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Lobbies Exploit Taxpayers, Ingham Legislator Asserts

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William F. Herritt, chief Railway system Mr. Herritt told the who said in a single sentence when he said recently, "All the interests associated with it are not rich enough to pay all that politics cost. It is necessary for us to let the little skates get their orders that we may be protected against them and in order that we may get what we want." "Cheap grafters, party-in-fact-seekers, the lute of high salaries for nominal tasks, the demand of members for added political patronage, lowbrow attempts to play to minority bias back-home, the lust for the newspaper spotlight, yet measures introduced by members for local consumption—these and many and varied other things make up the list of what is meant by helping the "little skate to get theirs."

ties cost the interests in money and in entertainment but what really costs the taxpayers their hard-earned money is the expense of this thing called lobbying, which is paid for in terms of laboring contracts awarded above the figures of the lowest bidder; state funds are mired for private gain—in an endless process and a mighty expensive one for the people who pay the bills.

The Lobby "Prober"
Smarting under the stigma placed upon the legislature by Johnnie Smith, former mayor of Detroit, termed the 57th assembly a "prober" because it had been confined to Michigan or to the United States or even to this continent is evident from their findings. In their report recently published they in turn quote from the May committee appointed to investigate the annual convention of the National Educational Association, the May committee reported, "Educational progress has become a popular plank in election platforms since the war and we fear that a tendency has developed to regard as expendable the cost of education as good in itself without much consideration of the results that have obtained." From the British Columbia report itself we find reference to the Teachers Federation, which organization is charged with having worked successfully through Parent-Teachers Associations for the purpose of building up an elaborate and excessively expensive school system.

teacher in that school" has subjected to an organization of craft manipulators of public money to promote the interests of the teaching profession. Theoretically the organization stands for the educational welfare of the children. In fact it exists to exact the best possible dollar from the pockets of the taxpayer. If the placard "read, 'This school is 100% unimpaired, than the truth would be told."

Nor does this condition exist in Michigan alone. It is found in every state in the union and is held together by what is known as the National Educational Association, to the annual conventions of which the taxpayer frequently is paying the expense of permanent delegates.

What is true of British Columbia is quite as true of Michigan. There is no more effective or active lobby at work in the state than the one maintained by the organized teachers of Michigan. Its able secretary, E. T. Cameron, is constantly on the members of the Legislature are entertained at banquets. They are seduced and flattered, they are beguiled by teachers and school patrons back home if they show any signs of independence of thought. The bugaboo of education at all costs is brought into play and accusations of political oblivion against anyone who dares say nay to the demands of the "brain trust" are not infrequent. During the past session this lobby fought against every effort to reduce educational costs. This school teacher lobby is reported to contribute to the cost of a state normal college. Their

work is a masterpiece. During the 1931 session the M. E. A. lobby is paid by the school teachers of Michigan. The cost of what the Cameron lobby accomplishes is paid by the distressed taxpayers of the state. Liquor parties are notorious by any decent-minded citizen but their actual cost to the public is infinitesimal compared to the cost which these "eminent" respectably lobbies impose upon the public, of which group the educational or M. E. A. lobby stands at the very head in power and influence.

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City taxes for the fiscal period Jan. 1, 1933 to June 30, 1934 (18 months) are now due and are payable at the City Treasurer's Office in the Municipal Building. The office is open from 8 to 5 daily, including Saturday.

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H. H. CORSON,
Acting City Treasurer.

July 17, 1933.

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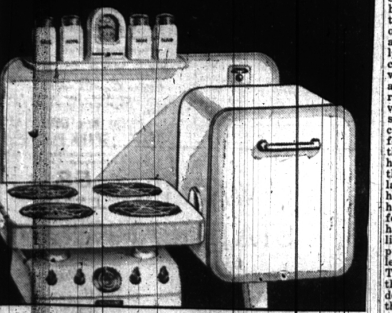
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Naturally any legislative body made up of a majority of members with no previous legislative experience is more susceptible to outside influences than one otherwise constituted. Certain types of lobby exerting appeared more popular during the past winter than during the past session of the Michigan Legislature. Drinking bills were more frequent than previous sessions. The very character of the bills under consideration was of a type differing considerably from legislation considered during previous sessions. There may have been some actual cases where the hands of the distinguished Detroit statesman hinted. Without doubt there was a considerable amount of legislative "horse trading" indulged in, out of which the "little skate got his," while the big party received its share.

Early in this article reference was made to "lobbies of eminent respectability." This reference should be explained. More than the usual number of medical bills were in the hopper during the past session. The medicals, the dentists, the osteopaths, the chiropractors, and a number of kindred boards all took occasion to ask for drastic changes in their respective board acts. Each had a representative almost constantly on the job, pronto, to urge, and to take in the interests of their claims. These measures have no ulterior motive but the public always pays in the end.

The Educational Lobby
No chapter on lobbying would be complete until the educational lobby is discussed. This lobby is one of the most powerful and far reaching of any at the state capital. There is a well maintained liaison constantly in operation between the various camps of the teaching profession whenever legislation and appropriations are under consideration. The reason for this is simple. The University and the colleges are constantly seeking to enlarge their curricula and to obtain an outlet for their graduates, the greater the larger the salaries paid the faculty heads. This group is interested in higher standards in all the professions but the best outlet they have for their product is the public school. The more elaborate the public school the greater the outlet for specialized teacher training. The more special courses offered in the public school, the greater the demand for teachers. The greater the demand for teachers the more students, the greater the college, the greater the figure on the paychecks. The taxpayer is caught in this whirlwind of demand and cannot get out until the "house that Jack built" comes to mean no fair tale.

It is this amazing maze of "you help me and I will help you" that the Michigan Education Association stands out like a sore thumb. On house doors will be found a placard indicating that the faculty of that school is 100% professional. Intersected it simply means that each

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1. True. 2. False. One thousand feet. 3. True. 4. True. 5. False. 6. Indiana. 7. False. Eighteen hundred. 8. False. New York Yankees. 9. False. Cleveland amateur track star. 10. True. 16 Trucks.

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