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WHERE THE PUBLIC GIVES ITS OPINION

Coboconk-Burnt River Road Improvements.
 (Editor of the Watchman-Warder)
 Sir,—Your issue of the eighth inst. contains a letter from R. A. Callan of Coboconk, in reference to a sum of money given or supposed to be given by the provincial government for the improvement of the Coboconk-Burnt River road during the fall of 1900. Now, sir, being one of the persons who said that no government grant would be expended upon the said road during the year mentioned, kindly allow me space to state the grounds upon which I made the assertion, an assertion which proved to be correct.
 During the month of August 1900 I had an interview with the Hon. F. Latchford, Minister of Public Works, regarding a government grant to Cowan's Creek bridge in Emily and took advantage of the opportunity to ask for a grant to a road in Stanhope. Mr. Latchford's reply was that the short road fund, the only money at his disposal for such a purpose, was all expended and therefore he could not make any more grants.
 In September and October our "friends the enemy" were seeking to make votes for Dr. McKay, on the ground that he had persuaded the Ontario government to give a grant of \$300 to the road referred to, and I was asked among others by Messrs. John Suggert and Griffin of Baddow if this were true. My reply owing to what the Hon. Mr. Latchford had said, was that I did not think it to be true. However, meeting Mr. M. Lounsbury, Inspector of Colonization roads for this district, going north from Lindsay a week or ten days previous to the elections for the House of Commons last year, I asked him if he had any instructions to spend money on the Coboconk-Burnt River road. His reply was, "I have none." As Mr. Lounsbury is the man who directs how all government money in this district is to be expended and inspects the work when done, he would have to know before an expenditure could be made. Now I think Mr. Callan would admit that the authority on which we base our statements was the best obtainable, and in saying so money would be expended on this road in 1900, we were right and were certainly not "telling malicious untruths."
 In reference to the statement, Mr. Editor, that the sum of two hundred and thirty dollars was placed by the Ontario government in Mr. James Rennie's hands on the 18th of Oct. 1900, and that this money up to a few days ago had remained unexpended, it seems to me that Mr. Callan makes a charge of the gravest kind against the government he supports, a charge which I, an opponent of the present administration, would hesitate to make unless supported by the strongest evidence. Such an act is properly not permitted by the rules which regulate payments in public institutions. When money is voted or granted from an appropriation made by legislature and not expended during the year granted, it is returned to the department and re-voted or re-granted. Hence though I have the highest opinion of Mr. Callan as a man it is hard for me to think that the Public Works Department have been guilty, to put it mildly, of the negligence of leaving the people's money in any private individual's hands for nearly a year unexpended. Moreover such a payment would have to appear in the public accounts of Ontario for 1900, and we cannot find any such item. If it does appear what receipt has the Provincial Auditor for the expenditure; as no work was done there could be no pay sheets available. Mr. Rennie's mere acknowledgement of the receipt of the money in such a case would not be sufficient. Then if Mr. Callan was aware that this money was in Mr. Rennie's possession, how is it he did not insist that it should be expended last fall or during the June of this year, which would have been a much better time. These, Mr. Editor, are questions which seem to me to require an answer.
 In conclusion we wish to say that if any remarks of ours has in any way injured Mr. Callan, we regret them, but no statement was made for which we had not authority, and which time did not prove to be right. Thanking you Mr. Editor, to publish the above, yours truly,
 J. H. CARNEGIE.
 Coboconk, Aug. 13th.
Dr. Wilson Answered.
 (Editor of the Watchman-Warder)
 Sir,—I have read a letter in your paper of the 8th inst. signed A. Wilson. The writer of the letter has singled myself out from twelve councillors for special reference and makes a statement that is not

