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THE CROWN LANDS.

Barnstormers in the Government interest, big and little, are going about the county exhibiting a chart prepared by officials of the Crown Land Office which makes it appear that the annual revenue from stumpage under the present Government is greater than that collected by the old administration. Almost anything can be proved by a chart, and the Government's object in preparing this one is to make it appear that the Government is more diligent in collecting the revenue than was the administration which went out of power in 1908. The government's object is to misrepresent the facts and deceive the people. They boast of the increased revenue, but do not tell the people that in order to make a better showing than their predecessors in office they are stripping bare the public domain. In other words, they are killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

The average annual growth of lumber on the Crown Lands of this province does not exceed 150,000,000 feet. During the last eight years of the Old Government the average cut was 153,000,000 feet per year. During the last eight years under the present administration the annual cut has averaged 269,000,000 feet per year. The average cut per year in excess of annual growth has been 2.4 per cent., which means that the capital has been depleted by 19 per cent. during the eight years. In other words, it has been reduced in eight years under this profligate Government to 81 per cent. of the total and if the same ratio is kept up, at the end of another thirty years the province will be face to face with a soft wood famine.

One of the first acts of the present Government was to reduce the size of the log from ten to nine inches at the small end. This means that it takes a great many more pieces now to make up a thousand feet than was the case under the old regulations. The fact that there was a big reduction in the lumber cut last year, notwithstanding the record prices which prevailed, would seem to indicate that the sum total had already been passed and the descent on the other side has begun.

The Crown Lands of the province belong to the people and it is important that they should be carefully conserved for future generations. How can this be done when we have a Government which for the sake of making a big showing in the matter of receipts, permits licensed operators to cut from them each year 119,000,000 feet in excess of the annual growth.

The matter is altogether too serious to be passed over lightly. The Government should profit by the lesson of the Gibson lands on the Nashwaak. Year after year many millions of feet of logs were cut from these lands, but today the large saw mills which formerly flourished in the town of Marysville, are silent. It is true that many logs are still brought down the Nashwaak but instead of being sawn at Marysville, they are rafted to St. John and converted into pulp wood. It is about time the members of the Government stopped boasting about the increased revenue from Crown Lands and adopted a sane policy with the object of conserving these lands that they might be valuable as an asset for all time to come.

Hon. A. R. Slipp, who shirked the vote in the Flemming whitewash resolution, thinks that Flemming's political future is not all behind him. Mr. Slipp is not much as a prophet, whatever else he may be. When Mr. Dugal launched his charges against Flemming in the Legislature, Mr. Slipp predicted that the accused Premier would

emerge from the ordeal with flying colors. Mr. Slipp was wrong then and is wrong now.

The interview with Mr. Thomas Thompson, a former counter councillor of the parish of Sheffield, published in these columns on Saturday, created a marked impression. Here is a man who has passed the four-score mark and has been active in politics all his life. He has been a staunch Conservative but he says that he would not vote for this Government crowd if they were to give him half of Fredericton. Mr. Thompson's case is not an isolated one by any means. His views are shared by hundreds of other thoughtful, independent men who on Saturday next will go to the polls and vote to turn the grafters out. It is the men of this type who make and unmake governments.

The Government is appealing for support of the temperance reformers on the ground that it passed a prohibitory act. It is true that it adopted prohibition, but it did not do so until its agents had buncoed \$6,000 out of the licensed liquor dealers of the province. What guarantee have the temperance people that this government, if returned to power, will not delay the proclamation necessary to bring into force the prohibitory act of last session. How do they know that such a deal has not already been made? The record of the Government proves that it is capable of committing any iniquity in order to hold on to office.

The electors voting on Saturday can either use one of the printed ballots which will be found in the polling booth, or they can write their ballots at home, using white paper and a pen or black pencil. The voter is handed an official envelope by the deputy returning officer. Remember the ballot is secret and if the polling booth is arranged as the law requires, no other person need know how you vote.

There may be method in the madness of the Government candidates and graft newspapers who are singing the praises of Mr. Flemming these days. Flemming still has a goodly portion of the timberland boodle fund in his custody and the money is urgently needed at the present time to help the party.

