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Our Ottawa Letter.

If the merchant or manufacturer at the end of the year finds himself some thousands of dollars behind in his cash; that his expenditure has largely exceeded his revenue, and that his liabilities have continued to multiply, he is apt to arrive at the conclusion that the official assignee is the best person for him to consult about that time. That is about the position of the Dominion Government to-day. \$4,483,948 increase in national debt during the year; \$1,156,620 deficit in the treasury as a result of the year's operations as shown by the last official Gazette. Put it in black type that the people may have it more forcibly impressed upon them how they are being governed, their money squandered and their country's liability and debt piled up. What other result could be looked for? Yet it is humiliating to know that it is your money that has retained a government in power who now lays this balance sheet before you. "Conservative" government! What a farce; what a libel on the word. The dictionary tells you that conservative means able to preserve from loss, decay, or injury. &c. Do we find these traits in the self-styled Conservative government who now hold your destiny in their hands? They have proved themselves conservative so far as conserving their own interests go, but as guardians of the nation's finances they have grossly neglected to preserve from loss, decay and injury the interests of their wards, the people. Does the administration of our affairs show any pretension to conservatism? Every year in his budget speech the Minister of Finance for the past fifteen years has promised you that each year would be the last to show an increase in the national debt, and what has been the result? Net debt in 1878, the year the so-called conservative government took charge of your finances, was \$140,362,069; in 1894, \$246,163,920, an increase of 75 per cent. Sir Charles Tupper said in 1878 that if the country returned himself and party to power they would run the country with the same amount of taxes, while the national debt would be reduced. Some apology might have been offered had unforeseen expenditure necessitated an increase in the debt once in a while during their long term of office, but when we find that with one exception the accumulation of our liabilities has been going steadily on, with the fact always staring them in the face, it is difficult to understand how they could have acted so utterly regardless of the interests imposed upon them, or of their promises of economy if placed in charge of the treasury benches. Look at the public debt account for the past 16 years. In 1878 it stood at \$140,362,069; in 1879 it increased \$2,623,119; in 1880 \$9,461,400; 1881, \$2,944,192; 1883, \$4,805,065; 1884, \$23,695,135; 1885, \$14,245,842; 1886, \$26,751,415; 1887, \$4,155,668; 1888, \$7,216,583; 1889, \$2,998,683; 1890, \$3,170; 1891, \$275,818; 1892, \$3,322,404; 1893, \$549,605; 1894, \$4,483,948. The year 1882 stands out alone, a fit of economy having struck the government, for in that year we find the debt reduced \$1,734,130. It was too good to last.

Would it not be interesting to know just how much of that colossal debt has gone to swell up the fortunes of government favorites and towards buying up dishonest voters. Legitimate expenditure never swelled the amount of our liabilities to such proportions. Where will our obligations end? Nearly five million dollars voted last session towards railway subsidies; \$750,000 per annum subsidy to the Fast Atlantic Steamship subsidy add another brick to the edifice of our national debt.

But what about the deficit? We are informed by the official Gazette of last week that the blessed Conservative government has expended \$1,156,620 more this year than they can pay for, which means that an additional tax will have to be imposed upon the people to make good the shortage. It is a fine thing for the government to have some one to foot the bills. But is this "conservative" government in all the word implies, or are they sailing under false colors? With declining revenue the government incurred increased expenditure. This may be good financing in the eyes of Minister Foster, but there are many who will hardly agree with him. After all, it is the old old story, and what do the people care where their money goes so long as they have plenty to eat and drink. "Let the future look out for itself for we do not want to borrow trouble by anticipating the future. In ignorance we find bliss, and we are not going to enlighten ourselves lest our peace of mind be disturbed." This is about the way the country regards it, but a time of reckoning must come and then—. But you say what is the use of borrowing trouble. In the meantime, by way of encouragement, let us bear in mind that emigration from Great Britain to Canada during the first eight months of this year has declined 60 per cent. as compared with the corresponding period of 1893, while our trade

with the mother country shows a marked decline.

AN HONEST CONFESSION.

What do you think of this as a plank in the platform of Conservative government? "Hon. Clarke Wallace, Controller of Customs," says the Citizen, the government organ here, "in speaking at Toronto on Tuesday said the Conservative party did not want to have anything to do with the United States. They believed still in the policy of protection, and would fight out on these lines every time." They do not want to have anything to do with the United States? Well, this is an admission the Liberal leaders have long been looking for, and it is well the country should know exactly where the present government stands with regard to our trade relations with the United States. So, after all, we are to learn from the Controller of Customs that the professions of the government with regard to securing a treaty of reciprocity with the United States was a sham; that "they do not want to have anything to do with the United States." Is it a wonder, in view of these disclosures, that their negotiations with Secretary Blaine should have fallen through when we have such honest admissions as this made by Clarke Wallace? Anyway it will be interesting to learn a little more about this farcical affair which, until the confession of the Controller of Customs the country was led to believe was a bona fide negotiation with the United States for reciprocity trade arrangements between the two countries. Even up to the time the Controller let the cat out of the bag the government has tried to impress its sincerity in this matter upon the people and that they were still putting forth every effort to secure the coveted treaty. When we add deceit with dishonesty we have a fine combination. Truly it is a "Bunco" government, but at least one of their number, in a moment of weakness, has squealed. And they tell us now that the relations between Clarke Wallace and his colleagues are strained.
Ottawa, Sept. 15th, 1894.

