

### Un Vrai Scandale

Le correspondant de la Presse nous apporte de nouveaux détails sur la conduite des libéraux qui font partie du comité des comptes publics au sujet des fraudes électorales du Manitoba :

Les libéraux viennent de tenter un grand coup au comité des comptes publics, pour se débarrasser de l'enquête sur les comptes des poursuites pour fraudes électorales au Manitoba.

On sait que la plus grande fraude dans tout ceci, c'est le gaspillage pour soudoyer des avocats, des repris de justice et des informers du Manitoba, de sommes considérables puisées dans le trésor public. Plus de \$16,000 ont été dépensées pour n'aboutir à aucun résultat, sauf de payer les services d'agents électoraux ou de protégés de M. Sifton, qui s'est même distingué dans cette affaire, en portant lestement à son crédit personnel, un chèque du ministère de la justice et en réglant à son gré les comptes qui lui plaisaient.

Il a même accompli ce tour de force encore resté inexplicable de payer à M. Howell, son avocat de prédilection, une facture de \$15,000 à même un compte courant de \$7,000.

Tout ceci est fort ennuyeux pour les libéraux qui ont tenté un grand coup et ont voulu former le comité des comptes publics pour empêcher tout éclaircissement ultérieur.

C'est M. Lister, le bouledogue du gouvernement qui s'était chargé de la chose. Il se croit très fort, M. Lister, et il se croit surtout terrible. Il a une façon de rouler sur les journalistes ses gros yeux ronds qu'il croit terrifiants. Au comité du Drummond il essayait souvent cette méthode pour pulvériser les rieurs, mais ça ne prend pas. Il n'a pas réussi pour le Drummond est il a échoué pour les comptes publics.

Voici ce qui s'est passé.

Vendredi matin, à la réunion du comité des comptes publics, M. Lister a présenté une motion exonerant purement, simplement le gouvernement de tout blâme dans les dépenses pour les fraudes d'élection du Manitoba.

Inutile de dire que ce truc malsain, qui violait entièrement les conventions faites à la dernière séance du comité, a été reçu par une explosion d'indignation de toute l'opposition.

M. Lister a voulu se fâcher et brutaliser ses collègues, il a voulu faire le gros policeman, mais personne n'a eu peur de ses gros airs bourrus.

Sir Hibbert Tupper s'est levé purement et a déclaré que son enquête n'était pas close, que M. Howell, l'ami de M. Sifton, avait seul été entendu et avait seul expliqué l'affaire à sa façon et il a annoncé qu'il avait plusieurs témoins à faire entendre, entre autres sir Oliver Mowat et il a ajouté que si l'on voulait faire passer de force une motion de blanchissage pour M. Sifton la chambre resterait plutôt en session six mois encore.

Voyant que l'affaire tournait mal, M. Mulock a déclaré qu'il n'insisterait pas sur sa motion si sir Chs. Tupper s'engageait à rouvrir la cause à la prochaine question.

Sir Chs. Tupper a pris cet engagement et la motion a été retirée. M. Lister est parti et ronçait sa moustache bismarckienne.—Jour. des Camp.

La vieille Mme X...flirte encore respectivement.

—Ah ! si vous m'aviez vue à vingt ans. Ma chevelure tombait jusqu'à terre.

—Je vous crois, chère madame. Malheureusement, elle a fini par y rester.

### WHAT IS "A GOOD COW"

PROF. HEACHER, OF MINNESOTA, TALKS.

Prof. T L Haecker addressed four dairy institutes, last winter, held under the auspices of the Connecticut Dairymen's Association. He said, among other things :

"Before taking charge of the dairy herd of the Minnesota Experiment Station, I traveled extensively over the State, looking up its dairy interests, and the prospect was not flattering. Low prices for all dairy products, little knowledge among dairymen, and a type of cows, not suited for the business, were the rule. When I went to the station, I determined to work out the cost of production, and since I have been there, we have weighed every pound of food the animals were fed, known its cost, weighed all the milk received, and tested it for its butter fat. We feed each cow all she can consume and assimilate. At the end of the first year, we found that some cows charged us 17 cents per pound for butter made from their milk, while others charged only 12 cents, and others ranged between these two sums. The breed made no difference ; some Short-horns made cheap butter, and some Jerseys costly butter. Breed had nothing to do with the cost, it was all in the cow. Size or color had nothing to do with the cost, it was all in the cow. We put all the cows that made cheap butter on one side, and ranged the cows who charged the most for butter, on the other side. Each side, no matter what breed, showed similar characteristics. Those that charged a high price were the sleek, nice looking animals that would answer the description of the general purpose and beef cow, while those that made butter cheap, had the genuine dairy type, the light quarters and the heavy, wedge-shaped barrel. Every pound of food consumed was put to good use.

