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COST OF MAINTAINING PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

It is a common cause of complaint that the cost of living has increased, is increasing and ought to be diminished. Household, and especially the salaried classes and others having small fixed incomes complain that they cannot make ends meet. Hotel keepers also find their old-time profits seriously cut down by the greater cost of what must be provided for the table. One hotel man, on being interviewed by a Toronto newspaper on the subject laid some emphasis on the statement that his guests actually eat considerably more when prices are high. "Vegetables have advanced 50 per cent and meat 25 per cent since we started this hotel seven years ago, and we never made 25 per cent profit on our meals," said another hotel man. And so it goes all along the line among consumers generally.

But in the hospitals and prisons of Ontario the Whitney Government is able to report a very considerable reduction in the cost of maintaining the thousands of inmates of these public institutions. The cost of maintenance, of course, means more than the outlay for food. Clothing and other necessities are included. None the less it is remarkable that in half a dozen of these large public institutions the cost per head of the

inmates was less by 7 1/2 cents per day in 1909 than it was in 1908. This represents the large saving of over \$27 per head for the year, and we are told by the Toronto News has been brought about by the adoption of thorough reform in the methods of administration. Sweeping improvements have been made in the organization of each institution, looking especially to the more careful checking of expenditures.

The accounting for all the institutions is centralized at the Provincial Secretary's Department. No institution is allowed to exceed its appropriation for the year. The bursar and medical superintendent of each prison or hospital sends in a certified requisition for supplies, which must be approved by the Chief Accountant and Inspector. At the end of each quarter a "spread sheet" shows in detail the cost of maintenance per head per day in each institution. In this way one institution is made a check upon another, while waste and extravagance if any is detected and the remedy promptly applied. The patronage list has been eliminated and the supplies are bought by tender from the various merchants and traders irrespective of politics. By these means the cost of maintaining many large prisons,

asylums and hospitals in Ontario has been steadily reduced from year to year in the face of the advancing prices for the very large amount of food products required for consumption.

LIBERAL SUGGESTIONS OF SENATE REFORM.

An Ottawa despatch, announcing the death of Senator Baker, remarks upon the fact that there are now but twenty Conservatives in the Canadian Senate, and that in recent years vacancies are occurring in that body at the average rate of four per annum. So that if the present system of appointing only pronounced supporters of the party in power shall be continued until the next election, the Upper House may be almost wholly made up of one party. Yet the disproportion is not now quite so great as it was in 1886, when the Liberal party came into power. At that date there were but eleven Liberals in the Senate, where now their preponderance is so great. After all, the Liberal party is only doing what their predecessors did in the main. Only once during his long term of power did the late Sir John Macdonald appoint a Liberal to the Senate.

Commenting upon the changed conditions in the Senate, the St. John Telegraph remarks:

"The Liberals have neither 'mended' nor 'ended' the Senate in the sense of the phrase used by some, but they have improved it materially by making better appointments on the average than were made in the old days. There is room for more improvement along this line and the Senate would be more useful to the country at large if the parties were more evenly divided in it, if life tenure were abolished and if the seats were filled by some form of election which would increase the responsibility and representative character of the Chamber.

"Today in Canada there appears to be practically no sentiment in favor of government by a single Chamber, and there is not likely to be much agitation of that sort for some years at least. But while the Senate is not to be 'ended,' there is probably a pretty general impression that it would still be better for considerable 'mending' and that in filling vacancies the voters that be ought not to be bound by any but the broadest considerations. In the Senate, as in the House, the people want good men rather than men who merely have 'claims.' The government fortunately has in these days a very large majority in the Upper Chamber and it can well afford to give attention to fitness in adding to the number."

Not only the St. John Telegraph, but a considerable number of other strongly Liberal journals, are taking a broad view of the necessity for reforming the Senate in such fashion as may enhance its vigor and usefulness, while making it something less partisan than heretofore. But until the British North America Act can be changed the system of life appointments by the party in power must necessarily be continued.

There is some talk about the Canadian navy being under control of the Canadian Parliament. The Canadian militia is subject to parliamentary control. We fail to see why there should be one control for our land defences and another control for our sea defences.

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