

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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WHAT WE PAY AND WHAT WE RECEIVE.

It will be remembered that about a week ago The Patriot printed a statement purporting to be taken from the report of the Auditor General, and purporting to show that this Province had received from the Dominion in 1908 over \$1,200,000. This statement was reproduced in The Guardian.

If this statement had been true, or even approximately true, it would have been a matter of the very first importance, inasmuch as it would show that in some form or other nearly all the federal taxes were repaid to our people.

The Guardian at once challenged the Patriot's statement and we called for particulars of the alleged expenditure on Island account by the Department of the Interior amounting to \$66,730.

The Patriot replied by showing that the greater part of this sum, \$66,300, was paid to Joseph Read & Co for seed grain!

The absurdity of crediting this sum as a payment from the Dominion to the Province is apparent. If the Ottawa Government had bought all the oats grown on the Island it would have had nothing to do with that account. The grain did not belong to the Province, as such; it was the property of private persons, who sold it and got their price, and even they were not especially benefited more than if they had sold it to a private purchaser in Newfoundland or Nova Scotia.

This item of \$66,300 must be struck out of the account as between the Province and the Dominion.

Take another item, \$68,606, charged as Post Office expenditure. It is well known that the Post Office department in Canada is more than self-sustaining. It earns over a million dollars yearly over the cost of operating. In Prince Edward Island the revenue and expenditure on account of the Post Office service are given in the Au-

ditor General's report, vol. 3, S. 92 as follows: Revenue \$63,938 Expenditure 30,044

Surplus \$33,894 Here the error in The Patriot's statement of account is \$102,500. Instead of the Dominion Government paying out \$68,000 and getting no return, the returns paid by the people of Prince Edward Island to the Government were \$33,894 over the expenditure.

A still more monstrous and inexcusable attempt to pervert the facts is shown in The Patriot's statement as to the railway expenditure of \$399,947 without taking any account of the earnings, amounting to \$304,579, as shown on page W-478 of the Auditor General's report, Vol. 3.

We have briefly glanced at but three of the fifteen items in The Patriot's statement and we find the Province improperly debited and the Dominion improperly credited with sums aggregating \$483,379—more than one third of the total sum claimed to be paid by the Dominion on Island account!

We have been charged by The Patriot with ignorance of the public expenditures. Our reply is that ignorance not only of the public accounts, but of the first principles of accounting is about the best excuse that could be made for the monstrously absurd statement put forth by the Patriot.

If in three items out of fifteen there are sums aggregating nearly half a million dollars, wrongly charged against the Province, what would be found if the remaining twelve items were critically examined? And what shall be thought of the organ of a great party which thus falsifies the public accounts to the detriment of Prince Edward Island? Is it in this spirit that our claims against the Dominion are to be dealt with by the party for which The Patriot speaks?

A GREAT PUBLIC LOSS. WHAT SHALL BE DONE?

The death of Senator Ferguson creates a large vacancy in our representation at Ottawa. It is beyond question that he was one of the ablest, the best informed, the most industrious and patriotic of the public men this Province has yet produced. He was also foremost among his fellow Senators from this Island in his public activity, in the discussion of all the larger questions in Canadian affairs, and especially in those wherein the interests of his native Province were concerned.

His death at a time when most important matters affecting the rights, interests and welfare of Prince Edward Island, in its relations with the Dominion are pending, is a great public loss. In our small and diminishing representation at Ottawa, it is of the last importance that his vacant seat in the Senate shall be filled by a man of equal ability, knowledge, character, patriotism and influence. Shall such a man

be found? Already rumor is busy with the names of public men of greater or less prominence in the Liberal party

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who aspire to be, or are thought of as successors to the deceased Senator. Among those named are Horace Hazard, ex P. M., L. E. Prowse, M. P., Hon. Benjamin Rogers of Alberton, J. H. Bell, ex M. P., ex Governor McIntyre, Lieut. Governor McKinnon, Hon. J. H. Cummiskey and others. Even among these there is a wide inequality of party claims and of fitness for the position. It is no disparagement to the others to say that in our judgment no one of the number is better fitted to render able service to the Province, who would carry more weight in the national councils, or who would more faithfully and judiciously look after the interests of the Province than Mr. Hazard. He also has claims upon the party in power that ought to be considered as very strong. His appointment would be received with general favor.

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