

A Legislature which White-washed Flemming Can Hardly be Expected to Expell the Gloucester Boodlers- Flemming Let Down Easily by Mr. Chandler.

The Chatham World, of which J. L. Stewart, M.P.P., is editor and proprietor, has this to say editorially: "The Globe calls upon Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, M.P.P. for Gloucester, to resign and says that the Chandler report makes it imperative that Mr. Clarke force it if Mr. Stewart fails to act promptly." Nonsense. How can a government and legislature that endorsed and condoned the conduct of Mr. Flemming expel the member for Gloucester? Why strain at the Gloucester gnat after swallowing the Carleton camel?"

In another article The World reviews the Chandler report, warning the public against The St. John Standard's attempt to represent it as a certificate of character for the local government. The World says:

Mr. Chandler's report on his inquiry into the charges preferred by Messrs. Veniot and Carter, has been published by The Standard under the display head, "Chandler Report Cases no Shadow on Government." We take it that few newspaper readers will accept headlines in a party organ as having any truthful bearing on any political matter over which they are placed, and warn them against doing so in this case. If they want to get correct idea of the report they will have to read it.

The commissioner first discusses the secret payment by the crown land department of \$5,000 to the Miramichi Lumber Company, without any mention of it being made in the accounts of the department. Mr. Chandler says the getting of the Dalhousie Lumber Company's check for \$2,903.32 for stumpage due by that company, and handing it over to the Miramichi Lumber Company by way of returning the balance due to it by the government on a rebate of \$5,000 that the government had agreed to make, with no record of the transaction in the crown land accounts, was done by Mr. Berry and he censured him severely for "irregularity and unwisely manipulating the public funds in this way," but hasn't a word to say against the minister at whose instance it was undoubtedly done, though he refers to the fact that the settlement was made after "a good deal of consultation with the then surveyor general, the Hon. Mr. Flemming." It is patent to every reader that Mr. Berry's scheme

was invented and carried out to enable Mr. Flemming to conceal the payment from the public. Mr. Berry didn't care a snap whether the public knew it or not and he was merely acting for the head of his department in switching this public money from the Dalhousie Lumber Company to the Miramichi Lumber Company in this underground manner. But Mr. Chandler condemns the agent and lets the principal go unscathed.

Mr. Chandler strongly condemns Mr. Stewart of Bathurst, for not having paid stumpage on the sleepers and logs he cut from a small block of crown land of which he has a lease, and also for making \$300 as an intermediary in the purchase and sale of a lot of land to the farm board.

Mr. Chandler reviews the evidence in the Nepisiquit bridge charges, which were proved to the letter, and concludes that "this man Valentine Robichaud," the superintendent who put through the false accounts, "was tool in the hands of Stewart."—Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, M.P.P.

All the charges that were made in regard to the Ruissau Caribou bridge were proved, apparently to the satisfaction of the commissioner, and he does not accept the explanations that were offered in regard to the same returns on which money was drawn from the department. He condemns the structural superintendent, who estimated the cost at \$450 and expended \$3,000, as an incompetent "who really knew nothing at all about the transaction and seems to have relied entirely upon Mr. Martin Robichaud and the foreman, Docie Chaisson, who was left in the charge of the work"—"who did not know very much about the work supposed to be carried on under his superintendence, but relied entirely upon either Mr. A. J. H. Stewart or Mr. Martin F. Robichaud to practically look after the work for him and to make up his returns." And he contents himself with this left-handed upper cut to the jaws of the responsible persons:

"All the cases into which I have inquired where Valentine Robichaud was concerned, proved him to be inefficient and unsatisfactory and completely under the control of the county representatives, Messrs. Stewart and Robichaud."

This is all, though such control, if it had been exercised for the public good and not for private gain, ought to have produced efficient and satisfactory results.

In regard to the Edward Dempsey bridge work, the commissioner practically finds all the charges literally proved. He finds that Mr. Dempsey made out a "wholly imaginary account" for stone, to the amount of \$31, in the name of Edward Jennings which account was included by the structural superintendent in the account which he swore to before Mr. Stewart, Mr. Stewart getting the cash from the public works department. Mr. Stewart claimed that the department owed him for lumber he had previously supplied and explained that he had taken this method of getting his pay. But even the guileless Mr. Chandler seems to have his doubts, for he makes this comment:

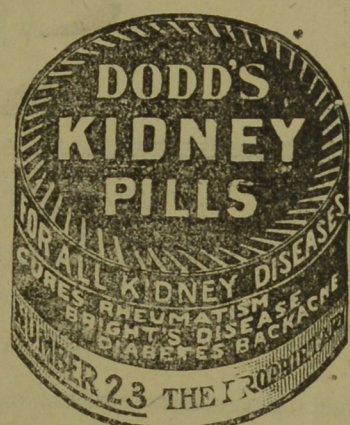
"The manner in which Mr. Stewart has acted in connection with departmental or governmental matters in Gloucester county, as detailed on the inquiry before me, compels me to be suspicious as to everything he has done and of every transaction with which he is in any way connected."

Another item in the accounts of the bridge, declared to before Mr. Stewart, is condemned as "wholly fictitious, but who got this amount charged for the posts remains to be discovered."

The charge that fictitious entries were made in the Little Buctouche ridge accounts, to cover up payments to Mr. John K. Sheridan, at the time a member for the county, was fully proved, a frank confession having been made by the foreman, who explained that he had doctored his accounts to get something "to help Mr. Sheridan" and remunerate him for what he had done in looking after the work. Mr. Chandler strongly condemns Mr. Sheridan for "taking money he did not really earn" and adds that "conduct of this kind is an only result in the degradation of the public service and those who take part in such transactions."

In the MacLean bridge inquiry it was proved that money was drawn in the name of a small boy, the lad's name having been on the pay sheet as a worker on the bridge. The excuse was that the boy's father had claimed that something was due him for past services, though the father

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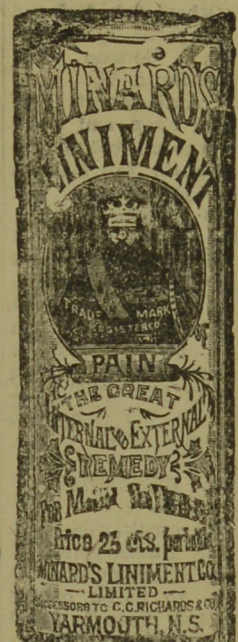
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Pure Leaf Lard Rendered, in Jars and Pails 18c lb			
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Fresh Halibut . . .	17c lb	Salt Herring No. 1 . . .	35c doz

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