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Copy of minutes of the Committee, who was
preparing a Bill for the Protection of
Parliament, 24 Oct 179

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration the several appointments made by the late administration after the 27th day of October last up to the date of their resignation, during which time a motion of want of confidence was under discussion in the House of Commons

The rule in Canada has been that Ministers against whom a motion of want of confidence is pending have exercised no authority except such

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such as is incident to the routine of their respective offices - similarly, and for the same reasons, they do not conduct any Parliamentary work until such a motion is disposed of

While this Committee does not dispute that the right to make appointments necessarily remains in the hands of every Administration, a power to be exercised as the exigencies of the Public Service may require, yet it is evident that such a power is liable to abuse by an improper exercise of it,

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and that, no Ministry can with propriety exercise the ordinary authority to create new offices and make appointments to such offices, when their existence as Ministers is impeded and their right to official position challenged by a motion of want of confidence in Parliament.

A new Administration might by such a course as that under review, be subjected to very serious inconvenience and their policy respecting necessary changes or a reorganisation of a Departmental character

Character be impeded or
frustrated

They have to assume
the responsibility of conducting
the affairs of the country, and
it would be manifestly
unfair, if the retiring
Administration should by
making at the last moment
a large number of
appointments and creating
new offices, which the new
Administration might not
deem to be necessary, have it
in their power so to embarrass
them as to make their task
much more difficult and
force upon them a responsibility
they

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they themselves would not
assume

The mere filling of some
offices when the vacancy would
be prejudicial to public interests
could not be objectionable,

that being such an emergency
as would be recognised by all,

The recent appointments are
not of this character, most of
them are entirely new, in seven
cases even the names of the
appointees are not given in the
Orders in Council, so great
appears to have been the haste
in accomplishing the
nomination of the intended
officials; in others, the
appointments

appointments are under the
authority of an Act of
Parliament not yet in
operation

Altogether the result is
that if most of these
appointments were not cancelled
an enormous expenditure would
take place, even without
taking into account another
Order in Council enormously
increasing the salaries of
existing officials, dated October
31st 1873.

After mature consideration
the Committee conceiving
that such of the said
appointments as are mentioned

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in the accompanying list
were unwarranted by the
exigencies of the Public Service
and inexpedient, recommend
that the several Minutes of
Council mentioned in said
list be cancelled

L. Dettler

Secy. Council

According to English Precedent, - by which the
opinion of the Government would naturally be guided, - on a going
Administration has a right "to fill up vacancies", even after they have
tendered their resignation to the Crown. If that be so it can hardly be
contended that the mere introduction of a vote of want of confidence
into the House of Commons must of necessity paralyse such a
right.

It must also be remembered that in the
ordinary course of Administration Ministers make arrangements
and take the pleasure of the Crown in regard to them, before they
receive the formal sanction of an Order in Council, - the date therefore
of the Order in Council cannot always be taken as an exact indication
of the period when the appointments may have ^{been} virtually made.

It is also evident that the head of a
Department, in clearing up arrears of business, would have a legitimate
claim to perfect appointments - regarding them to be proper in themselves -
to which he had pledged himself, and which had been accidentally
overlooked.

But it is equally evident that the exercise
of this right of filling vacancies should be used with moderation and
discretion and within the limits described.

With regard to the particular appointments
referred to in the above Report of the Committee of the Privy Council,
His Excellency being advised that a great number of them could
be justified on the foregoing principles, are unwarranted by the
exigencies of the public service, and are inexpedient has no
difficulty in assenting to the recommendation submitted to
him, and approves the Minute accordingly.

18 Nov.

13 Nov 1873

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Statement of persons appointed to Office since the 28th of October 1873.

after deduction comm
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Name	Office	Date of appointment	Salary		Remarks.
			\$	d	
✓ Alex ^r Lousman	Investigator Coll of S.S. "Melbourne"	23 rd Oct. 1873			
Charles McPherson	Executive Officer, Customs	3 Nov	200 00		
W. L. Budge	Executive Officer	27 Oct	500 00		
Geo. Gott	"	"	500 00		
H. Bonetana	"	"	500 00		
H. J. Clatter	Shipping Matters, Quebec	"	400 00		
H. Higham	Chief River Police	"	400 00		
Wm. W. Kennedy	Harbour Matters, Melbourn	29 " "	100 00	✓ Canal	x
✓ J. Carson	" " " " "	" " "	100 00	✓ C	x
B. Schraw	Excise-man	" " "	500 00	✓ C	x
John Crawford	Excise, Governor, Ontario	21 " "			
J. B. Halkett	✓ Clerk, Dept. of Marine & Fisheries	29 " "	500 00		
A. Labrosse	✓ Keeper, St. Hovle	" " "	200 00	✓ C	x
D. De Cotto	Examiner of Sulp ^r under 36 P. C. 49	" " "		C	x
F. Foyel	" " " "	" " "		No salary stated	x
J. Crisp	" " " "	" " "		C	x
✓ Jas. Mackay	Member of Council, N.W. London	24 " "			
✓ W. M. Kennedy	" " " "	20 " "			
W. F. Cottigan	Comptroller of Lands, Grand Falls	" " "	200 00	✓ C	x
✓ F. W. Ramsay	Judge & Success, Kouch, P. L.	" " "			
W. M. Webb	Railway Mail Clerk	13 31 " "	600 00	✓ C	x
E. Wood	Clerk 4 th class, P.O. Dept.	14 " "	400 00	✓ C (?)	not sent
J. W. Spillotto	Landing Writer	15 " "	500 00	✓ C	x
✓ A. G. Hamilton	Collector of Customs, N. Sydney	16 " "	1200 00	✓ C	x
R. Walsh	Landing Writer	17 " "	750 00		not sent
W. Glenny	" " " "	18 " "	550 00	✓ C	x
✓ A. O. Kellam	Agent, Dept. of Agriculture, Portland	19 " "	100 00	✓ Res. 6 months	x