true, namely, that I warned constable Brock to summon every one who trotted a horse or horses over the Fenelon Falls bridge and asks why did I not put a notice in the local papers before doing so; "who in thunder cares for their great grand children? If a man did not drive his buggy faster than a walk it would last so much longer," etc. If the writer had not stated that he was one of the thirteen who fell under the justice hammer of P.M. Deacon and paid the penalty of disregarding the notices at the ends of the bridge, I would not have believed that Dr. A. Wilson of Fenelon Falls was the writer. He was one of the unlucky thirteen, in which there was only one A. Wilson. Why did not the doctor write his letter to the local papers? Was it because he thought the readers of your paper would not know who A. Wilson was, or was it because knowing your paper had a very large circulation, the more widespread would be his efforts to injure me in the estimation of the people of this county, knowing as he does that I am fairly well known all over the county, and outside of a local paper circulation he is not known. Now if the doctor has no desire or care for anything beyond the requirements of this short life, not even for his great-grandchildren, I do care enough not to allow him to pass on to my posterity, that I was a man not worthy of the good opinion of my fellow-men. I did think that the doctor had more manliness in him, more common sense than he has shown in his efforts to traduce myself specially and that committee and also justify his daily violations of a common law. He forgets also in his comparison of the buggy he drives with the bridge that the buggy if his own he may use as he pleases and only himself will have to pay for the damage. The bridge in question is the property of the tax-payers of the whole county; some of them have already great-grand children and may be as anxious for their good and future welfare as for their own, and the county council, who are the natural guardian of the public property of the county, are expected to protect the people's interests in the same. Now to put the doctor right, and I trust cause him to at least feel if not ashamed that he has been hasty in condemning unheard myself if not the whole county council, there was no special committee. The whole council has for some years been discussing at the regular sessions, the every day violations of the law in connection with the Fenelon Falls bridge. The councillor for Fenelon division has been instructed repeatedly to look after the matter (the councillors are supposed to look more particularly after the local matters of their own division) and at the last June session Mr. Alex. McGee, who is one of the members for Fenelon division, was instructed to have the signs put up at the ends of the bridge and also do all he could to stop the every-day violation of the law. Now does the doctor not really know who are the councillors for his division or does he think Mr. McGee is not man enough to do his duty, that he is not qualified for the position he was elected to? Now sir, just to tell you how guilty I am in the matter believing that Mr. McGee would not delay in carrying out instructions, I did go to constable Brock, told him of the instructions given to Mr. McGee, and not wishing to have any of my good friends or neighbors pay a fine asked constable Brock to warn them (not summon as stated by the doctor). Brock said he would, and I believe he did. There my interest in the matter ended. I did not give it another thought, sent in no report, knew nothing about Mr. Short and his thirteen until it was all over. If the bridge was in my division and the people would not heed friendly warning I would justify a similar action, but the penalty might have reasonably been one-fifth the amount for a start. Hoping you will kindly give the above publication in your next issue, I am, yours truly,
 J. AUSTIN.
 Kinnmount, Aug. 16th.
Burnt River Improvements
 Editor The Watchman-Warder.
 Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valued paper to make a few statements in defence of the persons referred to by Mr. R. A. Callan as maliciously telling untruths, or who were careless to ascertain the facts. It is true Mr. Callan said the provincial government had made a grant on the road leading from Coboconk to Burnt River, but strange to say nobody seemed to know anything about the existence of the grant but Mr. Callan. Now this grant was to be expended right away before the Dominion elections, but was not expended. No person seemed to know why. We think the proper way to convince the people of the existence

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of a grant is to go to work and expend it. It is the money that talks and that would have saved Mr. Callan the trouble of putting his little explanation in the paper, and also saved Mr. James Rennie the trouble of taking charge of that grant for nearly a year. Now I think that if Mr. Callan would be honest with his own convictions, or honest with the general public, he would acknowledge that there has been just cause for people to doubt the existence of the grant, the way it has been kept hid away as it were in a napkin. People do not want to search Mr. S. Suddaby's books or go to Mr. James Rennie's to learn the truth about this letter that contained the grant. This letter, Mr. Callan says contained \$230, and what in the name of common sense the money has been held so quietly for seems strange. However, we are glad to hear that the money is to be expended, and I hope the parties who succeeded in influencing the government to make us this long-talked-of grant may long live to exercise their influence. Thanking you in advance for the publication of the above, I am, yours truly,
 JAMES W. GRIFFIN.
 Baddow, Aug. 13.

Pointers About Newspapers
 The third edition of the Canadian Newspaper Directory, just received, is a thoroughly complete and up-to-date handbook of Canadian journalism. Part from its avowed purpose the book will be found a valuable gazetteer of every city, town and village that can boast of a local paper. It gives the population of each town, indicates county seats, gives the railroads touching each place, names the villages surrounding each newspaper town, the telegraph, postal and telephone facilities and the principal industries and chief shipments. Its usefulness to advertisers and others who have dealings with newspapers is obvious. From no other source can they obtain the data given in this volume, which is the condensed result of many years of study and experience in the newspaper field. The book contains over 300 pages, is handsomely bound and reflects great credit upon A. Kim & Co.'s Newspaper Advertising Agency, Montreal, who are the publishers.

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 A Scottish minister was once asked how long he would require to prepare a speech. "That depends," said he, "upon how much time I am to occupy in its delivery. If I am to speak for a quarter of an hour, I should like a week to prepare; if I am to speak for half an hour, three days will do; if I am to go on as long as I like, I am ready now."
Hustling Household.
 Careful Housekeeper—Bridget, you may get all the preserves we canned last year and boil them up again. I am afraid they have begun to work.
 Bridget—Like enough, mum, like enough. Everything round this house has to.
Saws and Files.
 "I just dropped in to see if you wanted any of your wise saws sharpened," said the funny man depends," said he, "No; we use our own files for that," replied the editor.
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