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The Mayoralty.

It appears that Mayor Snowball,

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who, with what seemed to be the general assent of the citizens of all classes, was to be accorded a second term as Chatham's chief magistrate, is not to have that honor without a contest, as Mr. W. C. Winslow is out with a card to the electors offering them his services in that capacity. Mr. Snowball has served the town very faithfully and efficiently during the past year. It has been frequently, said of himand truthfully said—that he gave more of his valuable time to the performance of his duties than even his best friends anticipated when they elected him. Fortunately, he became mayor at a time when the services of a good business man were required in connection with the water and sewerage undertaking, and it would have been better by thousands of dollars had he come to the office at an earlier stage of that work. He was not in a position to prevent the town from being recklessly committed to certain injudicious contracts, but his election to the mayoralty was hailed with satisfaction, inasmuch as it was a guarantee that those had undertaken the different and necessarily multiplied contracts would be required to perform them faithfully as far as it was in his power to have them do so.

This important and costly work is now approaching its practical completion and it would seem to be a most injudicious thing to make any material change in the personnel of the Council which has, so far, had to actively deal with it, and particularly in the Public Works Committee, whose members have, all along, acted with Mayor Snowball in the matter. We are ticularly impressed with this because of certain facts connected at least one of the contracts uncompleted and which was the subject of considerable public discussion in consequence of transactions connected with it which came to light just after the civic election a year ago. People could not understand why the advice of engineer Coffin was ignored and ninety million duty pump purchased at \$8,626 when he had recommended one of one hundred million duty at \$7,050, or why his recommendation of underwriters' pump at \$1,400 unheeded and \$1,841 given for it to a tavored contractor. Citizens will, however, be even more astonished to learn that under the contract as actually made for the high duty pump, the duty requirement which was in the tender was omitted, in the contractors' interest, the omission being made and initialed by Mr. Winslow, who now wishes to have the people of the town oust Mr. Snowball from the mayoralty and elect him to the position.

Citizens will recall to mind a little fact which came out in the Town Council—in August last, we think which, while comparatively trivial in itself, suggests that some of Mr. Winslow's methods in relation to town matters are not such as to inspire the confidence in him which he intimates in his card they ought to have. We refer to an account of his which the Council spent a good deal of time in discussing. in which there are some peculiar charges. One of these was for alleged service which, it was demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Council. he never performed, while another was for a service which he rendered to his clients, the contractors for the pumping machinery, and not for the town at all. It is possible that these were mere inadvertences—that the charges were made in good faith and because of forgetfulness on Mr. Winslow's part -but they are not calculated to inspire confidence in his appeal to be made mayor in order that the public interests may be safeguarded. Moreover, it is question, in view of the fact that he or, at all events was, the legal representative of the pumping machinery contractors, whether he ought to ask to be put in a position in which he may have to deal with them in relation to matters in which the town's interests and their's might clash. There are other reasons which seem

to suggest that the time is not an opportuue one for a change in the mayoralty, and unless we are far astray in gauging the feeling of citizens on the subject, Mr. Winslow's offer of himself at this juncture in town affairs of two. is not made under auspices very favorable for his success. There is certainly no great public demand for him just now. Mr. Winslow, himself, has had the honor of being Mayor of Chatham conferred on him twice and he was given a two and a half years' term by acclamation. Why, when the present Mayor, who has the credit of filling the office with integrity and ability, had expressed, months ago, his intention to stand for a second year, in compliance with what he properly conceived to be the feelings of his fellow citizens gener-7.000,000 ally on the subject, should he not be as well treated as Mr. Winslow was by Mr. Snowball and everybody else? The reason is stated by some of Mr. Winslow's friends to be that he is inspired to come forward just now by reason of the idea promulgated in the St. John Freeman that his co-religionists are not fairly treated in public

matters on the Miramichi, and he seeks.

at such instigation, to disturb the feel-

ing of good neighborhood and mutual

confidence in each other in all matters

affecting the well-being of the commun-

ity, which have happily so long existed

amongst all classes of our people,

particularly in Chatham.

