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Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B., MARCH 31, 1904. Mr. Dunn, it appears, still acts as Mr. Tweedie's Surveyor General, even though he has been appointed Collector of Customs at St. John's.

The St. John Star has published a retraction of false statements it made in November last in which it said that Hon. Mr. Fielding, while acting as Minister of Railways, had given a contract to a Halifax firm to supply blue iron at a higher price than St. John firm put in a tender for.

Provincial Subsidies. [Gleaner 2614.] Sir Wilfrid Laurier was questioned in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to the subject of provincial subsidies. The question was put by the leader of the Opposition and was based on the paragraph in the speech of the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec on opening the Legislature.

Ottawa. In the House of Commons on Wednesday last week, the Speaker's gallery was crowded with delegates of the W. C. T. U. Mr. McLaren of Huntingdon introduced his bill, rather a resolution to introduce it, to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes in Canada.

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Before going into supply on Friday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, replying to a question by Mr. R. L. Borden, said that the whole matter of increasing the subsidies had been brought to the attention of the government two or three different occasions last year by the Premier of the Province, with a view to having a readjustment. The project has not yet been taken up by the Dominion Government, but he had stated personally to one or two of the Prime Ministers that in his judgment this matter will have to be at a very early date the subject of very serious consideration by the Government.

Bearing Chickens on The Farm. There is every indication that there will be a great consumption of poultry in Canada this year. The demand for every class shows a striking increase during the last few years. Mr. F. C. Hare, Chief of the Dominion Poultry Division, does not believe it possible for the farmers to rear, for at least five years to come more utility-type chickens than can be sold with profit on the Canadian market.

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wise that it is not justified in making. In the speech from the throne made by the lieutenant governor, it is almost similar in its terms to the statement of the attorney general. It is as follows: "My government has every reason to believe that the importance of the readjustment of the provincial subsidies which was approved by you last session is being seriously considered by the government of Canada." It would be hardly likely that the lieutenant governor of Quebec should use such language as this without good reason.

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