

L. STEWART, M.P.P., PAYS HIS RESPECTS TO HIS CRITICS

Government and Its News-
papers the Subject of Sharp
Rejoinder from the Chatham
World.

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Local government organs, big and little, are attacking Mr. Stewart because he criticized the speech from the throne. The Chatham World, in its issue of the 19th inst., has taken up the subject of the speech from the throne, and has said that the people want "a task actually performed by the leader of the opposition." Well, in the absence of an opposition, but the Chatham World does not say, sit down, open his mouth, and let his mouth shut, just when he is old to do so by the men on the treasury benches. The unreasoning todayism that attempts to throw stones at anybody who asks questions of the ministers or objects to any of their acts is partisanship incarnate with pelf and causes readers to ask how much the publisher is getting out of the public chest every year. Such intolerance of criticism is injurious to the government, which is naturally responsible for such utterances in papers that are partially supported by public patronage. The honest administrator courts inquiry instead of abusing inquirers.

Is Stumpage to Be Increased?

(Chatham World.)

Premier Clarke did not deny, in reply to Mr. Stewart's inquiry, that the government contemplated an increase of stumpage, but stated that it could not frame an intelligent land policy until the proposed survey and classification were made. But here is the Gleaner, which is chiefly owned by members of the government, lives on government patronage, and could not open its mouth in a question of government policy without being instructed to do so and did what to say, clearly forcing an increase of stumpage, regardless of the derision-council. It says:
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(By the Bishop of Exeter.)

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Men from every rank,
Fresh and free and frank;
Men of thought and reading,
Men of lofty breeding,
Men who strive for noble living,
Men of faith and not of fiction,
Men of lofty aim in action;
Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

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Give us men!
Men whom highest hope inspires,
Men whom proud honor fires,
Men who trample self beneath them,
Men who make their country wrestle them.

As her noble sons,

Worthy of their sires;
Men who never shame their mothers,
Men who never fail their brothers,
Men, however far be others,
Give us men—I say again,
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Give us men!
Men who when the tempest gathers,
Rise the standard of their fathers;
Men who strike for the right,
Let the coward cringe and falter,
God defend the right!

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Men as true, though lone and lonely,
Under as the brave are only,
Men who tread where saints have trod,
Men for Country—Home and GOD!
Give us men! I say again—
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An Awakening.

Have heard it blown in the night
Floating anear—afar,
A silver note like a falling star,
And I woke in a half-sleep,
But he said, "It can never be war-
ped on deaf heart, and rest,
For England is safe as a sheltered nest,
And he drew my head to his breast,
And I slept to dream of a shattered
night,
And hushed blown for light,
hear it now in the night,
Floating anear—afar,
A challenge flung to a hallowed star,
Arm, England, arm for the right,
Strike for the things that are,
And alone in my desolate room,
I hear the rolling drums of war,
And the marching feet in the gloom,
Ceaselessly—Right, left, right, left,
Right, left, right, left,
Will he lie on the field tonight?
A. M. BOWYER-ROSMAN, in West-
minster Gazette.

Halifax Bank Clearings.

Halifax, March 18.—Halifax bank clearings for the week ended today were \$1,028,227 and for the corresponding week last year \$1,885,405.

SAYS FARMERS GROW MORE ON LESS AREA

Hon. Mr. Murray "Explains"
That 50,000 Acres De-
crease in New Bruns-
wick

PRICES ARE BETTER

Contrasts What the Producers Got
Five Years Ago and Now—Says
Oats and Hay Have Advanced 10
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look to Market Big Potato Crop—
Business of the Legislature.

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In the house this afternoon, the members from Madawaska continued to inquire concerning matters of public interest among which were: The gross proceeds of the traffic upon the Fredericton & Grand Lake railway during the first year of its operation, who were appointed successors to W. H. Berry in the crown lands department, and what arrangements had been made respecting their salaries and expenses as to what had been had any correspondence with the dominion government as to the construction of bridges across the St. John and Kennebec rivers, necessary for the completion of the Valley railway, and if so, what the nature of it was; the cost of the bridge and approaches across the Miramichi at Newcastle; if the government had any knowledge of any claim against the St. John & Quebec railway for which the province had been liable, and what they were; what their amounts; how much the improvements to the legislative building, and the grounds have cost, and how the land had been as to the expenditure; also what was the cost of the metal work on the Normal school annex; what tenders were submitted, and how the work had been done; also respecting some purchases of farms by the farm settlement board in Albert county, and what their acreage was; and matters run on their own terms. The lumber market has seldom been in such better state than is the case at the present time, and the prospects are bright. It is the duty of the government to guarantee and the disposition of the additional funds authorized last session for the construction of the road; also in connection with the purchase of the patriotic gift of potatoes, be brought down in the house.

