

THE FRAUDS REVEALED.

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Government is simply this. How do such expenses compare with those of other corporations? Your Committee do not hesitate to assert that there is not a railway or manufacturing company in the United States (and there are several such which could be named) whose annual receipts and disbursements nearly approximate those of the City and County of New-York, whose expenses for receiving and disbursing money, auditing, recording, and keeping accounts, including the services of officers, clerks, messengers, and others, amount to one-tenth of those incurred in the administration of our City Government for those purposes during the last two or three years.

This extravagant waste of money explains in a great measure the alarming increase of the city debt, which has lately doubled every two years. It was \$36,000,000 on the 1st of January, 1869, and \$73,000,000 on the 1st of January, 1871. It was \$48,000,000 on the 1st of January, 1870, and \$97,287,835 on the 14th of September, 1871, and your Committee greatly fear that the accumulation of this debt will swell the amount to \$120,000,000 within the ensuing year.

The process by which this debt has been and is still accumulating appears to be, that an interest-bearing certificate called a revenue bond, is issued to cancel the incoming taxes of the current year. This nearly or quite every dollar of the annual general tax levy is hypothecated to provide funds for carrying on the Government in anticipation of receipts from that source. The expenses being largely in excess of the taxes, the result is that most of the revenue bonds are consolidated into the permanent debt, while the money borrowed upon them has been so wastefully expended that it might, with about as much propriety or benefit to the public, be thrown from the windows of the City Hall, to be caught up by the crowds below.

The Committee feel it to be their duty to bring forward, at this stage of their investigations, several cases which have already arrested their attention, flagrant enough, in their opinion, to warrant the language which they have used, and to which they earnestly beg the attention of the city authorities, and invoke the immediate exercise of their official power to prosecute the guilty and endeavor to recover the money.

Statements specifying some of these cases are presented herewith. Your Committee would suggest that a copy of this report and of the accompanying papers be transmitted to his Honor the Mayor, since upon him more than upon any other official devolves the responsibility of arresting these terrible evils, and checking the audacious and shameless robberies which make the name of our city by-word and a reproach. It is believed to be in his power to cause the discharge of the army of supernumerary employes, to institute a thorough and honest audit of every account, and to reclaim and restore to the public treasury some of the millions which have been stolen, and thus recalculate the credit of our City Government.

Your Committee feel that in order to prosecute and successfully complete the work which they have undertaken at your request, it is essential that the representatives of the Board of Supervisors, or of the Board of Aldermen, with whom they are now acting, should be clothed with the additional powers heretofore requested, the same to be exercised as shall be conclusively shown to be necessary for the attainment of the object in view, and while awaiting the necessary action for that purpose, their labors must be partially suspended.

Your Committee would especially commend to your attention the following extract from the report of the Committee on Armories and Drill-rooms, which is presented herewith: "From the above statement it will be seen that, in the opinion of the experts employed by your Committee, the total amount of expenditures for all purposes covered by the vouchers and accounts which have been submitted to your Committee, is \$102,463, an estimate, in the opinion of your Committee, which is as fair and just as is possible to obtain with such data."

The total amount expended for the purposes, as shown by the books and vouchers submitted, is three millions two hundred and twenty-one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars and sixty-two cents (\$3,221,865.62). And also, the following from the report of the Committee to examine the payments to Messrs. G. L. Schuyler & Co. herewith submitted: "Your Committee beg to add, that in view of facts herein given, and from such information as they have been able to obtain, they are led to the conviction that \$463,039 27 was paid for about \$48,000 worth of lumber, and that a large part, if not the whole, of the overpayment was received by one Robert Winthrop."

Deeply sensible of the gravity of the duty to which they have been called, and fully alive to the importance of a calm, dispassionate performance of it, your Committee have earnestly devoted themselves to the task imposed upon them by the acceptance of the trust, and have faithfully endeavored to arrive at results which should either disprove the charges or establish them. It would have given us the greatest satisfaction to have been able to come to different conclusions than those expressed in this report. With the origin of the charges against the City Government, and sincerely trust that the result may be an honest and faithful administration of our City Government, hereafter. Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee, W. A. BOOTH, Chairman.

