

was not on the shoulders of Mr. Russell. Dr. Pugsley, the Attorney General of the Province, whose political future Mr. Russell was anxious for some reason to take charge of, had control of the Gazette, and he had given those friendly to Mr. Emmerson a verbal option on the paper. Three days before these friends appeared to redeem Mr. Pugsley's word he was persuaded to sell to Mr. Russell.

Why was Mr. Russell so anxious to have the nominating of Mr. Blair's successor in the Department of Railways and Canals? The answer to this question is Abbey's Salts. Mr. Russell formed a partnership of some sort with Mr. Blair on the Salts business. During the past three or four years Mr. Blair made about \$80,000 out of it. Mr. Russell no doubt made much more for Mr. Russell is clever. How? For some years no dividend has been declared on the stock. Promises have been given but nothing more. Mr. Russell is an adept at promises. In the meantime every contractor under the department of Railways and Canals was expected to take a few thousands of stock in Abbey's Salts. They were only too pleased, and the profits came to the minister of railways and canals and to Mr. Dave Russell. This ingenious system was apparently not so indigenous to the department under Mr.

Emmerson, and so Mr. Russell wanted to have the nomination of Mr. Blair's successor.

Mr. Dave Russell may be very clever, but he is not the only tea leaf in the sink. He has spent \$200,000 in the elections in an attempt to continue his graft on the Intercolonial in connection with Abbey's Salts, and he has failed. This country needs to be warned against Mr. Dave Russell. He is clever, but not quite so clever as he thought he was. He has been worsted by an honest man—Mr. Emmerson. He is discredited by his transaction in regard to the St. John Telegraph. A man who practically steals \$50,000 and regards it as a financial transaction cannot be allowed to have any influence in affairs of government. The men who control public policy in this country are poor men, and have no financial iron in the fire and no stocks to manipulate. Mr. Russell may be a most estimable character but he should confine his operations to the stock market and to the realms of finance, and to attempt to continue an alliance with a public department for the purpose of bleeding public contractors is a menace to the State, and this exposure will, we are sure, prevent anything of the kind in the future with regard to any department, and that is our sole excuse for this article.

