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### THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Tory politicians from Premier Flemming down to Mr. Walter Burnham Dickson are constantly singing the praises of the wonderful audit act passed by the present local administration. They say in effect that because of this great safeguard wrong doing on the part of a member of the government or an official is impossible; the auditor general is absolutely independent, and no account can be paid without it first has his approval. Now if this act is such a perfect piece of legislation how comes it that the members of the government themselves are able to grossly violate its provisions. It will be remembered that when the act was under consideration in the House the present Premier and others declared that it was intended to prevent the expenditure of public money not authorized by the Legislature. They asserted, moreover that it was intended to clothe the Auditor General with power to prevent the payment of accounts which he did not deem proper.

Now what do the records show? They have shown that in 1909 about \$108,000 was expended without legislative authority on the order of the treasury board, while the Auditor General stood by helpless. They have shown that during the same year a string of spindle legged Kentucky race horses imported for the encouragement of agriculture, were driven right through the act, and one old skate among the number was subsequently turned around and driven back again. They have shown that in 1910 and 1911 the expenditures of money not voted by the legislature were even greater than they were in 1909 and again the outlays were made over the head of the Auditor General. They have shown that amounts which the Auditor General declared to be "exorbitant" were cheerfully paid by the government and the official who was to stop all manipulation of public monies could do nothing. They have shown that work has been done without any authority whatever from the Department of Public Works and that the bills for this unauthorized work were paid for out of the public treasury despite the protest of the Auditor General.

Does any man outside of a lunatic asylum supposed that the unauthorized outlay of over \$300,000 of public money in three years was necessitated by "emergencies"? Does any sane man call independent an official over whose head the expenditure of public money is ordered and made by the government? Does any sane man suppose that the Auditor General possesses any real power whatever, to curb the desires of the ministers in respect to the spending of money?

The records prove how farcial is the position of the Auditor General under the much vaunted audit act so far as controlling the spending of money is concerned. He is absolutely helpless so far as safeguarding the treasury against the encroachments by "various persons" and that is precisely what the government intended him to be when they framed the Audit Act.

The Tory papers have been telling us during the past few days of certain great public works which are shortly to be undertaken in this section. We are to have a new post office, a new drill hall, a new wharf, and extensive improvements are to be made to the military property. The fact that there is a local election in sight may or may not have some connection with these announcements. The Tories have been in power now seven months and thus far the only public work begun in this section is the erection of a new dwelling house for Jim Paul on the St. Mary's Indian Reserve. The Mail is willing to give Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., full credit for this achievement. It is an act of constructive statesmanship in every way worthy of the man. We trust that he will not rest upon his oars until his other promises are fulfilled.

The highway road between this city and Springhill is a positive disgrace to any civilized country. It is full of holes and ruts and the man who drives over it at night takes his life in his own hands. We are told that the Flemming road policy has been a success but it is extremely difficult to find the evidence to support such a statement. The highway between Fredericton and Springhill is one of the most important in the county, and with it such a shining example of incompetence and neglect what must the others be like?

The first sod of the Valley Railway is to be turned at Woodstock on Wednesday, and the Tories of Carleton County have taken advantage of the opportunity to hold a convention on the same day. It would never do for the Heaven born statesmen composing the Flemming government to let slip an opportunity to make a little cheap political capital for themselves. To them the interests of the Tory party are of far greater importance than the interests of the country.

The Tories discovered that Mr. John McMulkin was too old for the position of factory inspector and accordingly they legislated him out of office. The same party recently made the discovery that Mr. Samuel Leonard Tilley Peters of Queens, who was going about the country telling people how to farm when Noah was a child, only held one government job, and so they gave him another.

When Premier Borden formed his government he decided that the English-speaking Protestants of Quebec were not entitled to a portfolio, although their claims had been recognized by every previous administration since confederation. In the local election on Wednesday last the Liberals made a clean sweep of the eastern townships.

The position of jailer has been vacant now for a month, but Sheriff Howe seems to be in no hurry to make an appointment. Probably if the Tory patronage dispensers would mind their own business and leave the sheriff to himself, the vacancy would be filled.

The announcement is made in the Tory press that Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, is to make an inspection trip to the west. Hon. Mr. Cochrane is a splendid vote getter for the Liberals and they will wish him bon voyage.

When the Liberals were in power our worthy friend Dr. Morehouse was constantly complaining about the condition of the roads. The Tories are now in power, the roads are worse than ever, the worthy doctor is an M. P., and yet he is silent.

The Hon. Bob Maxwell, who rode into the Legislature on the temperance horse announces his retirement from public life. He probably feels that the cause of temperance is safe in the hands of his colleague, Hon. Harry F. McLeod.

Our old friend Mr. Pinder, M. P., should get wise to the deep plot now on foot to retire him from public life. The train is being laid and Guy Fawkes will be on hand with the goods when the proper time arrives.

When a fossilized old Tory like Mr. W. Franklin Hatheway, M. P., gets sore on the Flemming government and announces his retirement from politics it must be a pretty rank outfit.

The efforts of the Tory newspapers to explain away the landslide in Quebec are laughable in the extreme. They even admit that Premier Gouin has given the province good government.

The bonds of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, endorsed by Hon. Harry F. McLeod, provincial secretary, do not seem to be in very great demand among British capitalists at the present time.

If the Liberals of New Brunswick stand shoulder to shoulder at the next election they can knock Premier Flemming and his government out in the first round.

The Nationalist members of the Borden cabinet do not appear to cut much ice with the electors in Quebec. As vote getters they are dead ducks.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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Thanking you Mr. Editor, and trusting that the citizens generally will understand our position in the matter,

I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
CHAS. K. PALMER,  
President, John Palmer Co. Ltd.

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### "THE DOCTOR'S PRIVATE SECRETARY"

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This beautiful production will be given for 2 nights only May 30 and 31 at the Opera House. There will positively be no matinee on Saturday afternoon as several of the clerks cannot get away from business. Exchange tickets can be purchased from those taking part in performance also Tennis Club to be exchanged at Ryan's Drug Store. Box office opens Tuesday, May 28. Box office opens Wednesday, 29th. Reserved seats 50 cents, last three rows in balcony 35 cents.

The Rev. and Mrs. Menzies Love and Miss Drayton of Riverside, are at the Queen.

Mr. R. W. Whittlesey of New York, is in the city.

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