SEVERE SENTENCES. To the Editor of the Tribune: SIR: You allude to the sentence of Rochester as monstrous. We need not go far from home to search for severe sentences. A young man of respectable antecedents, who has heretofore borne a good character, has just been sent to Sing Sing for five years as a defaulter. Now six months or a year in the State prison is as good a punishment for such a person as one of ten years would be for a regular villain; and it seems to me that a young man led away by extravagance becomes a defaulter, and is thus punished with the same sort of a sentence may not expect for the King's thieves, who went deliberately to work to rob the City of enormous amounts of money.

WHAT IT COSTS NEW-YORK TO BE MISGOVERNED.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON THE CITY AND COUNTY EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR 1871.

WANTON WASTE OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY—TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR CARRYING ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR THREE YEARS NEARLY \$75,000,000—THE RING FORCED BY PUBLIC CLAMOR TO REDUCE ITS APPROPRIATIONS BY TWO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS—EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

THE JOINT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF SUPERVISORS, ALDERMEN, AND ASSOCIATED CITIZENS, SUPERVISOR'S ROOMS, NEW COURT HOUSE, NEW-YORK, OCT. 1871.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Arching the Cut in Fourth-ave., Aqueduct—Repairs and Improvements, Coenties Reef—Blasting and Removing, Contingencies—Dept. Pub. Works, Diamond Reef—Blasting and Removing, Flagging Sidewalks and Paving Vacant Lots, Free Floating Baths, Lamps and Gasolines, Legal Assistance to Commissioner of Public Works, Monument in Calvary Cemetery, Monument in Greenwood Cemetery, New Stone Bridge at Kingsbridge, Repairing Maps for the Department of Public Works, Printing for Departments, Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs, Public Drinking Hydrants and Urinals, Removing Obstructions in Streets and Harbor, Roads and Avenues, Roads and Avenues—Sprinkling, Salaries—Department of Public Works, Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning, Stationery and Blank Books, Streets—Repairing and Repairs, Street Improvements, Supplies for, and Cleaning, Public Offices, Tompkins-square—Paving, Water-Pipes, and Laying, Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Cleaning Streets—Under Board of Health, Health Fund, Removing Night Soil, Offal, and Dead Animals, The Department of Public Charities and Correction, Donations to the Blind, Public Charities and Correction, The Department of Public Parks, Central Park—Maintenance and Government, The Department of Buildings, Contingencies—Department of Buildings, Salaries—Department of Buildings, Arrears—Due Special Inspectors, The Police Department, Police Station—Houses—Rent and Repairs, The Fire Department, Fire Department Fund, The Board of Education, College of the City of New-York, Public Instruction, City Dispensaries, Cleaning Streets—Under contract, Cleaning Streets—Additional, Donations—Special, Extra Cleaning of Streets—Removing snow and Ice from Broadway, Eighteenth Ward Market—For completion of, Election Expenses, Eighth-ave.—Grading, Foundling Hospital—Support of, Foundlings, Salaries—Board of Assessors, Salaries—Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, Salaries—City Courts, Seventy-seventh-st.—Regulating bet. Seventh and Eighth-aves., Third District Court—House—For building, Ninth District Court—House—For building, Totals, Advertising, Armories and Drill-Rooms, Asylum for Idiots, Care and Aid of Coler or Harlem Bridge, Children's A.M. Society, City of New-York, County Treasurer to Pay State Taxes, County Treasurer to Pay State Taxes for Common Schools, Commissioners of Record—Expenditures, Contingencies—Controller's Office, Contingencies—Register's Office, Contingencies—District Attorney's Office, Contingencies—Tax Commissioners', Coroners' Fees, Cleaning and Supplies for County Offices, County Contingencies, Copying Records in Office of Clerk Court Common Pleas, Duplication of Lis Pendens—County Clerk's Office, Disbursements and Fees of County Officers and Witnesses, Duplicating Maps and Records, Register's Office, Expenses of Board of Audit, Election Expenses, Heating County Offices, Inconveniences in Harbor—Removal of, Interest on Loans, Interest on Court-House Stock, Int. on Riot Dam. Indemnity Bonds, Int. on Riot Dam. Redemption Bonds, Int. on Soldiers' Bounty Fund Bonds, Int. on Soldiers' Bounty Fund Bonds, No. 3, Int. on Sol. Sub. Bounty Redemption Bonds, Int. on Sol. Sub. and Relief Redemption Bonds, Int. on Sol. Sub. and Relief Redemption Bonds, No. 2.