"It takes just about so much food to run the machinery of every cow. The question is, what does she do with the rest of her food ? If she returns it to you in the form of milk, she may be a profitable cow ; if she lays it on her back as fat, she is not a dairy cow. Always avoid the cow that has a tendency to lay on fat, if you want cheap milk production I am going to tell you how to know a good cow. It's a simple matter. One or two signs will denote a good cow, as well as twenty. In a poor cow, the thigh runs down straight, so there is no space between the thigh and udder, on one side, and the tail. One of the best ways to tell what kind of a cow you have is by her temperament. A good dairy type has a sharp spine, strongly developed nervous system, and sharp hip bones. A good cow has a large, wedge-shaped stomach, for she must have a large and powerful digestive system to use up her food quickly, and make the best returns for it.

"Some of the animals the first year made but little over 200 pounds per cow, while other gave over 300 pounds. We have kept up this record every year, and the last year our cows averaged 399 pounds per cow, and at a cost of only 4.2 cents per pound of butter for seed. One cow gave us 512 pounds during the year. These were not picked, high-priced dairy cows, but the common run of dairy stock. You, in Connecticut, have much better types of dairy breeds, as in our country, too much attention has been paid to beef animals and not enough to the

true dairy type animal.

"We plan to have the cow come in, in the fall in order that the work may be done by the university students. The cows are in the stable only about 2 hours per day. They are turned in at 5 a. m., fed and milked, turned out in the covered barnyard, where running water and salt are accessible at all times. The yard is kept bedded with sawdust and shavings, that the cows may not eat any fodder except that given them in the stable. They are turned into the barn at 5 p. m., fed and milked, and turned out again.

"We never have a cow off her feed or out of condition, and they are fed all they can consume. We feed balanced rations, and study minutely the cost, as we want to get the cheapest possible ration. We save a cent wherever it can be saved. For grain feeds, we use bran and bary, largely coarse bran ; we hardly consider middlings fit for bedding. Bran is our great grain food."

When asked if a cow would not eat more than she could digest, he said, "No, that is, after a little, provided it is a balanced ration. Let a cow loose at a meal barrel, and she will gorge herself ; but begin gradually in feeding, and feed a balanced ration, and she will not overeat. When she is up to or a little above her full capacity, she will begin to leave a little in the manger. This is the time to watch her, drop off just a little, and feed all she will eat clean and with avidity.

"I take stock in the Babcock test, but not in the theory that you can take the Babcock test under your arm, and go off, and by testing a cow's milk ounce, determine her value. She must be tested several times during her milking period. You must also know how much food she consumes to know whether or not she is a profitable cow."

Joseph s'est endormi si profondément en attendant son maître, que celui-ci a pu rentrer et se coucher sans qu'il se dérangeât. Enfin, il se réveille, et, constatant l'heure :

—Il ne rentrera donc pas, ce vieux singe-là !

Une voix sort de l'alcôve : —Tu vois te coucher, mon ami ; le vieux singe est rentré.

Calino est aux mieux avec sa belle-mère ; ils sont en train de se dire des choses agréables :

—Avouez, lui dit la bonne femme en minaudant, que vous voudriez me voir à cent pieds sous terre.

—Ah ! belle maman, vous exagérez : six seraient suffisants.

Le petit baron Z...est doué d'un tel appétit, qu'il a mangé près de deux millions. Dernièrement, on le recontra, après une absence de plusieurs jours, un cigare d'un prix fou aux lèvres.

—Tiens, lui dit-on, je vous croyais à la campagne !

—J'en arrive.

—Bah ! et vos terres ?

—Vous voyez...je les fume !

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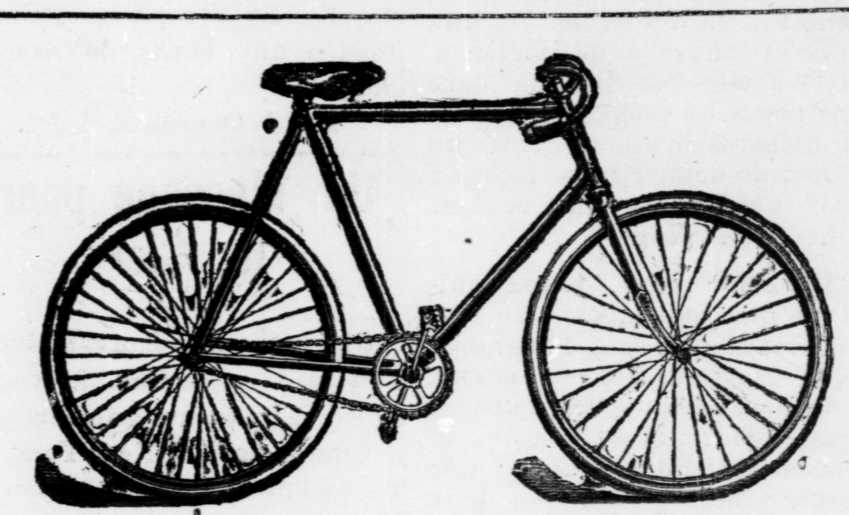
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