It is, perhaps, true that he may able to influence a few persons by so unworthy and mischievous a canvass but we think the sturdy character. sense of right and well-informed judg ment of the Catholics of Chatham will prove to be-as they always have been -proof against any such unworthy appeal. It would be an unfortunate thing for the community should it prove otherwise. The election of Mr. Winslow, himself, to the office of mayor on two occasions, consecutively, without opposition, is the most effective answer that can be given to his present canvass. and we have no doubt that, at a fitting time, he or some other Roman Catholic will be similarly treated. No man's religion is, or ought to be either a bar or stepping-stone to public office any-

where, and we hope it never will be made so, in Chatham at all events. In any case, we have quite a number of citizens-Catholic and Protestantwho as well merit the honor of being mayor of the town as any gentleman who has heretofore filled the office. would be a poor compliment to our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens then t assume that only one of their number is fit for the position, and that one Mr. Winslow. He seems, to use popular phrase, to "want the earth. regardless of the claims of men who ar in every way as well equipped for th mayoralty as he, and whose claims merit his recognition and encouragement, instead of their being thrust aside as they are by him in his selfish an ill-timed ambition.

Perhaps he is Aware of it.

Brother Hazen, who so acceptably leads the opposition in the local legis lature, has given notice of a series resolutions which are doubtless being discussed as we go to press-that is, i he has not withdrawn or so varied them as to make them in order. They would be all right for a body, such as the Moncton Convention for instance, to pass, but if we are not very much mistaken Mr. Speaker, as the guardian of the rules of the legislative assembly will have to tell Mr. Hazen that he must reach the treasury benches before his excellent little code can be seriously entertained. If Mr. Hazen were not as serious as we all know him to b in matters political, it might be assumed that his resolutions were purposely framed so that they might be "up against" the rules of the House, in order that the government might be blamed by school house orators in the next election campaign for suppressing them.

Proposal to Purchase Canada Eastern Railway I

A special despatch of Monday to the says :-. John Telegraph says :equipment, and put it in first class con-

of the Miramichi and this city are behind the project and expect to be able to carry for Montreal will be dispatched. The it through to a successful issue. a quarter dollars in purchasing and equipping the road, and the local government has been definitely made for minimum will be asked to guarantee the bonds to rates home, and, meantime, deal and timthe extent of one million dollars. return for this concession the government will be given control over freight and interests of the country through which lines from Montreal, viz., Dominion, the road passes will not suffer. It is Allan, Beaver and Manchester liners, and understood that a proposition of this the three lines from Quebec, viz., Leyland, nature will be made to the government in | Moss and Manchester liners, will have local members for York and North Shore | will require to fill up their steamers." counties who are anxious that the Canada Eastern shall remain a competi-

George W. Allen, M. P. P., was given the past few weeks, i. e., buyers and he will do so. a hearing before the city council tonight on | sellers for future delivery do not appear the subject, and the hearty support of to hit upon a line which would render that body was pledged in support of the negotiations feasible. The retail demand movement. A special committee was is but moderate, and that of a hand-toappointed to draw up suitable resolutions | mouth kind. Meantime the stock is meeting of the council tomorrow evening.

that the dominion government would see notice this week a steamer has been their way clear to acquire the road and | chartered from St. John, N. B., to West operate it as part of the Intercolonial Coast England, at 37s., but what her system, but strong opposition from the position is or when she is to load is not upper provinces has prevented this from | yet known." being accomplished.

YORK REGISTRARSHIP :- A Fredericton despatch to the St. John Telegraph says -"It has been definitely announced that Thomas H. Colter has been appointed registrar of deeds for York county in succession of the late Abraham D. Yerra. Mr. Colter was for years a member of the municipal council and occupied a seat the house of assembly for a term, being member of the government ticket which carried the county in the memorable bye election of 1890. He is a brother of Post Office Inspector Colter.

