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TWO MANY OTTAWA TRIPS

To look over the auditor general's report and note the number of junketing expeditions made to Ottawa by members and officials of the provincial government, one would almost be inclined to think that this province does not today enjoy the blessing of responsible government. Every important question which comes up gives somebody an excuse for making a trip to Ottawa and for these trips the people must pay the bill. The members of the government seem to be constantly "looking to Ottawa" for advice and do not seem to possess any initiative of their own. Our government in New Brunswick, at the present time, is nothing more than a donkey engine to the administration in power at Ottawa and we do not believe that such a condition of affairs is in the best interests of New Brunswick. It would be far better for this province if the best element of both political parties were to unite, get rid of the donkey engine outfit and form a government that would administer the affairs of New Brunswick on sane and business-like lines. The camp followers and political huns now fattening from the public treasury can be got rid of in no other way.

Let us take a glance at the auditor general's report for 1914 and see what amount the province paid for the junketing trips to Ottawa of ministers and officials. Hon. George J. Clarke made four trips to Ottawa and Montreal on various matters at a cost of \$351.80. Mr. J. Kidd Flemming got in one trip on the maritime representation case, the only result of which was a bill for \$105, which the province had to pay. Hon. J. A. Murray and Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M.P.P., each made a trip to Ottawa in connection with Valley Railway bridge matters. They returned with a lot of promises and each had a bill for traveling expenses amounting to \$105. Hon. Mr. Murray got in a second trip for which he charged the province \$37.38. Mr. George B. Jones, M.P.P., for Kings, evidently accompanied Hon. Mr. Murray and divided on expenses as his bill was also \$37.38. Hon. John Morrissey made a trip to Ottawa on account of the Newcastle bridge, which cost the province \$75. Mr. H. M. Blair, the secretary of the department of public works, also found it necessary to visit the dominion capital and the province paid his expenses, amounting to \$68.15. The chief engineer of the department, Mr. A. R. Wetmore, also went along and his trip cost the province, \$68.75. Mr. P. A. Guthrie, M. P. P., performed some legal services in connection with the Newcastle bridge and incidentally made a trip to Ottawa. His bill was \$500 and the province paid it.

It is about time that a halt was called on junketing trips to Ottawa. These trips are productive of more results and are altogether too expensive. The public funds can be expended to better advantage in other ways.

Our old friend Dr. Mulbin of St. Mary's, in addition to looking after the public health last year, also looked carefully after his own pocket. He bagged \$500 salary as the secretary of the Provincial Board of Health. He worked in telephone room and boils to the tune of \$20.45. The doctor owns an auto but he got in a horse hire bill for \$12. He squandered \$10 for postage with the postmaster at St. Mary's and an equal amount with the Fredericton postmaster. He crossed the bridge and attended two meetings of the Board of Health in Fredericton and charged the province \$25 for the same. He labored hard to keep down a threatened outbreak of scarlet fever in York and got \$20 for so doing. He investigated a typhoid outbreak at Woodstock and charged the province \$42.80 for his services. He went to Minto and investigated a scarlet fever outbreak and a grateful province paid him \$25. He looked into a supposed case of cholera in Westmorland county and it cost the province only \$49.75. He squandered \$3.18 in telegrams and \$1.10 in stationery. The doctor bagged altogether the sum of \$642.55 from the provincial treasury for his services as

secretary to the Provincial Board of Health, yet he squealed like a stuck pig when called upon to pay a share of the big note given to promote purity in the Scott-Guthrie by-election.

The official reporter of the legislature, who is a member of the staff of the local graft organ, seems to have reaped quite a harvest from the Dugal charges last session. For a session of five weeks the reporter is paid \$1600 for reporting and publishing the debates but last session he succeeded in bagging \$2400 and in addition the government paid his telegraph tolls to the amount of \$122.96. It cannot be said that the Dugal charges provoked a lengthy debate. The premier of that day, Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, maintained a discreet silence and as for Mr. Dugal, he was the only opposition member who spoke and his speech having been delivered in French did not entail a very great amount of extra labor on the official reporter. Still, he was able to scoop in \$300 for extra services on account of the Dugal charges. Notwithstanding the great amount of extra labor thrust upon him by Mr. Dugal he was able to find time to sing the praises of the government in many columns of unofficial dope supplied to The Standard, Globe and Gleaner.

When the statement of receipts and expenditures for the province was published in December last, The Mail took occasion to point out that although the debt had greatly increased, the interest charge of \$270,153.70 was \$5000 less than the amount paid in the previous year. The inference which The Mail drew from this was that the financial jugglers of the government had been getting in their work. A statement submitted to the House by Hon. Dr. Landry shows that The Mail was not astray. The doctor's statement showed that interest to the amount of \$281,533.67 had been paid out since the fiscal year closed, making a total of \$501,689.37 for a period of sixteen months. This means that a third of the provincial revenue now goes to pay interest charges and this is the showing made by a government which went into power pledged to economy.