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Name	Position	Location	Rank	Start Date	Salary	Notes	Remarks
J. O. Crowell	Keeper Lt. Ship	Halifax Harbor	20	31 st Oct. 1893	800 00	✓ C	X
W. Condon	Keeper Lt. House	Esq. Grand P.S.A.	"	" " "	500 00	✓ C	X
W. H. Heston	Chief of Market	Public Market Dept	"	" " "	1500 00	X	
W. P. Mingayo	Collector of Customs	Kingston	23	30 " "	"	"	"
J. H. Vincent	Chief Writer	Pt. of Quebec	24	31 " "	550 00	✓ C	X
D. S. McDonald	Harbor Master	St. & Garden Mts	25	" " "	500 00	✓ C	X
Jas. W. McMichael	Clerk Customs	Branford	26	3 Nov. "	400 00	✓ C	X
W. G. Liddon Jr.	Challenger	Dept. of Coll. of Revt.	27	" " "	200 00	✓	
Lane	Clerk, Office of Supervising	Gloucester Quebec	28	" " "	400 00	✓ C	X
J. Harder	Warehouse Keeper	Pt. of Quebec	29	" " "	"	✓ C	X
J. Mathias	Collector of Customs	Sorel	30	" " "	500 00	✓ C	X
McGregor	Shipping Master	Pt. St. Sydney N.S.	31	" " "	"	✓	X
S. J. Brookman	"	Pt. of Sydney	32	" " "	"	✓ C	X
H. McDonald	"	Pt. of Liverpool	33	" " "	"	cancel	under 2 Sec. 35 lic. Cap. 39
B. McNeil	"	Little Jean Bay	34	" " "	"	C	X
J. Macpherson	"	Pt. of Cow Bay	35	" " "	"	C	X
Lt. Col. G. G. G. G.	Commandant of Engineers	Compt.	"	" " "	"		No Salary Stated.
A. Glasgow	Sect. Secy. St. John Pilot Compt.	Compt.	36	" " "	800 00	✓ C	X
Chas. McLaughlin	Coll. of Customs	Charlottetown	37	" " "	2000 00	cancel	X
Geo. Brunner	Att. Secy & Pgt.	do	38	" " "	1200 00	"	X
Robt. Crawford	Appraiser	do	39	" " "	1000 00	"	X
J. B. McKenna	Measuring Surveyor	do	40	" " "	500 00	"	X
John Sarnig	1 st Clerk, Customs	do	41	" " "	1000 00	"	X
W. H. Wilder	2 nd " "	do	42	" " "	800 00	"	X
H. A. McKenna	"	do	43	" " "	800 00	"	X
J. M. Donald	"	do	44	" " "	800 00	"	X
Jas. Holt	Chief Landg. Writer	do	45	" " "	500 00	"	X
Jas. Potter	1 st Locker	do	46	" " "	600 00	"	X
B. H. Phillips	2 nd " "	do	47	" " "	500 00	"	X
	3 Landg. Writers	do	48	" " "	500 00	each	No amount given in P.C. X
	3 Viduaries	do	51	" " "	400 00	do	" " " " " " X