Fishery Leases Sold. The supplementary sale of the right of fly-fishing in certain Crown Land waters in the province took place at Fredericton last Thursday. The chief interest in the event centred in the re-sale of the holdings of the Restigouche Salmon Club. which were vacated by Order-in-Council agent to buy off Mr. Oswald Smith of

other opposition. Taken by the throat, personal element is not without its period, while in the latter period the configuratively, the agent, no doubt, did the influence in business, and Mr. David ditions had been exceedingly favorable for best he could in the manner he thought Jardine's personality has been a valuable growth of population. Taking Toronto most advantageous, but the event proved asset enjoyed by the Cunard Company as a test point, there had been a great that he made a mistake. It was in conse over a very long period of time. Hs outery raised by the people of that city quence of there being opposition and of an business capacity, too, was on the same over the results of the enumeration. A attempt by Mr. Smith to get the cheque plane as his fine personal character. He police count was made, and the result was cashed, notwithstanding, that the transac- has served the public well both as a an increase of 13,000 over the census tion came to the knowledge of the govern ment, hence the cancelling of the sale to the Club, the raising of the upset price of the Club's sections of the Restigouche some 50% and the new sale. In view from the Cunard Company not only with the Club had anything to do with the ed with that company, but with the good transaction with Smith and that the Club's executive committee repudiated any Liverpool." responsibility for and actually condemned Marconi. their agent's course in attempting to buy Smith off, the punishment meted out to them was pretty severe. The government. however, owed it to themselves and the public, whose property the rivers are, to

purpose of preventing competition for Crown Land-and water-privileges than there have been in the past. Tracey's Brook, the Restigouche Salmon Club was the only bidder, through Mr. Frederick E. Meridith, K. C., of Montreal, who paid the upset price-\$6,400. W. H. Allen and Arthur Pringle secured Cain's River at the upset price. \$25. There was some lively bidding for a time for the Big Sevogle river, a branch of Northwest Miramichi, between Mr. J. B. Paterson, of Montreal and Mr. Tibbitts (bidding for Mr. Jacob Weidmann.) The upset-\$100 -was bidden by Mr. Weidmann, who was the former lessee. Paterson, however, dropped out after b ding \$135, which Mr. Tibbitts prompt! raised to \$140, at which Mr. Weidmann

make an example in the case, as they did

in a similar one in which the sale of

lumber lands was involved some time ago.

and it is probable that so long as Premier

Tweedie is in power, there will be less of

these attempts at combination for the

Mr. Paterson afterwards secured a per mit for the New Brunswick side of Pata pedia for \$100. The Jacquet was, we understand, taken

just after the sale Among the salmon rivers now vacant are the Kedgwick-a splendid salmor stream—the Renous and the Dungaryon These, together with a portion of the N. W. Miramichi from the mouth of Little S. W. up to the Clark grantabout three miles above Stoney Brookcan be had under permit for the coming season. Applications for them will be received by the Fishery Commissioner at Chatham, or the Department, Frederic-

Already, the rentals secured for th government fly-fishing privileges, exceed the former amount, notwithstanding the reservation of the Upsalquitch which is worth \$1,000 a year.

British Lumber Market. London Timber Trades Journal of 22ad

"The demand for tonnage from Canada There are indications that the Canada and lower ports continues very limited, Eastern Railway may change hands in the | and rates show a continual downward near future. The company being formed tendency. The outlook for the coming to purchase the road from the present St. Lawrence season is decidedly poor, owners, will improve and add to its and seems to show no sign of improvement as the time draws nigh for the redition for traffic. Representative men opening of navigation. In less than a month the first sailings from Liverpoo outward rates for rough cargo have been It is proposed to expend a million and | fixed amongst the liners at certain mini mum figures, but as yet no arrangement ber freights are sagging away to an unpayable figure. Not only are the rates poor, but the quantity of cargo so far offering is passenger rates as a guarantee that the small, and it seems probable that the four a day or two and will be backed up by some difficulty in securing the cargo they

