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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

For weeks past, honest men of all shades of political opinion have been disgusted because of the revelations disclosed by the Royal Commission sitting in Winnipeg, which culminated in warrants being issued for the arrest of ex-Premier Roblin and three of his colleagues. If these men are convicted of the crime for which they have been arrested, there should be no display of maudlin sentiment in their favor. This is no occasion for party rejoicing over the downfall of opponents. The matter goes far beyond the bounds of party politics, though it had its origin there. In the interests of public purity, men who are found guilty of misappropriating public funds should be dealt with as ordinary criminals. If there is any difference between highwaymen or burglars and politicians who are found guilty of graft, it is that the former are straightforward, while the latter display the lowest possible type of cunning.

Apart altogether from the moral aspect of the matter, it is bad business for any province in the Dominion to tolerate for a moment anything in the shape of misuse of public funds. Canada is a borrowing country, and must continue to borrow for years to come, therefore the credit of the Dominion must be kept beyond reproach. The good name of Canada should be infinitely more important than any temporary party political expediency. The situation seems to call for an independent audit of all public accounts at regular intervals. Such matters should not be left to the tender mercies of party appointees.

Recent happenings in Manitoba will have been reported all over the world, and there is bound to be a general suspicion that a similar state of affairs exist in other provinces. Under the circumstances, a

searching audit should be made of the accounts of every province in the Dominion. Doubtless Sir Richard McBride would rise up in righteous indignation at the idea of such a thing in British Columbia, just as he resented enquiry into the purchase of the submarines. If it is necessary that the books of a municipality be strictly audited at regular intervals, it is doubly necessary that the accounts of every province should have the same treatment.

Were an independent audit made in British Columbia, we should probably discover what became of the \$45,000 which was not accounted for in the Songhees Reserve deal, and it is just possible that the public might find out why the cheque in payment of the Chilean submarines was split. It would be interesting to find out whether it was the fault of the cheque, the submarines, or someone else. Accidents will happen in the best regulated families or governments, and the McBride government has been so nicely regulated in some ways that accidents may often have happened. After what happened, Canada must show a clean bill of health politically, or remain under grave suspicion.

MONEY BYLAWS

On Friday, July 30, citizens will be called upon to vote on two money bylaws, one to sanction \$10,500 for the re-decking of plank roadways, and the other for \$1,500 to construct a plank roadway to connect with the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage plant at Seal Cove.

Many of the plank roadways are at present in a dangerous condition, and it is therefore imperative that they be re-decked as soon as possible. The object of the roadway to the Cold Storage is to link the fishing trade more closely to the city. It is considered

THE PURGING PROCESS IN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

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will be well to recall the main facts, which are these: The Mathers commission was the first appointed. Its object was to inquire into charges made in the legislature by Mr. Hudson, then an opposition member, now attorney-general, to the effect that the foundation of the new parliament buildings in Winnipeg, which was to cost \$60,000, had cost \$860,000, and that Kelly, the contractor, had been paid for an enormous quantity of building materials which he was never called on to supply.

Whereupon the Roblin government resigned and each member thereof proceeded in his own way to stand from under. They expected to head the commission off by getting Kelly to return the graft and making a bargain with the Liberals to use the soft pedal, but public opinion was too strong, and Premier Norris was too honest for them and so the inquiry went on. It was up to Sir Rodmond Roblin's cabinet ministers to make excuses, and this they did. They did it good and plenty.

wise, in order to keep down taxation for this year by spreading the cost of this work over a period of four years. The council apprehend no difficulty in disposing of debentures to cover the cost.

It seems good business to proceed with this work at the earliest possible moment, and the hearty support of the citizens on Friday is looked for.

A little later it is proposed to submit a bylaw for the purpose of establishing a wharf in order to encourage the fishing industry of the port.

Excuses were as thick as leaves in Vallambrosa, but none was quite good enough to save the face of a discredited government. Premier Roblin admitted "over-payments" and laid the blame on department officials. He also admitted tearing up orders-in-council and signing papers which he did not read and acting one way and another more like a lunatic at large than the prime minister of a great province. Dr. Montague, minister of public works, admitted discrepancies, but blamed it on his health—he was too sick to attend to little matters of detail which might have prevented the people of Manitoba being robbed of a million dollars. It transpired, too, that the Doctor was a great hand at troublesome or incriminating orders-in-council, and could tear up as many of them as Sir Rodmond himself. Ex-Attorney-General Howden admitted irregular transactions with Kelly, but blamed it on custom, tradition and party method of raising a campaign fund. He could see that splitting with Kelly, perhaps on a fifty-fifty basis, was wrong, particularly when some part of it was to be devoted to such a good cause as returning the Roblin government to power. In short, the blame was well shifted. At this game of "passing the buck" the Roblin outfit showed itself a world beater.