Two young Tory lawyers, Mr. W. H. Harrison, nephew of Senator Thorne, and Mr. J. King Hazen, son of the minister of marine, worked the province for salary increases last year. Mr. Harrison, who reports the proceedings of the Supreme Court, had his salary boosted from \$900 to \$1100. Men of the type of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Judge Carleton and the late Mr. G. W. Allen, K.C., performed this work in the past for \$900 a year but evidently Mr. Harrison places a higher value on his services. Mr. Hazen is reporter for the Chancery Court at St. John and his duties are not very onerous.

"Mr. Easily Satisfied Carter" is the cognomen which the official reporter of the legislature, in his unofficial correspondence to the graft press, applies to Mr. E. S. Carter, the energetic Liberal organizer. The fact that the amount paid last year for reporting the debates of the legislature was the largest in the history of the province makes it clear that the term "Easily satisfied" would be a misnomer if applied to the official reporter.

Lord Kitchener, in his speech in the House of Lords a few days ago, said: "Since I last spoke in parliament the remaining members of the Canadian division have been sent from England to the continent. The high spirited bravery of the Canadian troops has received Field Marshal French's warmest commendation."

When Mr. Pinder gives his political memoirs to the public, as he is expected to do this evening, he should disclose the names of the eminent Tory purists who sold him out during the famous snowstorm by-election in York some years ago and pocketed the money.

The auditor general's report for 1914 shows what the "dash away and spend the money" brigade have had a busy year. The Mail as usual, will shed the white light of publicity on this interesting document.

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COL. FARQUHAR

KILLED IN ACTION

Ottawa, March 21.—Colonel Francis Douglas Farquhar, D.S.O., commander of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and late military secretary to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada, has been killed in action at the front. A cable to the chief of staff of the Canadian militia Department conveyed the news late tonight.

The late Colonel Farquhar came to Ottawa in October, 1913, as military secretary to His Royal Highness, and by his charming courtesy made himself a popular figure in official and social circles in the capital.

On the organization of the Princess Patricia's he was chosen commander. The appointment proving a most popular one. He had a most distinguished career as a soldier and won the distinguished service order in the South African campaign while serving with his regiment, the Coldstream Guards. He married in 1905, Lady Evelyn Hely-Hutchinson, daughter of the Earl of Donoghmore. Lady Farquhar is at present in London.

Colonel Farquhar's death makes the third officer connected with Government House to fall in the present war, the others being Captain Rivers-Bulkeley, Scots Guards, former comptroller of the household, and Captain Newton former A.D.C., who was the first officer of the Princess Patricia's to meet death in action.

The message from the War Office reads:

"Colonel Farquhar, Princess Patricia's, dead. Lt. Mason of same regiment, dead. Three killed, twenty wounded."

The message was communicated to Government House and the royal family was deeply moved on its receipt. The Duke and Duchess cabled a message of condolence to Lady Farquhar and a separate message of sympathy was sent to the regiment by Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia, whose name it bears.

LARGE AUDIENCE HEARD

BAND CONCERT LAST NIGHT

Doors of Opera House Had to be Closed By City Police

The free concert given in the City Opera House last night by the Fredericton Brass Band attracted so many people that the doors had to be closed by the police. Several hundreds of people were turned away. City Treasurer Perkins, as manager of the Opera House, as soon as he heard that people were seething in the aisles, instructed the Chief of Police to admit no more people and Police Sgt. Duncan was stationed at the door. Chairs were provided for as many as could be accommodated immediately in front of the stage.

The audience greatly appreciated the various numbers of vocal and band music hit owing to the laws governing the observance of the Sabbath, no admission could be charged and no collection taken for the band, so that organization made no profit. The interest displayed in the band by the public augurs well for the concert to be given in the Opera House on the night of Tuesday, April 13.

Sunday night's program was as follows:

Sacred Selection by band, introducing Killers' Hymn.
Vocal Solo—O Eyes that are Weary, Miss Eva Brewer.

Vocal Solo—D. Leo Dolan.
Sacred Selection by band—Day of Rest.

Vocal Solo—Abide With Me, Miss Josephine Vradenburg.

Male Quartette—Messrs. McLean, Bailey, Burpee and Staples.

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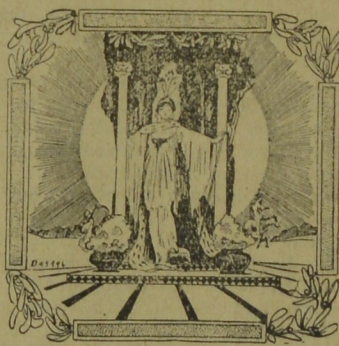
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