The Liverpool correspondent writes: "Of spruce deals we have nothing new to The hope has long been entertained and 3x9 are exceedingly scarce. We

The Glasgow correspondent says : "The stock of deals is now mostly in merchants'. THE SUN seems to be worried over the and consumers' hands, and deliveries alleged fact that the ADVANCE received from the yards are very satisfactory. no money from the Dominion treasury Stocks of United States imports-hardduring the last fiscal year. It is wrong, wood, whitewood, etc., -are low, and dollar each from the Senate and House of is little chance of any increase. Owing those bodies to this highly prized but low- number of the regular liners have been priced family journal. If they did not laid up here this winter, and the service pay in advance we would, this year, from Baltimore and Newport News charge and receive three dollars, instead reduced from six arrivals per month to

Mr. David Jardine. The Liverpool, Eng., Post referring.

editorially, to the retirement of Mr.

the Cunard Company, says :- "A good for both land and building. This basket deal of public interest attaches to the making industry paid out the enormous the Conard Company's offices yesterday, employed. when Mr. David Jardine was the recipient upon the high business capacity of Mr. and then, with a most happy transition, because of an arrangement made by their always been maintained between Mr. adding here and there a name to swell Jardine and the staff of the Cunard Com- the general population. Campbellton, who threatened to bid against | pany, as well as the unfailing loyalty of the Club at the general sale of 27th Febru- service upon which he could always rely. ary. It is only fair to the Club to say But they do more than this. Mr. Jardine Ourario, Sir Richard pointed out that it that its agent on the spot, being confront- was the same courteous, considerate, the census of 1891 was strictly correct hold in my hand a copy of that paper the settling of 487 people in the province ed without previous notice with opposi- honorable, and straight forward gentle. then that Province showed a growth three announcing in flaming headlines the alleged was the only result of that expenditure. tion, acred on his own initiative and gave man to everyone who came in contact times as great between 1881 and 1891 as fact that the Province was being robbed by The country had been greatly advertised in his personal cheque to Mr. Smith, on the with him in the ordinary course of busi- between 1891 and 1901. As everyone the lumber operators of the North Shere, all parts of the Reitish Isles, and no man can condition that Smith was to get the ness, and he was regarded in every knew, there had been much depression and yet it is evident that the serious charge tell what the flual result of that advertising

director of the Cunard Company, as a figures; but when the students, hotel member of the Dock Board, and in several other important capacities, and at the close of a most honorable career retires the affectionate good wishes of all connectwishes and friendship of all business

According to the Berlin correspondent of the New York Herald, the feud between the Marcont and Slaby-Arco wireless telegraph companies has become the subject of international diplomatic controversy. The German government has, it is said, sent an official protest to the British government sgainst the methods of the Marconi company and the boycott instituted against ships equipped with the Slaby-Arco apparatus.

The refusal of the Marconi operators to receive or transmit messages sent from For the sections of the Restigouche the Slaby-Arco transmitters, and especifrom the Railway bridge to the mouth of ally the manner in which it is said the the Upsalquitch, and from Toad Brook to greetings of the Deutschland with Prince Henry on board were ignored at the Nantucket, Lizard and Cornwall stations is the cause. The German navy department has framed a bill which will be presented to parliament forthwith, the purpose of which is to give the government authority to control wireless telegraphy and make uniform rates.

Our Ottawa Letter.

Ottawa, 28th March. - Parliament knocked off work on Wednesday, and the members went home like a let of schoolboys to enjoy the Easter holidays. It not surprising that they should have felt some sense of relief over the surcease from labor: for the week has been characterized by a good deal of monotony. The budget debate has been soing on. and there has been little of novelty in it. Conservatives have done most of the talking, and what they have said has been marked by at least one glaring inconsistency. This, however, is not novel. The House has grown accustomed to these exhibitions, and they are largely the result of necessity. The Opposition have the short end of the debate in so far es they attempt to show that Liberal rule has been a failure.

