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THE BRIDGE JOB

It was recently pointed out in these columns that the enormous sum of \$64,227, paid to the Foundation Company Limited, by the provincial government for rebuilding a pier of the Fredericton-St. Mary's highway bridge, exceeded the estimate by nearly \$15,000. This was shown by an interview given out by the president of the company (concerning whom the department has no knowledge) on the 10th day of October last. That the minister of public works did not expect the estimate to be increased is shown by the following extract from an order-in-council, which was signed on the very day that President Remington (concerning whom the department has no knowledge) visited the city to inspect the work:

"The minister of public works further reports that the expenditure necessary in restoring the position of the Fredericton bridge, carried away by the freshet of April last will WHEN FINALLY COMPLETED, AMOUNT TO A SUM ESTIMATED AT \$50,000, such work and expenditure being entirely unforeseen and not provided for by legislation, this work being of a character that in the public interest the work of rebuilding must be proceeded with without delay."

The order goes on to say that in view of the minister's statement, the acting provincial secretary (Flemming) be authorized to arrange for payment until the necessary legislation authorizing the expenditure can be procured. As pier alone cost \$15,000 in excess of the estimates, it is presumed that a second order-in-council was passed to enable the acting provincial secretary to pay the Foundation Company in full.

Now the public would like to know how it was that within a few weeks of the completion of the work, the president of the company and the minister of public works should be \$15,000 astray in their estimate as to what the job would actually cost. What happened in that few weeks to boost the cost of the work by \$15,000? Surely the minister of public works, who was at that time enjoying the reputation in certain quarters of being the "only honest man in the government," should be in a position to explain this master satisfactorily.

There is no question about it, the sum of \$64,227 is an enormous price to pay for a granite bridge-pier for the Fredericton bridge. There are thirteen granite piers and abutments in this structure and our information is that the aggregate cost of the lot did not exceed \$125,000 or about double the amount which the Foundation Company was paid for rebuilding the draw-pier. Had this philanthropic concern been employed to build all the piers on the same basis that they built the draw-pier, the cost of the substructure would have reached the stupendous sum of \$834,422 and the companies commission would have amounted to \$125,033. As a businesslike organization the Flemming government is one of the greatest wonders of the age.

JUGGLING THE FINANCES

As Hon. Dr. Landry has only held the office of Provincial Secretary Treasurer for two months it might not be fair to charge him with all the juggling that was practised this year in connection with the budget. While as head of the department he is primarily responsible for it, there is no doubt that he received valuable assistance from that eminent juggler and master of frenzied finance Hon. J.K. Flemming. In the course of his budget speech Hon. Dr. Landry is reported to have said:

"In the estimated expenditure the amount put down for agriculture was \$47,700, SOMEWHAT MORE THAN THE AMOUNT VOTED LAST YEAR"

Upon referring to the estimates of last year, as laid before the House by the then Provincial Secretary, Hon. H. F. McLeod "by command of His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor," we find the following item:

How to Detect the Alum Baking Powder

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AGRICULTURE \$60,000

And furthermore to show that figures do not lie in this case, at least, we find Hon. Mr. McLeod in his budget speech boasting of the increased appropriation for agriculture as follows:

"Notwithstanding the fact that the province expected to receive \$48,000 from the Federal government for agriculture they did not propose to stint their own estimate for the development of this industry, which was the backbone of the country, and he was PLEASED TO SAY THAT \$60,000 HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE ESTIMATES FOR AGRICULTURE FOR THIS YEAR."

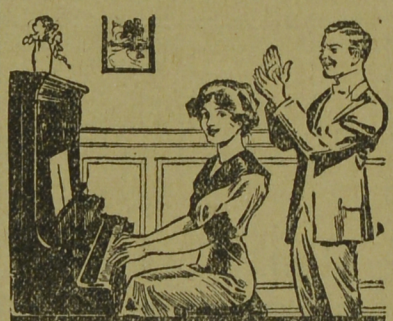
Now in the face of this record in black and white, Hon. Dr. Landry states from his place in the House that this year's appropriation for agriculture amounting to \$47,700 is "somewhat more than the amount voted last year." The most charitable construction that can be placed on Dr. Landry's remarkable statement is that he did not know what he was talking about, yet he was put up to give an exposition of provincial finances. If he did know what he was talking about, then he is guilty of a deliberate attempt to hoodwink the Legislature and the public. Which ever horn of the dilemma he may choose to accept his position is not one to be envied.

Transcript:—The storm clouds are gathering at Fredericton. In its exceeding strength, developed the Flemming government's weakness. In the very absence of an organized opposition over which it glories, the lack of the very constitutional incentive to prudence, which might have been the government's very salvation from impending certain shipwreck.

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LATE CHARLES MCPHERSON

Charles McPherson passed away Saturday night at the home of his son-in-law J. F. VanBuskirk, York Street. He was seventy-seven years of age and is survived by one daughter Mrs. J. F. VanBuskirk of this city. The funeral took place this afternoon, Rev. Neil McLauchlan conducting the service. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

Who is going to get the vacant fore-castle berth in the Flemming government. The list of applicants is said to include nearly every private member of the Legislature. How about Mr. Pinder's claims?

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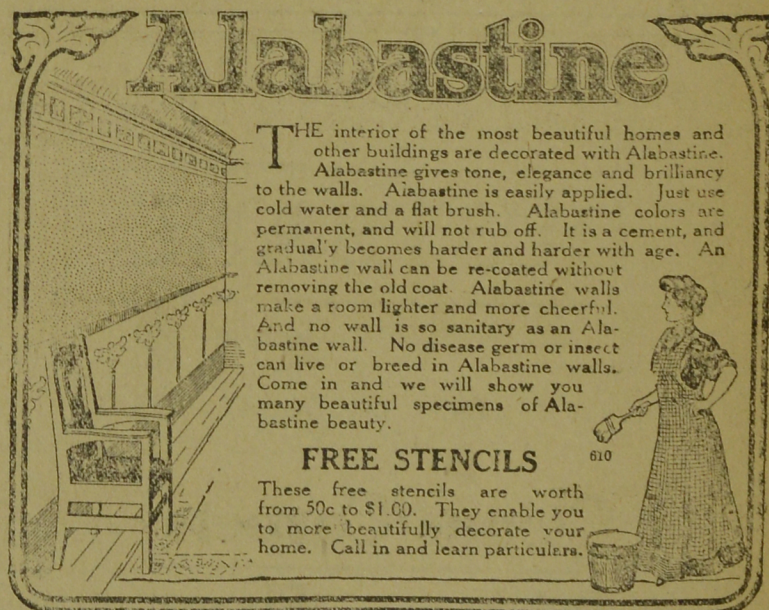
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