24	\$72.00
Hon. D. V. Landry, attendance meetings, \$24, \$24, \$24	\$72.00
Hon. Robert Maxwell, attendance meetings, \$24, \$24, \$24	\$72.00

Total,

This brings the grand total paid the members of the executive for travelling expenses and attendance at meetings of the provincial hospital up to \$3,943.50. It might be well to note here that, while the solicitor general appears to have spent seventeen days travelling about the province "in re amounts due by municipalities" to the hospital he was not successful in reducing them to any great extent, as on October 31st last (there was still owing the sum of \$17,267.46. Besides the very respectable sum of \$747 which the solicitor general drew from the public treasury for travelling expenses, etc., during the year, we find that he was allowed \$105.14 for office contingencies, making a grand total of \$852.14. No wonder the relations between Mr. Pinder and Mr. Slipp on the one hand, and the solicitor general on the other, are strained almost to the breaking point.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

When Mr. Hazen and his colleagues were in opposition they were constantly harping on the cost of government printing. They declared that it was wrong in principle to allow friendly newspapers to do the work without tender, and that the prices charged were in most cases beyond what the work was really worth. On one occasion when the government asked the legislature for an appropriation of \$12,000 for public printing, Mr. Hazen, the leader of the opposition, promptly rose in his place and moved an amendment that the amount be reduced to \$8,000. Last session Mr. Hazen's government secured an appropriation of \$11,300 for

printing, and the auditor general's report shows that they expended close on to \$14,000. This case is cited to show the difference between Tory preaching and Tory practice.

THE UNLIMITED GLEANER.

The Gleaner newspaper of this city or in the language of the auditor general's report, "The Gleaner, Limited," seems to have bagged the lion's share of public printing, and made a new high record for this province. Of the original appropriation of \$11,300, The Gleaner absorbed \$6,075.27 in one scoop, and scattered throughout the report are other payments which bring the total up to the respectable sum of \$8,096.55. The Tory organ was paid \$1,618.50 for printing eight thousand copies of the 1908 agricultural report, and for printing ten thousand copies of the agricultural commissioner's report, it was paid \$1,727.50. For toadying to Premier Hazen and singing the praises of his government, The Gleaner raked in from the provincial treasury the sum of \$27 per day, for every working day in the year. In the language of the street, "that's going some." As a pap fed organ The Gleaner easily stands at the head of the class.

MR. HUBBARD'S BIG SCOOP.

Mr. W. W. Hubbard, formerly Tory organizer and now holding the office of secretary of agriculture, seems to have fared very well from the public treasury during the past year. He bobs up in the auditor's report in so many capacities that it is a trifle difficult to find out just where he got off at. For reporting and publishing the debates of the legislature, he received \$1,973.33; for four months services as secretary of agriculture, he received \$500; his travelling expenses as such, amounted to \$68.70; in addition to \$19.60 for visiting illustrated orchards. He was paid \$46.70 for travelling expenses in connection with institute meetings and \$42.80 for a trip to Montreal, "re Canadian National Bureau stallions." In addition to this we find that Mr. Hubbard drew \$846 salary as secretary of the agricultural commission, and \$389.19 for expenses. To recapitulate it may be said that Mr. Hubbard's services to the cause of agriculture for twelve months cost the province the respectable sum of \$3,886.32. What do the honest farmers of York county think of it anyway?

SCHOOL BOOK HUMBAG.

The local government is now in the school book business and has succeeded in making it a medium for the dispensation of considerable patronage to their followers. An account of the expenditure on page 112 of the auditor general's report shows that our old friend, Mr. A. Duncan Thomas, who is described as a clerk, was paid \$233.00 for four months of his valuable time, which is at the rate of \$700 per annum. Mr. Joshua Chappell labored two days at packing books and was paid \$3, and R. Chappell for 12½ days of some kind of work received \$15.63. Packing cases seem to have gone up in price since the advent of the Hazen government to power, and for school book purposes it was found necessary to purchase 794 from one J. D. Blair of St. Marys, at a cost of \$79.40. It is evident that city merchants have some other way of disposing of empty packing cases, as the government was only able to purchase from them \$9.86 worth. The largest payment made for school books was \$5,047 to W. J. Gage & Co. The Kinleath Paper Co., a subsidiary concern, was paid the sum of \$2,294.64 for scribbles, and \$1,555.12 was paid to McMillan & Co., for geometries. For cartage, the sum of \$72.64 was paid to Kenneth Green of this city.

GAME PROTECTION.

The Tory heroes, who protected the game and forests of the province last year did not forget to draw pay for their services, and they managed to run the account up to the very respectable sum of \$36,815.19. For District No. 3, which comprises the counties of Sunbury, Queens, York and St. John, the amount paid out for this service was \$5,929.50. The list of beneficiaries included John Hurley of Stanley, who toiled 260 days and was paid \$520; J. A. McNabb of Covered Bridge, who went Mr. Hurley six days better and was paid \$566, and George Stack, of Manners-Sutton, who scoured the woods for 120 days and only received \$180 for it. Why this last named warden, who has had considerable experience, should be paid at the rate of \$1.50 a day, while the others received \$2 does not appear. In going over the list we find that Coun. John F. Timmins of Queensbury, served his king and country for 107 long days in the ca-

JUDGE ORR VERY MUCH EMBARRASSED

His Honor Blushed When Asked to Inspect Fine Points of Corset.