However, the evidence kept coming out. Horewood, the provincial architect, now an exile in New York State, admitted changing plans, making bogus specifications, certifying fraudulent estimates and jockeying the figures generally, with a view to helping Kelly to draw \$1,000,000 out of the provincial treasury for the

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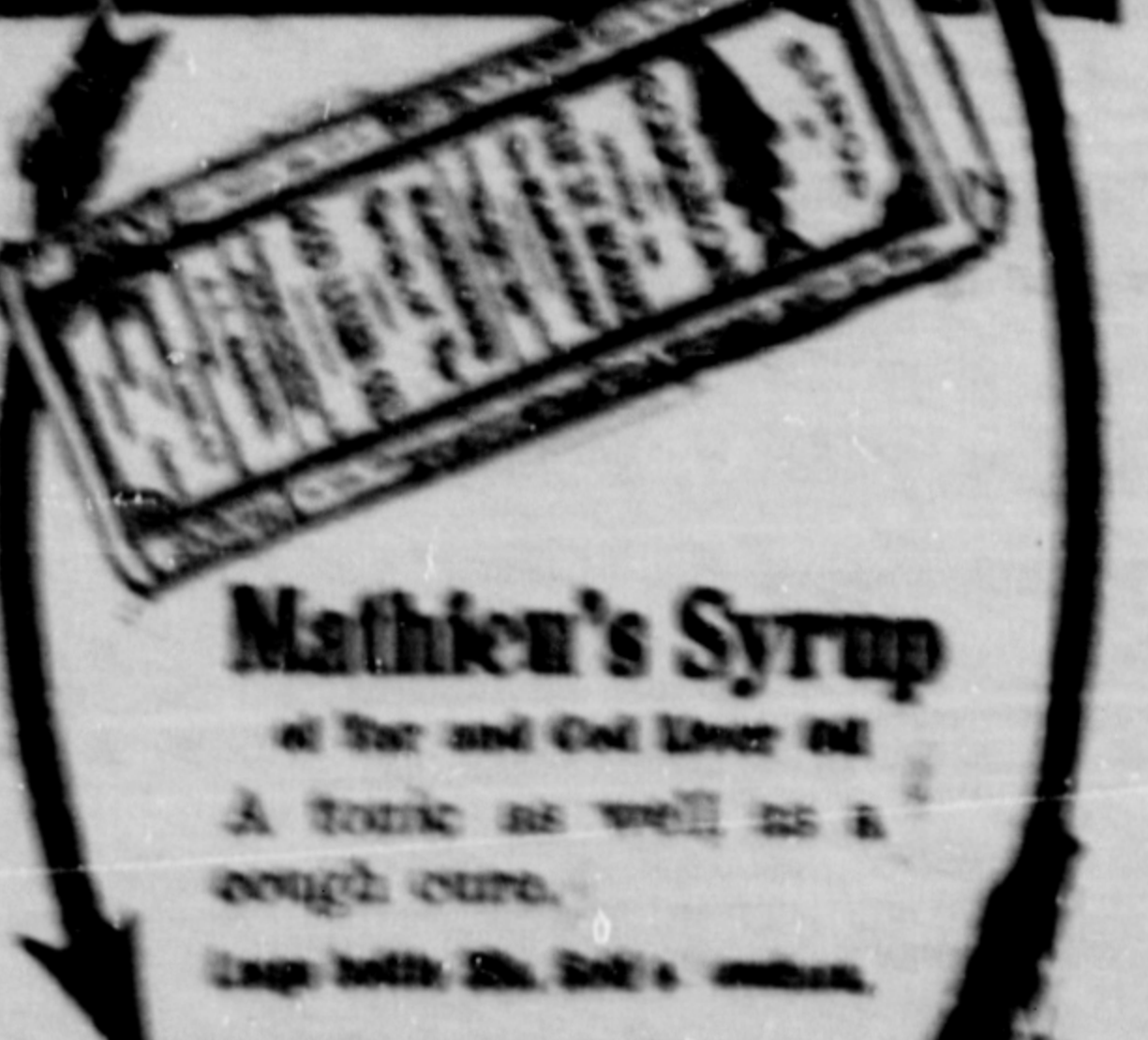
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