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the present formality in way of notices in Royal Gazette, and waiting for a meeting of executive council to deal with the matter. Under the provisions of this bill applications would be forwarded to the provincial secretary-treasurer, who was given authority to issue letters patent to such companies as were entitled to them upon receipt of the flat of the attorney-general. Provision was made for the usual notification being published in the Royal Gazette as well as in newspapers, in the place where the companies' head offices were situated, of letters patent. It was feared that there might be at present be some chance of letters patent being issued to companies with conflicting names, but the chance would be no greater than at present, and moreover provision was made that in the event of there being any interference with the name of any existing company, letters patent which had been issued would be revoked and new ones issued under a new name. This legislation had been requested by boards of trade of St. John and Moncton, and would provide a great convenience to the commercial community.

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Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) presented the petition of James Irving and number of others in favor of a bill to fix a valuation on the saw mill property of John Maloney, at Chatham, for assessment purposes.

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Mr. Woods presented the report of contingencies committee.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry as to cost of official reporting, as to Shemogue Oyster Company, as to interest on guaranteed bonds of Valley railway.

Dr. Price gave notice of inquiry regarding payment of check of \$31 to Auguste Dugal, of Edmundston, for work done on Guilford bridge, Madawaska county.

Mr. Carter asked for leave of absence for J. L. White, of Victoria, until Wednesday.

Mr. Lockhart presented a petition of the fishermen of the city of St. John against the bill of St. John River Hydro-Electric Company for the erection of a dam on the St. John river at Pointe-à-la-Peine.

The house went into committee with Mr. Young in the chair, and took up consideration of bill to amend the act respecting the education of blind.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said everyone would be aware that the blind children of this province were sent to the school at Halifax, in order to receive an education, and that they were capable of acquiring it. It was one of the most efficient schools of its class in the country, and was doing an excellent work. For various reasons, the cost of maintenance of that establishment had increased in late years, and representations had been made to the government that the allowance under the act was not sufficient to properly provide for the upkeep of the institution, and an increase had, therefore, been asked for, which under all circumstances he felt the province would be justified in granting.

Mr. Tilley asked how many New Brunswick pupils are present under the act in the school at Halifax.

Mr. Clarke said there were thirty pupils from this province, and the province paid \$75 each per annum towards their maintenance.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) complained that the bill was not printed in accordance with rules. Had it been members would be better able to understand what its object was, and numerous questions asked regarding it would have been unnecessary.

Hon. Mr. Clarke agreed with the hon. member, and said that but an amendment had been printed before his attention had been drawn to the rule a few days ago. With reference to the bill now under consideration, he said that the bill was the only province that was lagging behind.

The bill was discussed and agreed to. The bill to amend the act respecting the education of the blind was passed.

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that they might receive the largest return for their work and their investment.

These statistics, prepared by the federal department of agriculture, showed the success which the department was meeting with in its efforts to improve the value of agricultural products of the province of New Brunswick in 1910 was \$12,000,000, while in 1914 this amount had been increased to \$20,000,000. This represented an increase of 66.2 per cent. in the value of the farm products of the province. "Would any reasonable man say that there had been an increase in the value of farm products in 1914? He had before him market quotations on St. John country market for January, 1909 (those for 1910 not being available), also those for January, 1915. They showed an increase of forty-three per cent. in the price of country beef, no increase in mutton or lamb, and no increase in pork. In the case of potatoes, there was an increase of 33.3 per cent. in the price of potatoes, an increase of 33.3 per cent. in the price of peas, and an increase of 33.3 per cent. in the price of beans. There were heavier items, such as hay, oats, potatoes, etc., but the average increase for the province was only 10 per cent.

After referring to the work of each of the various departments, Mr. Stewart, referring to agricultural conditions in the province generally, said he might say the prospects were very good. Crops generally had been excellent, and the potato crop, while it had been one of the largest in the history of the province, had unfortunately not shown such good profits as was expected. Prices were good at the early stages, but from various causes dropped. There were at the present time large stocks held in the province, and it was difficult to get the potatoes to market. It was impossible to relieve the congestion. There might be a good market found in Great Britain, but freight rates were so high that it would not be profitable to export. The potato crop, while it had been one of the largest in the history of the province, had unfortunately not shown such good profits as was expected. Prices were good at the early stages, but from various causes dropped. 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