Pittsburg, March 21.—Judge Charles P. Orr had a bad half hour in the United States Court the other day. His Honor is known as a most modest man.

In a case where the patent right on a corset had been attacked, the complainant company's attorneys brought six shapely young women into court as models. Judge Orr began to shift uneasily in his chair. But the attorneys were merciless.

One of the most shapely of the girls was chosen to show just how snugly the corset fitted.

"Will the court notice the manner in which this corset fits about the hips," shouted the attorney, stepping back and rubbing his hands in ecstasy.

The court turned a fiery red and coughed to hide his embarrassment. "And will the court take notice to these lines which are in dispute," continued the attorney blandly, while the audience became almost cross-eyed trying to hold one eye on the embarrassed judge, yet lose nothing of the demonstration.

"Mercy," said the learned justice after all was over. He mopped his face with his handkerchief. "The weather seems so oppressive," he added by way of explanation.

COFFEE KEPT THE FOWLS AWAKE

Cedar Grove, N. J., March 21.—Max Reismann was compelled to visit his big hen house fully fifteen times Thursday night between sunset and sunup and administer doses of moral suasion to a flock of wild cackling hens and wild crowing roosters. Not a roost was occupied, not one head was tucked under a sheltering wing, not a bird slept all night long. Neither did Max. Neither the neighbors. All the hens were good Plymouth Rocks, White Leghorns, and Max saw no reason why they should celebrate the arrival of St. Patrick with insomnia and nightmare combined. He questioned his wife and the truth came out. Unthinkingly, she had poured the coffee grounds into the henyard the afternoon before and the hens, eating, had been stimulated unduly. All sleep left them. They discussed their parts and prophesied war with Japan.

capacity of game warden, and was paid \$204. Coun. Timmins was an applicant for a government job in Fredericton and being turned down, he was made a game warden as a kind of sop. He spent more time last year trying to convince the electors of his parish that the Hazen Highway Act was the real thing than he did in protecting the game. S. Orr of Canterbury, was paid \$534 for 267 days' work, and G. A. Farrell of North Lake, succeeded in getting in 56 days for \$112.

It cost the Hazen government quite a respectable sum to fight forest fires last year but the report does not in all cases show who received the money. The pay list for the Burpee Mill Stream fire amounted to \$171, and \$70.65 additional was paid out for supplies. The pay list for a fire at Douglas was \$53.05; fire at Charlie Lake cost \$47.25; one at Upper Keswick \$44.; one in St. Marys parish, \$98.51, and one at Green Lake, \$97.60. The pay list for a fire near Cork Settlement in Sept., 1908, was \$197.25.

The names of two well-known Tory patriots of Fredericton, R. B. Hanson and P. A. Guthrie, figure in the "legal expenses" incurred by the government on account of game protection the former to the extent of \$82.10, and the latter for \$20. Mr. Hanson was also paid \$35 for conducting criminal prosecutions.

Mr. Fred St. John Bliss, of this city, who in the old days was wont to proclaim from nearly every school house in this county, that "the history of the Conservative party was the history of Canada," seems to have been used fairly well by the Hazen government. He was paid the sum of \$200 for preparing amendments to the game act, and \$125 for "services re highway act." The last named item probably has some connection with the series of voluminous letters defining the highway act, which Mr. Bliss addressed to Mr. Thomas Robison, M. P. P., through the Tory press a few months ago.

Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P. P., is generally reputed to be the owner of a saw mill at Temperance Vale, but it seems that when the government requires lumber for bridges in the neighborhood they purchase it from his son, Mr. George Pinder. We find that in the case of the Pinder Mill bridge, Mr. Pinder was paid \$9.60 for lumber; for the Smith Macnaquac bridge he was paid \$36.60 for lumber and labor; for the Pickard bridge, \$24.86 for lumber; for Clark's bridge \$38.79 for lumber and labor; for the Fawcett bridge, \$28.20 for lumber; for the Fox bridge, \$28 for lumber, making a total of \$166.05. Of course nobody would think of connecting Mr. Pinder's name with such a base term as "grafter."

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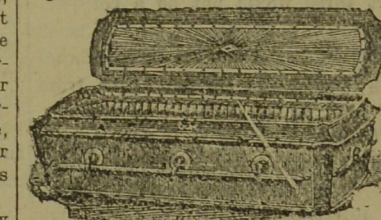
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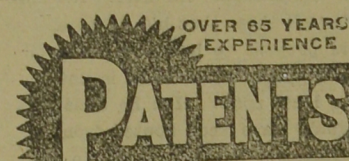
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