The leaders of the so-called Local Government party in New York are now willing to get down on their knees to the men whom they denounced as "grouchers" during the Guthrie-Scott by-election.

Remember, the so-called Local Government party in York spent \$20,000 three years ago in order to keep Mr. J. M. Scott, an independent candidate, out of the Legislature.

Practically all of the campaigning for the Government candidates in York and Sunbury county is being done by paid officials of the Government. It is a situation without a parallel in the political history of the province. A government that can find nobody to defend it on the stump except its own officials, must surely be in a bad way.

The provincial elections in 1912 resulted in the return of 46 Government supporters and but two candidates representing the Opposition. A carnival of graft was the result. Can honest men conscientiously vote on February 24th to perpetuate such a condition of affairs?

Do the people of New Brunswick want competency and honesty in the administration of their affairs? If they do, they must throw aside party lines and turn the rascals out. Let New Brunswick emulate the noble example of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

It will be recalled that a few days before polling in the Guthrie-Scott by-election the graft organ announced that the local government party had \$5,000 which they were ready to wager that Mr. Guthrie would have 1,000 majority. The money was either staked and lost or spent in the purchase of votes, for shortly afterwards the "boys" had to dig down and pay a note for \$5,000 which they negotiated on the advice of Premier Flemming.

COUN. HUNTER AND TEMPERANCE.

(The Gleaner, Feb. 16, 1914.)

As a temperance man, Warden Hunter said he was supporting Mr. Guthrie, and declared that he regretted to see some temperance people of York county allowing those responsible for the opposition to pull the wool over their eyes.—From reports of a public meeting at Harvey Station Friday, Feb. 15th, 1914.

THE BY ELECTION OF FEBRUARY 1914

Young and Pinder Were Not Then in Sympathy With Temperance Cause.

As the temperance question has entered into the present contest, it might be well to reproduce from the Gleaner files the following report of a speech made by Ald. J. M. Lemont at a meeting of temperance workers held in the Y. M. C. A. hall on the eve of the Guthrie-Scott by-election:

"Mr. J. M. Lemont was the next speaker. He referred to Mr. Scott's 'election card as printed in the public press. There had been no mention of temperance made in that card. 'The card was simply a declaration of condemnation of the Provincial Government for not taking Mr. James K. Pinder into the cabinet. The card might have been written by Mr. Pinder if one were to take its composition for its face value. It stated that 'Mr. Pinder had not been treated properly. This meeting had no feeling towards Mr. Pinder and his misfortunes. 'We don't feel badly about 'Mr. Pinder not being taken into the 'cabinet,' said Mr. Lemont, and there were cries of 'Hear! Hear! about 'the room.

"Mr. Lemont stated that the men 'who had represented York county in 'the Legislature were not temperance 'men or in sympathy with the cause. 'They had hoped for Mr. McLeod as 'one of them, THEN MR. YOUNG, 'BUT NEITHER HAD SHOWN ANY 'THING IN THE WAY OF BEING IN 'SYMPATHY WITH TEMPERANCE. 'THE OTHERS (MR. PINDER AND 'DR. MOREHOUSE) THEY HAD 'NEVER TAKEN MUCH STOCK IN."

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Route the "army of occupation."

An optimist takes a day off when he has a toothache.

But what a lot of near truth comes out in a political campaign.

Along with the high price of meats the government party are grappling with a scarcity of bone and sinew in their election fund.

A hero is a young man who gets married because his best girl told him that it was possible for two to live as cheaply as one.

A revision of the Prussian franchise has been promised after the war, to be "based on capacity." Why this slam at the Crown Prince?

A diplomatic genius is a man who can think quickly enough to answer "The sweetest woman in the world!" when a feminine voice says, "Guess who this is!" over the phone.

At a Presbyterian church in New York a collection was taken to help pay the debt of a Baptist Church in the neighborhood. Must be getting ready for Billy Sunday.

"Cultivate a spirit of thrift," says the federal dept. of agriculture. And Daggett of the provincial dept. thinks that means helping the government that gives him a job

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