THE POOR OLD N. P. The particular inconsistency of which they are now guilty is in endeavoring to reconcile their claim that the National Policy is responsible for the present prosperity of the country with Mr. Borden's resolution. In that resolution, the leader of the Opposition distinctly declares that the existing tariff is unsatisfactory, inasmuch as it does not afford adequate protection. This is but another way of saying that the Liberals have cut down the old scale of duties very considerably, and having done so it does not lie in the mouth of anyone to say that the National Policy has been maintained. is in the last degree illogical to found an argument upon facts leading in opposite

MISQUOTING FIGURES. Other things have also happened of late to show the somewhat helpless way which the Conservatives are floundering. For example, Mr. Bell, of Pictou, in very positive way attacked the figures which Sir Richard Cartwright had sub mitted to the House last week. He endeavored to make it appear that Sir Richard has misquoted the year book for 1878 to 1889 in relation to population, and at the time he seemed to be making out a fairly good case; but at the opening of the House next day Sir Richard produced the year books in question, which were published during the Conservative regime, and established every figure in that connection. Mr. Bell did the tion. He said he was going away for short time, but on his return he would go

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT'S SPEECH has been a great source of irritation to the Conservatives, inasmuch as it very fully and unanswerably exposed the unreliability of the census of 1891. One of which will be considered at an adjourned daily becoming more and more of a ragged the objects of that census was to show specification. Such dimensions as 3x11 that the National Policy had been a great stimulation to Canadian industries, and in following out this idea the census authorities had rather overreached themselves. For instance, in 1881 Canada had but eleven carpet factories. In 1891 there were shown to be 557. Seventy of these were located in the good county of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and a curious fact in connection therewith was the subjoined statement that these 70 factories employbut 69 hands. These were composed of one man, 64 old women, one boy and however, for we received, as usual, one while arrivals continue so restricted there three girls. The machinery required to run these 70 factories was valued at Commons as the annual subscriptions of to the depression in freights quite a \$1,089, while the wages amounted to about \$60 for each individual per annum. MORE FACTORIES.

Quebec, Sir Richard showed, had come up well in the matter of basket factories. The county of Huntingdon was shown to have 40 of these institutions, employing 45 hands. The value of the land occupied by these 45 basket factories is put down at \$690, while the buildings are David Jardine from the chairmanship of reckoned at \$1 800; or \$62 for each factory remarkable gathering that took place at sum of \$47 a year to each individual

In New Brunswick the census of 1891 of an add ess, presented to him by the showed there were in existence 51 carpet staff of the Cunard Company. In a very factories, giving employment to the large felicitous speech, Mr. Moorhouse dwelt number of 51 hands. This large staff was required to operate \$707 worth of Jardine, and upon his wonderful memory, machinery, and they earned wages at the rate of 10 cents per day. The same genremarked that it one respect Mr. Jardine | eral principle of enumeration was found to was as remarkable for a beautiful forget- have been followed in Ontario and the fulness. He could never remember other provinces, the palpable object befaults. These observations convey an ing to vindicate the National Policy. Sir excellent idea of Mr. Jardine's kindly. Richard asked if it could be expected that genial character, and go far to explain the men who would countenance such frauds happiness of the relations that have as he had indicated would hesitate about

Taking up the question of population in money only in the event of there being no direction with high personal esteem. The and a large exodus during the first named was only made for political purposes to do will be. It was never expected that there i manner by latest methods. All work guaranteed

figures were substantially correct. A very strong case was made out by Sir Richard Cartwright against the census of 1891, showing that there had been wholesale padding in many respects, and the inference was natural that the same inflation had been applied to population. On the other hand, it was possible that the census of 1901 had been taken with over-scrupulous care.

