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**A QUESTION FOR THE ELECTORS OF P. E. I.**

Sir,—The question as to the manner in which the affairs of this province have been administered by the Government for the last nine years calls for the best attention of the electors. The party should be put out of court for the present in order that the country's interests may be candidly weighed. It will be a poor bargain to support a party at the expense of the country.

As a help to the electors in dealing with the question before them, let me refer to a matter of some importance which happened about the time of the last general election and which has escaped notice so far. It may serve as an index of the wasteful management on the part of the men now in power. A cry was raised at that time that the country would be enriched and the farmers would have a market at their own doors by a fortunate discovery of coal made in the region to the rear of Wood Islands. The Government jumped on the back of this Trojan horse. An amount was put in the estimates to prosecute the work. An engine and drill were imported and set to work boring for coal and the work was continued while the election was going on. But it soon stopped;—there was no coal. In the Legislative Library there was before the Government's eyes an exhaustive report by Sir William Dawson, which if they had consulted would have saved the country money. But they were in haste and would not delay to read it. For this mock public work—this practical joke inflicted on the country—the Government paid out \$1,250 of the people's money (see Public Accounts 1897) but not one dollar of their own money so far as appears was put in the venture. There was no report made. Now this lavish expenditure was not made for want of having uses for the money. They had before and since put all their powers to work to grind money out of the electors. Land was taxed, income, banks, and corporations, &c., but all to no purpose to the country. They could not stop the deficit. Piles of deficits were rolled up until now a mountain of debt has been raised—over half a million dollars. It may interest you to reflect on some of the good uses to which the money they wasted might have been put.

Our teachers for instance are as a rule poorly paid. Their supplements were cut off by the Government for want of money. The \$1,250 thrown away in their coal prospecting would have made one hundred of them happy for a year; but to make the teachers happy was not their object. We have hundreds or thousands of poor men and widows compelled to pay tax on land which they cannot till. That money squandered back of Wood Islands would have brought joy to their hearts if given them instead. We have a poorhouse and an insane asylum, both in a bad way, and apparently that money virtually shovelled down in a hole the ground would have helped to keep warm the miserable inmates in those institutions. Now my fellow electors it is your turn to act. Will you wink at such acts on the part of the men in power. If you will, more will follow.

Yours, etc.,  
D. McNEILL,  
Formerly clerk in the Education Office,  
Charlottetown.

**INTERESTING READING**

Sir,—A friend sent me a copy of the Auditor General's report for 1898. It is interesting reading, but the most interesting item to me in it was the statement of the first expenditure made on the Belfast and Murray Harbor Railway. You will find it at page 293 B. It reads as follows:—

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**WANT TO KNOW.**  
[This was a pure election dodge. The money was squandered and you and all of us must foot the bill. Mr. McKinnon had a hand in the job and profited by it. Yet he has the face now to go back to Murray Harbor.—Ed. Ex.]

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**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

—Farquharson to McKinnon in Murray Harbor: "Hug the machine for me!" McKinnon—"All the road machines are out, sir!"

—We have the Statistical Year Book for 1898. It is but another proof of Mr. Johnston's industry and his skill as a statistician. The Canadian Year Book has become the *Vade Mecum* of Canadian public men and editors.

—The Montreal Star remarks that "Sir Charles Tupper's patriotic stand, Hon. George E. Foster's speech, and the voice of the united people drove the Dominion Government to give an unwilling hand to Britain." This every Canadian admits. It is not a beautiful spectacle before the world.

—The Montreal Star remarks that the manner in which Britain has emerged from her state of "splendid isolation" of a few years ago, with the friendship of the United States and certainly not the hostility of Germany, gives us a feeling of respect for the men who are at the Imperial helm. They are not making any mistakes.

—The Marquis of Lorne has written a letter concerning the Transvaal war. He says: "Never had any people more time to deliberate before acting. Patience has marked our acts, and ignorance and injustice those of the Boers. They are the same as when Livingstone described them as cruel, narrow, and tyrannous. In battle our losses may be grievous, but those who die will give their life for the life of our Empire, for equal laws and civil liberty. Foreign states acknowledge the justice of our case, and we know it to just be, and we mean to make it strong."

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