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Abbey's Salts as a Political Factor.

THE stock jobbing of Abbey's Salts has of late years become a subject of conversation among the politicians of Canada, and especially since Mr. Dave Russell assumed the role of Warwick, the King-maker. Mr. Russell spent \$80,000 in the city of St. John to promote the return of a candidate hostile to Mr. Emmerson. He went there in a superb Pullman car filled with champagne and good cigars and spent money like water in hiring election workers. The St. John election grafters thought the laborer was worthy his hire and took the money in chunks of five hundred and one thousand dollars. Mr. Russell hurled the newspaper he had stolen against the government, and bought another whose guns he also turned on Mr. Emmerson and the government.

In passing we might explain how Mr. Russell stole the St. John Telegraph. After a certain political transaction, carried out under the Department of Railways and Canals, \$25,000 was put into St. John Telegraph stock. A certain contractor put

up another \$25,000 and a small amount of the stock stood in the name of A. G. Blair, \$5,000 we believe. The total capital stock of the company was \$75,000 and only \$69,000 of this had been issued. Mr. Dave Russell bought \$9,000 of it, and as the contributors of the \$50,000 did not wish their names to be known in connection with the subscriptions their stock was given to Mr. Dave Russell to hold in trust, it being, of course the control of the paper which the owners of the \$50,000 worth of stock desired to retain. Mr. Russell then proceeded to treat the paper as his own, and when the directors protested he turned them out. He then offered the paper for sale to the Liberals for \$125,000. The reason he was enabled to achieve this daring theft of an important daily newspaper was the desire of the two men who had placed their stock in trust with Mr. Russell not to be publicly connected with the affair. There was even treachery in the sale of the St. John Gazette to Mr. Russell a few weeks before the elections, though it