THE GROUNDWORK HAD BEEN LAID. however, for accuracy in the future, and while the general results might not be satisfactory for the present, there would he no cause in time to come for regret on that score. Of course, the Opposition tried to make the most that is possible out of the comparatively poor showing of 1901, because it seems to them to be a offset to the many astounding evidences of growth and expansion in the material resources of the country.

GENERAL PROSPERITY. During the continuauce of the budge debate on Monday, Tuesday and Wed nesday a great many facts of interest were brought out by speakers on the Government side. This is really not surprising. In every part of the Dominion there has been prosperity, and having regard to the recent statement made the naturally cautious President of the Bankers Association it would seem that every condition points to continued developement and advancement. Under these circumstances, the Opposition are driven to speculation and hair-splitting in their attempts to reflect upon the course Government. They indulge in a good deal of bluster and boast, but they really do not make any headway in their

EARLY PROROGATION HOPED FOR. The Telephone Bill has been with drawn, and several other measures introduced by the Government will not likely be pressed. The object of this is to take away all excuse from the Opposition for extending the session beyond the middle of May. Practically, the only business for the Heuse to deal with after the budget debate is over arises out of the estimates. There are no extraordinary appropriations being asked for : so that there ought to be no difficulty in bringing about prorogation within six weeks after the Easter holidays.

The Legislature.

Hon. J. P. Burchill, speaking in th oudget debate, congratulated the Provincial Secretary upon the fair; frank and intel igent manner in which he had submitted his financial statement to the House. The Provincial Secretary in his budget speech referred to the good work that is being done

THE HOSPITALS OF THE PROVINCE to the necessity which existed for their maintenance. In this connection allusion was made to the General Public Hospital at St. John, which is at present under a dar cloud, owing to the revelation of affairs existing in that institution. The evidence. as reported in the press, caused almost feeling of horror among the people of the North Shore, and he sincerely hoped thing were not so bad as represented. Patient ere sent to that institution from the orthern section of the Province and it not pleasant to think of relatives or friend being compelled to live under such cond tions. Such a state of things was to sincerely regretted, and he trusted government would spare no means to remedy

the evils that may exist. TOURIST ASSOCIATIONS. Speaking of the grant to the Touris Associations, Mr. Burchill said he thought the cities to benefit most by that police were those of Fredericton and St. John, and Tourist Associations should not be forgetful the fact that there are other points which might be visited with profit and pleasure by all tourists, notably the northern part of the Province. What more desirable trip could C. E. R. to Miramichi and a sail upon the beautiful river and Bay of Miramichi, to say nothing of ether portions of the northern section of the province, which stands second to no other part of New Brunswick as desirable tourist route. He hoped the

secciations would take note of this fact. The opposition had criticized the RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE OURBEC CONFERENCE,

particularly the financial rearrangement. In thirty-five years the times have greatly changed. It was probably not foreseen thirty-five years ago that the province would be under such large expenditure in the aiding of railway subsidies and in th pening up of the country in various ways. All of this has proved a great source of revenue to the Dominion, our railways being great feeders to the Intercolonial system, ing large drains on our provincial revenue. contributed to the general progress and prosperity of the Dominion, in view of which it is surely not too much to ask a readjustment of terms of confederation as the province is entitled to better terms. The hon. member for Carleton had deplor

THE INCREASE IN THE DEBT and had charged the government with rolling up the expenditure, and in the next breath he declared that the grant to agriculture was not large enough. Will he please explain what saving can be effected in the other public services, so that more money can be expended on agriculture? It is all very well for hon. gentlemen opposite to criticise certain expenditures as being to small (altho' certainly not very consistent in view of complaints of increase of debt but in my judgment the criticisms lac point where they fail to point out the public services from which they would withdraw. as we all know our revenue is practically The member for Carleton in dealing with