Vaughan Council

The Council of the Municipality of the Township of Vaughan met at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 11th day of September, at 2 p. m.

The Reeve in the chair. Members present: Messrs. Arnold, Bryson and Watson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion approved.

The following claims for sheep killed by dog or dogs were presented: From Robt. Mitchell, for 1 brood ewe \$8; 1 ewe lamb, \$3.50, and 1 ram lamb, \$3, killed; from David Smith, for 1 lamb killed, \$3.50; from Abraham Winger, for 1 lamb killed, \$4.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the following claims for sheep killed by dog or dogs being two-thirds their value:
Robt. Mitchell, 1 ewe and 2 lambs killed \$9 66
David Smith, 1 lamb killed 2 00
Abraham Winger, 1 lamb killed 2 66
—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bryson, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the following road accounts:

District No. 1—
Thos. Badger, work on town line between King and Vaughan... \$ 3 12
Geo. Reaman, repairing 3 culverts between lots 10 and 11, con. 3... 3 00
District No. 2—
Wm. Waldron, drawing stone, repairing culvert & filling in wash-out on sideline between lots 5 & 6, con. 8 16 00
Jno. Bennetts, repairing bridge on sideline between lots 5 and 6, drawing sleepers and repairing bridge on gravel road, lot 5.... 8 75
Ed. Jarrett, hauling plank and repairing bridge on race at Pine Grove 1 50
J. G. Hallett, 1 ton stone per W. Waldron, and 3 loads per M. Reaman 8 00
J. L. Card, timber, posts, spikes, brush and work at Lawrie's.... 50 33
J. L. Card, 32 posts 4 48
J. L. Card, for cedar and posts... 10 50
District No. 3—
J. Piercy, for 80 lbs. spikes..... 4 00
G. J. Lawrie, drawing plank and repairing bridge 8 00
J. L. Card, for cedar, ties, posts, spikes, bolts and jacking and repairing Capner's bridge..... 17 77
J. L. Card, for plank, scantling, brush, spikes, iron, coal tar and work at Burlington bridge..... 279 86
J. L. Card, for timber and posts... 11 52
G. Hart, half cost of culvert on townline 11 00
J. Addison and 2 more, 4 days' work re survey Howland's road. 5 00
—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Bryson, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the Clerk be and is

hereby instructed to notify Mr. James Marshall to remove obstruction which he placed in south ditch opposite lot 10, in 6th con., east half.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bryson, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the treasurer pay John B. Smith & Son \$19.00, for Norway pine timber for frame for pile driver.—Carried.

By-law No. 633 was then passed appointing Messrs. George F. Legge and Dugald McDonald collectors for the present year.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday, the 9th day of October next, to meet at 10 a. m.

JAS. M. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

Langstaff

No items having appeared in your paper for some time, our citizens have come to the conclusion that their correspondent must either be absent, or too busy to act as reporter. Therefore, hoping to offend neither the public nor the ex-reporter, your humble servant will try to fill the vacancy until it shall please their worthy scribe to resume his duty.

Last Thursday afternoon the carpenters, Malcolm & Co., of Teston, completed their work of erecting the large barn, the property of Mr. D. James.

The farmers of this locality expect to commence corn harvest in a few days.

A certain young man, not more than five miles away, should take better care of his lady love the next time he visits the exhibition, and then her pocket book will not likely be removed by unseen hands.

We have had rather wet weather lately, but no matter how high the water rises Cholly is safe when he has a Ford along.

Mr. Jas. Drury, V. S., of Lansing, Mich., visited his father, Mr. R. Drury, last Friday.

Miss McCosmick, of New York, who has been spending the past few weeks at Prospect Park Farm, returned home on Tuesday of this week.

Some people must be afraid of being moonstruck when they carry a parasol on a fine clear night, when no clouds can be seen.

Miss Olives, is the guest of Miss Wakefield.

Miss L. Drury has returned from visiting at Penetangishene.

Mr. R. H. Bates left home a few days ago to attend Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec. We wish him every success.

Executors Sale

—OF VALUABLE—

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Thursday, Sept. 27th, 1894

At the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises, by Salem Eckardt, Auctioneer, lot number 40, in the 1st Con. of the Township of Vaughan, in the County of York, containing 210 acres, more or less.

This valuable farm is the property of the late Edmund Seager, and is situated on Yonge street, 12 miles from Toronto, and 14 miles from Richmond Hill, where are the High School, Union Public Schools, and churches of the several denominations. The soil is clay loam, partly under-drained, and watered by two spring creeks. On the front part are the homestead residence, farm house (frame), outhouses, carriage house, granary, carpenter's shop, two barns, three driving sheds, stables for horses, cattle and pigs, wells at the home and stables. There is an orchard of fine fruits, apples, pears, plums, &c., and the grounds are laid out with ornamental trees. On the rear part are a frame house, a log house, barn, stabling (new) for horses and cattle, and several acres of woods. This part of the farm has been used for dairying for upwards of thirty years. The lands are well fenced. The property will be offered in two parcels each subject to a reserved bid. The line of the projected Street Railway from Toronto will pass this property. It is well adapted for a stock farm, and is a desirable location for a gentleman's country seat.

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