

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE PATRIOT'S EXCUSES.

The Patriot offers some excuses for the conduct of the Government in the asylum matter. That the public may see the value of its excuses we must refer to the charges:

1st. It is charged that the money (\$25,000) borrowed for the purpose of erecting the building has, contrary to the will and intention of the Legislature, been used as current revenue. This charge cannot be denied; and no excuse is offered in respect to it. The government stands guilty of having diverted a large sum of money entrusted to its keeping for a certain purpose to other uses. There has been on the part of the Government a breach of trust in regard to this matter sufficient to shake to its foundations the confidence of the people.

2nd. It is charged that a blunder having been committed by the party architect, the Government did not adopt the only course set forth in the contract for correcting the error. To this charge the Patriot replies:

"It seems that the architect made some error in his plans or estimates regarding the foundation of the new building. This caused a difficulty with the contractor about the extra work. The best of architects and engineers will occasionally make mistakes. It ought not to have been difficult to arrange the matter, but the explanation of the Commissioner of Public Works, the other night, showed that the contractor had not manifested a disposition to come to an amicable settlement of the matter."

If the editor of the Patriot had heard the correspondence read he would not have offered this plea; for the correspondence shows that this plea is directly contrary to the truth. In proof of this, we make the following quotations:

Charlottetown, May 29, 1897.
Hon. James R. McLean
Commissioner of Public Works

DEAR SIR,—It is now more than a month since I brought to your notice the fact that the foundation of the new wing to Falconwood Asylum could not be built according to plans and specifications prepared by the architect in charge of the work. Of the correctness of this fact you informed me that you had satisfied yourself, and that I had done all the excavation for foundation wall required by the plans and specifications. As the time is rapidly passing within which the work should be performed I have again to request you, as I have already frequently done, that you will give me the necessary authority to enable me to proceed with the extra work required to be done before work on my contract can be proceeded with. I have all the material necessary to enable me to proceed with the work, and had all the workmen engaged; but on account of the delay occasioned through no fault of mine but through defects in the work of the architect in charge the men have been unable to wait any longer and have obtained work elsewhere. In these circumstances you will see the injustice to me in my being delayed, as by this time I could and would have had the foundation wall built and the first story erected and would have been entitled to a second payment on my contract.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) WALTER LOWE.
On the 13th of August, Mr. Lowe addressed another letter to the Commissioner, in which he says:

"By the terms of my contract I am not to be paid for any extra work unless I have your authority in writing for doing it. On the 27th of April last, I brought to your notice the fact that I could not proceed with the contract unless a foundation was first provided upon which to place the building, and that providing such foundation necessitated a large amount of work and material not provided for in the specification and plans; and I then, and several times since, requested you to give me the necessary authority to enable me to do the extra work. Both verbally and in your letter you admit that the extra work and material are necessary, but up to the present moment I have not received the authority from you to do the very work which you know and admit must be done before I can proceed with my contract."

Again, on the 27th of August, Mr. Lowe wrote to the Commissioner of Public Works:

"I addressed you on this matter on the 29th of May ult., on the 26th of July, and on the 13th of August, in writing, and on several occasions, verbally and requested authority to proceed with the contract; but you have not even deemed it worth your while to acknowledge the receipt of my letters. In all those letters I expressed my willingness to proceed with the contract, and I may again repeat that I am willing and anxious to commence the work. As stated in all these letters, I cannot proceed further with my contract until certain extra work has been done; and this extra work you admit must be done; then why not authorize me to do it?"

In view of the correspondence, no one can truthfully say that Mr. Lowe has not manifested a disposition to come to an amicable settlement of the matter. So that this excuse of the Patriot falls to the ground.

3rd. It is charged that the Government proceeded in an unreasonable and unbusinesslike way to try to force Mr. Lowe to provide the foundation which was not

provided in the specification. Every one must admit that Mr. Lowe could not build the Asylum in the air. But the Patriot says:

"It would have been 'unbusinesslike' for the Government to have sacrificed the public interest by yielding to exorbitant demands from any quarter. That indeed would have been a 'bungle.'"

What is the value of this plea? Again, avoiding the disputed statements of the architect on the one hand and Mr. Lowe on the other, we refer the public to the correspondence.

On the return of Mr. Peters from British Columbia, Mr. Lowe was requested to make an estimate of the cost of the extra work; and he promptly did so. In a letter dated July 5th, he gave the figures: Excavating and grading and back filling 60 cents per yard; stone masonry, per perch, \$6; back-work, per thousand laid, \$17. The Government objected to these prices as excessive, and Mr. Lowe explained that prices had gone up, and that it was impossible to obtain workmen without importing them. However this may be, the Government haggled about the matter until the 19th of October, when they accepted Mr. Lowe's figures, and yielded fully that which the Patriot refers to as "exorbitant demands!" If the prices set by Mr. Lowe were exorbitant, why did the Government, after frittering away the whole summer, accept them? If they were such prices as ought to be accepted, why were they not accepted promptly, so that the poor lunatics might as speedily as possible be provided with the accommodation required? Able guardians of the public interests these! The public interests in this regard, have, indeed, been doubly sacrificed by the Government, and this without any sufficient cause; for Mr. Chappell had, some time after the discovery of his error, submitted to the Government an offer to pay for the additional work himself, at rates somewhat lower than those submitted by Mr. Lowe, so that the Government would have only been required to pay the difference, namely, \$4 per thousand for brick laid; \$2 per perch for stone masonry, and twenty-five cents a yard for excavation.

The Patriot's excuses cannot be accepted. We know of no case in which the incapacity and embeccility of a Government was ever more clearly set forth than it is in this.

POLITICS IN THE SCHOOLS.

How politics effect the public service of this Province under Liberal rule is shown in respect to our schools. The law provided that a new school district should not be established unless there were forty children within its bounds of four square miles. It was found that a few votes, here and there, throughout the country, might be gained by abandoning this provision; and so, in the year 1896, it was enacted that "with regard to any district heretofore created or hereafter created, no court shall enquire whether or not such district contains or contained less than forty resident children or less than four square miles." The result of this "amendment"—save the mark—is seen in the fact, stated by Premier Warburton in the course of his budget speech, that there are twenty-three schools in the Province with a daily average attendance of less than ten scholars; eighty-three schools with a daily average of from ten to fifteen scholars; and seventy-four schools with a daily average of from fifteen to twenty scholars. That is to say there are a hundred and eighty schools in which the daily average attendance is less than twenty; and all the teachers of these schools are receiving full pay according to their respective classes. The

Province is receiving less benefit from the schools and paying more for it; but the Liberals won the election! We are now, or shall be in the near future, called upon to pay the cost accruing from this and other legislation enacted for the benefit of the Liberal party.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—It is expected that the Legislature will rise tomorrow, the estimates having been voted at last night's sitting.

—There is yet a good deal of the savage in man. The cry "Remember the Maine" has much more influence over United States soldiers and sailors than "Relief for the Cubans." In war at least revenge seems to be a stronger virtue than love.

—The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald quotes a high official of the administration as saying: "Great Britain's attitude of strict neutrality will prevent continental Europe from attempting mediation between the United States and Spain. The president is delighted with the way Great Britain has acted, and it need not surprise you to find that the bonds between the two governments are more securely forged at the close of the war with Spain than they have been at any time in our history."

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