THE LUMBERING INDUSTRY of the Province had challenged the Govern ment to name one occasion on which the

promition had said or done anything injuri-

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duty in certain parts of the Province at the should be very great results in one or two election-for we have not heard anything of years. it since. In reference to the charge that the government was responsible for the erection of a toll-bridge in Carleton county, he would remind the member from Carleton that the government had erected at Woodstock

and the bridge at Hartland, while a nominal toil is charged, is a source of saving to the far apart and surely my honorable friend vative Dominion government to insert St. does not expect the government to erect a John in its call for tenders that caused the bridge at every man's door on the St. John

ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE BRIDGES IN THE

In dealing with

the member from Carleton sought to create the impression that the whole amount had been spent in one year, and that it should not have gone into current account. Current revenue was where it belonged, and, besides, it must be remembered that part of it was used for paying off the floating indebted-

TWO SIDES TO IT. It has also been charged that the govern-

ment have new sources of revenue in the succession duties, etc. But the expenditure has by no means remained stationary. There have been large and increasing de mands in all the public services. Notably for expenditures on public works, in opening up new settlements, in education on account of the increase in schools, on interest account, etc., so that, as pointed out by Provincial Secretary, the increased expenditure not controllable by the government is honorable member talks about.

CONTINGENCIES. Now, as regards the item of contingencies, it will be found in looking over the accounts that there is an extraordinary expenditure of \$2,200, paid to M. McDade as extras i reporting the debates of the House, which mount we recommended to be paid by the committee on contingencies. It is therefore unfair to compare the expenditure under this head with that of former years without first deducting the extraordinary amount

AN OVERLOOKED ITEM. Another item in the public accounts which noticed the hon, member missed in his criticism was the payment of a large amount to his friend, Dr. Stockton, as counsel for the leader of the opposition on the bridge charges investigation. Surely it is only fair that in making a comparison between two years these extraordinary payments should be deducted, and if these are deducted i will be found that the amount under this head is not larger than last year.

IMMIGRATION. The member for Carleton claimed that as ous to that industry. The St. John Sun, an a result of \$20,000 spent on immigration these matters by publishing broadcast Every member in the House was just as how the lumbermen were being treated responsible for the expenditure in this contoo well at the expense of other parts of nection as the government was, because it the Province; how instead of paying \$1 was voted by the House in supply and not stumpage as required by law, they were challenged or objected to by any member of only paying thirty or forty cents. Was that the opposition. But aside from this altonot prejudicial to the lumber interests. I gether, he was not prepared to admit that

THE ST. JOHN CRY. My hon, friend then turns his attention to

St. John and complains of the amount taken from that city for liquor licenses and of the small sum given in return towards the harbor improvements and charges that this government can claim no credit for winter port improvements as it was the Dominion Conservative government that inaugurated it by subsidizing the first steamer. I am does away with the necessity of a ferry willing to give the Dominion government all the credit due to it, but if I remember Woodstock and Hartland are not very | aright it was the refusal of the Conserhonorable geutleman's leader to be buried in

an avalanche of St John ballots in the election of 1896. The contemplated readjustment of the bye roads system was a commendable one, be cause the time had ceased when there should be a distinction between the bye roads and the great roads of the Province. The member for Carleton complained that more money was being expended on bridges in Queens county than there was in Carleton county, but it is to be presumed the reason for this is because there is more expenditure needed in Queens county. It was certainly

not likely that any government would spend money where it was not needed. WHY THE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTED. In conclusion Mr. Burchill said that he was always glad to hear the affairs of the government thoroughly discussed and fairly criticised, but he thought some stronger arguments than have been used heretofore will have to be adduced before the opposition can claim the allegiance of the supporters of the government side of the House, They support the government not because they are tame followers, but because they believe it is a progressive and economical government, one that is administering affairs in the best interest of the province, and honorable gentlemen opposite would have to establish a better and more progressive platform in the working out of which the interests of the province would be better served, if they wish to be successful on the floor of the House or at the polls.

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