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FOUNDATION COMPANY HAS JOB IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, April 3—Political jobbery means the waste of public money. When the people of Canada come to a full realization that it is their money which is so wasted there will be an end of political jobbery. Unfortunately that full realization has not yet come; if it were not so the recent piece of political jobbery which has cost the people of Canada a half a million dollars in connection with the construction of the new customs warehouse in Ottawa under Hon. Robert Rogers' administration of the department of public works could not have occurred.

More than a year ago the construction of the warehouse was undertaken. Men were put at work to excavate for the foundation. Directing them was R. S. Lowe, a man of long experience in construction work and with a record of efficient service on public and private contracts. But politics soon began to play a part in the affair. A. E. Tripp, one of the federal members for Ottawa, insisted upon the employment of men who were among his partisan supporters. Numbers of these men were incompetent and worthless as laborers. Mr. Lowe protested against being compelled to employ them. But the work of the Conservative patronage dispenser had to be obeyed no matter what the cost to the country. Eventually, Mr. Lowe, who chanced to be a Liberal, was forced from his position. For a time other men were placed in charge but before long another change was made.

This time Mr. Rogers handed the job over to the Foundation Company of Montreal, an American organization. Though hundreds of thousands of dollars were involved he didn't bother to ask for tenders and then award the contract to the lowest tenderers. He simply gave one particular company a chance to make a fine fat profit from the public treasury.

Mr. Rogers didn't even trouble to make the company name a price for the job. Instead he entered into an arrangement under which the work is done on "force account." The beauty of this arrangement—from the company's point of view at all events—is more clearly seen when it is realized just what is meant by "force account." When "force account" is the system followed in any construction work, the man or company having the job in hand is paid the cost of the undertaking plus a fixed percentage of that cost. No special keenness of mind is required to see that, under such a plan, the more the job costs the bigger the profits of the contractor. Every extra dollar spent for supplies means extra profit; every extra dollar spent through the employment of men means extra profit. It is a fine method for the contractor but not always so fine for the people who have to pay the cost plus the contractor's profit.

In this particular case the Foundation Company's profit is twelve and a half per cent. Already, according to Mr. Rogers' statement in the Commons a few days ago, a half million dollars of public money has been spent and the foundations are not yet completed. The Foundation Company which was given the job without tender, goes on drawing its fine fat percentage of profit.

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WELL MERITED PRAISE FOR OPPOSITION MEMBERS

(Moncton Transcript.) Do the English-speaking people of New Brunswick who are opposed to the extravagance of the Flemming government, who wish to see the provincial credit unimpaired and the public monies expended to the greatest general advantage, realize the debt of gratitude they owe today to Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier, the two members representing Madawaska county in the provincial legislature. Mr. Dugal, though only able to speak a little English, has nevertheless, managed by a series of questions put to the government, to bring to light some very pertinent and startling facts, which latter the English-speaking people can readily understand and condemn. Though their party was overwhelmingly defeated, and these two representatives from Madawaska alone represent the cause of good government, yet, unable as they were to address the legislature at length in the language of the majority, they nevertheless have stood loyally and firmly by the principles they espoused at the polls. In their fidelity to their principles they have set an example which English-speaking electors throughout the province might well imitate. In the history of parliamentary government in the Dominion of Canada there are few instances, which under all the circumstances, are so admirable as that of the unflinching stand taken by these two members at Fredericton. The Transcript believes it voices the unanimous sentiment of the Liberal party in the City of Moncton and County of Westmorland in expressing this commendation of Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier.

Two Doctors Said He Had Consumption.

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A CONSERVATIVE PAPER HAMMERS THE GOVERNMENT

(Chatham World Cor.) Hon. John Morrissey stood up in his place in the House, and, in reply to a question of which he had two day's notice, declared that he did not know who was the manager of Concrete Constructions, Ltd., a concern to which he had paid \$24000 of public money. One of the members went up to his office, secured the contract, and found that it was signed as follows: CONCRETE CONSTRUCTIONS, LTD. Per E.C. Colby, Contractor, Managing Director. (Witness) H. M. BLAIR. (Witness) JOHN MORRISSEY, Minister of Public Works. (Witness) A.R. WETMORE.

Mr. Morrissey denied any knowledge of the manager. He claims not to know who shared the big profits of the job with his friend Colby, but

does anybody believe him? Somebody nearer and dearer to him than Mr. Colby is supposed to have got the lion's share.

Mr. Colby was allowed to run up bills for trips to Ottawa and back, for boy's at men's wages, for full time when the weather was not fit for painting, etc., and was allowed thirty per cent rake-off for himself and partners on the total bill. When Mr. Colby sent in a bill for \$1000 for wages, transportation, horses, etc., he promptly got a cheque for \$1300. Soft snap for Mr. Colby and partners.

Is it any wonder that, with a contract like this, and the assurance from the head of the department that the inspector would not be allowed to meddle with him, Mr. Colby kept his crew at work when the paint was freezing as fast as it was spread? Is it any wonder that a bill of \$24000 was run up for work that could have been done for \$5000?

The big bills that were rendered by Mr. Morrissey's friend Colby, and on which he got a thirty per cent rake-off, did not include the paint. One of the bridges, for the painting of which Mr. Colby got \$340 plus \$104, was painted by hand for \$45 when the work was previously done, and this, as far as we have ascertained the facts, is an average sample of the discrepancy between what the painting should have cost and what M. Colby and his partners got for the work.

In reply to a question in the house, Mr. Morrissey has confessed that no reply was made to Inspector Shields' reports on the way in which Mr. Colby was violating his contract by painting in wet and freezing weather. The Inspector was ignored, and the contractor kept right on.)

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