G. W. Hughes	Clerk & Measuring Surveyor	Georgetown P.E.I.	571	3. Novem: 1873	800 00	Cancel	X	
H. Griffin	Landring Waiter	do	575	" " "	200 00	"	X	
Wm. Dalziel	Locker	do	576	" " "	300 00	"	X	
J. Bertram	Clerk & Measuring Surveyor	Summerside	577	" " "	800 00	"	X	
J. J. Arsenau	Senior Clerk	do	578	" " "	600 00	"	X	
S. Clark	1 st Landring Waiter	do	579	" " "	600 00	"	X	
Jos. Cotton	2 ^d do	do	60	" " "	300 00	"	X	
Jacob Scherman	Locker	do	61	" " "	300 00	"	X	
L. Col. Eschler	By Capt General	Regt	62	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
L. Col. Sharp	Regiment	do	63	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Wm. S. L. Litley	Collet. Governor	St. John's	64	21st Octo	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Jos. Corbett	Supt of Lighter & Fisheries	P.E.I.	64	3. Novem: "	1200 00	Cancel	X	1850
W. Pope	Mangr. & Aud ^r . Savings Bank	do	65	4. " "	2000 00	Do	X	1851
J. de Britay	Chief Clerk	do	66	" " "	1000 00	Do	X	"
J. de Britay	2 nd Clerk	do	67	" " "	500 00	Do	X	"
Wm. J. N. Gray	By Adj ^t . General	do	68	" " "	" " "	Do	X	"
Capt. R. P. Fauland	Paymaster	do	69	" " "	" " "	Do	X	1857
Wm. B. B. B.	Quartermaster	do	70	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
S. G. R. R.	do	do	71	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Paul M. Donald	Preventive Officer	Cape Breton	70	" " "	300 00	Cancel	X	1852
S. M. Reid	Supt of Vessel Revenue	P.E.I.	71	" " "	1200 00	Do	X	1840
Donald Ferguson	Coll ^r of do	do	72	" " "	1000 00	Do	X	"
Thomas Flynn	Excise-man	do	73	" " "	600 00	Do	X	"
Wm. H. Lovett	Preventive Officer, King's Co. N.S.	74	" " "	" " "	150 00	Do	X	1842
Joseph Rowle	Railway Mail Clerk, 3 rd Class	75	" " "	" " "	" " "	Do	X	1840
A. Farrow	do do do	76	" " "	" " "	" " "	Do	X	1842
P. Desjardins	Keeper of Light House	Brandy Pats	77	" " "	400 00	Do	X	1842
A. Chisholm	do do	P.E. Acorn N.S.	78	" " "	150 00	Do	X	1842
W. Clark	Excise-man	British Columbia	79	" " "	1000 00	Do	X	1847
V. Hugh McDonald	Judge Supreme Court	U.S.	80	21st Octo	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
George Cameron	Capt & Sub. Capt. Mounted Police	N.W.S.	81	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "

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J. Thomas Curran	1st Class Clerk, Post office Dept	27 October 1872				
A. Shortliff	1st Class Clerk, Montreal Police W. W. T. S.	11 November 1872				
J. P. Downes 1855-1890 X	Dep. Coll. of Inland Revenue, Picton	28 5	"	"	Same salary as his predecessor, 1855	1855
W. Hayden 1856 X	Dep. St. Houls Gull Hook	21	"	"	400 00	1856
E. Howard	1st Class Clerk, Customs, Quebec	21	"	"	550 00	1857
J. T. Thompson	1 st Class Customs	24	"	"	500 00	1857
R. J. McDonald 1858 X	Militia Storekeeper Victoria B.C.	27	"	"	700 00	1858
L. H. Schofield 1858 X	Laundry Waiter Prescott	28 6	"	"	600 00	1858
Jas. Henderson 1858 X	Cartaker & Messenger at King's Co. Toronto	29	"	"	500 00	1858
Jno. Courroy 1858 X	Laundry Waiter Amherstburg	30	"	"	400 00	1858
J. J. Jenkins 1858 X	Medical Officer Marine Station, Charlottetown	31	"	"	600 00	1858
E. Blagden 1858 X	Keeper of St. Houls, Beignac	32	"	"	400 00	1858
S. W. Bradford 1858 X	Revenue Office St. Andrews N.S.	33	"	"	400 00	1858
W. O. Toole 1858 X	1 st Class Clerk Post office Dept.	34	"	"	500 00	1858
Jas. Heavry 1858 X	Mailman Inland Rev. London	35	"	"	365 00	1858
John Lyon	1st Class Clerk, Customs, Ontario					
W. H. Dwyer	Commt. to administer the oath of office to John Crawford, Esq. at least Governor of Ontario					
W. B. Richards						
J. C. Monier						
Adam Wilton						
W. J. Ritchie						
J. C. Allen						
Chas. Fisher						
Geo. W. Young	Commt. to Hon. J. L. Selley, C.B., at least Governor of New Brunswick					
Wm. J. Kirkpatrick	Commt. Redinms Potestatum					
J. G. Creighton 1861 X	Clerk 5 th class Post office Dept	46 51 st Oct.	"	"	720 00	1861
Thomas Martin 1861 X	Railway Mail Clerk 5 th class	47	"	"	500 00	1861
Peter Cottello	do do do	48	"	"	500 00	1861
John Cottello	Laundry Waiter Leithing Ave.	49	"	"	400 00	1861
D. H. H. H.	1 st Class Clerk Post office Dept.	50	"	"	500 00	1861
John Taylor	Station Master Salisbury Station N.S.	51	"	"	500 00	1861
J. W. Wallace	Clerk Postal Office do	52	"	"	400 00	1861