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## PREMIER FLEMMING GETS \$5,000 A YEAR!

Premier Flemming now receives a salary of \$2,400 a year for being Premier, \$2,100 for being Surveyor-General, \$500 for being an M.L.A., besides getting an allowance for a stenographer, allowances for telephones, for telegraphing, for postage. He also gets \$24 every little while as a Commissioner of the Provincial Hospital. Besides, he is paid 10 cents a mile for traveling expenses which do not cost him a penny, as he rides on passes given by friendly railways.

Never in the history of the province has a Premier been paid a salary—not until Flemming's turn came. Not Blair, Mitchell, Emmerson, Pugsley, Tweedie, Robinson, Hazen—not one of these, Flemming's predecessors, received a penny as salary for the premiership.

Yet Mr. Flemming pledged the people that were he given control of affairs he would curtail expenditures and abolish a great part of the cost of executive government. Instead, he draws twice as much money for himself as was received by any member of "the extravagant old government" he so loudly denounced.

No one can squander the public money so freely, so easily or so impudently as the Tories, when in power. In opposition they object to supplying sufficient for ordinary public services.

They still retain the idea of their forefathers, that they are the chosen of the gods and all rights and revenues are theirs. The dignity of the classes—themselves—must be maintained by hook or crook and the rights and privileges of the masses are of little account in comparison.

"Place us in power, make us strong and we will show you what can be done". This Tory promise or threat is being carried out every day. Recently in the legislature there was an open, flagrant example of it. The Tories started in to raise their salaries and they started with their top knocker, J. K. Flemming, doubling up his compensation. He is to get \$5000 a year and his mileage and his postage and his travelling expenses and a stenographer and an allowance for telephoning and telegraphing and \$24.00 for every time he sits as Provincial Hospital Commissioner besides.

And even that fat salary does not pay for all of his time. He will live in Woodstock, as usual, and go to Fredericton once or twice a month. The premier has taken a leaf out of the book of a certain preacher, who found that the easiest way to boost his salary was to speak vaguely and uncertainly of resignation. His congregation responded promptly with more coin and the preacher did not change pulpits. Premier Flemming's friends—notably the Globe of St. John—started this kind of a campaign two months ago. It worked all right. The salary was promptly increased.

Once started rolling, the ball did not stop there. Dr. Landry shouted for more money and got a boost of \$400. The dignity of his office is recognized—also he is to be a "Minister". Instead of a "Commissioner". For many years, under the "extravagant old government"—as Flemming, Grimmer, and the others used to call it—the Surveyor General and the Commissioners for Agriculture and Public Works used to be content with \$1700 a year. All of them are getting \$2100 now and the Premier a bonus of \$2400, besides the salary of his portfolio and as a member. That means an increase of \$3600 in the salaries of these four men. The "pickings" of the Attorney General, with his salary last year, gave him between five and six thousand dollars and the act authorizing all this also provides that the President of the Council

and the "Forecastle" member shall have consideration.

A province with over-flowing revenues, with yearly surpluses, may have an excuse to spend money freely, to be generous with salaries and not to be too saving. But how does New Brunswick stand in this respect? Year before last, there was a deficit of nearly \$60,000. Last year, we had a surplus of a little over \$8000. An "accident" surplus, it might be called, since death became busier than usual among the well-to-do and the province collected nearly \$10,000 more in death duties than it expected.

That shows how close to the margin we ran, and yet with roads and schools crying out for more money, which they cannot get, the Premier and his Executive draw about \$4000 a year more than their predecessors. The erratic Provincial Secretary boasted the wonderful things the government was doing for the University, by increasing its grant from \$13000 to \$20000, but this \$2000 was overshadowed by the gift to the premier above.

There are Minister in the Agricultural Department, one of them, the political minister, is a medical doctor, and the other, the Secretary for Agriculture, is a minister of the gospel, Rev. J. B. Daggelt. These "practical farmers" are going to guide the destinies of agriculture. What a pity it is, now that the governments are awaking to the importance of this basic industry and willing to spend plenty of money, that the direction of its affairs cannot be placed in inexperienced, competent hands. There are plenty of men fit for the task in the province, but politics interfered and first placed a political organizer in charge and then selected a minister of the gospel to succeed him.

### S. S. Parish Conventions.

Please take notice that Rev. W. A. Ross is coming to the country to fill the following appointments at parish conventions:

Mon. Mar. 17, Debec (Richmond)  
Tues. Mar. 18, Victoria (Wakfield)  
Wed. Mar. 19, Florenceville (Simonds)  
Thurs. Mar. 20, Lamsdowne (Peel)  
Fri. Mar. 21, Glassville (Aberdeen)  
Sun. Mar. 23, to be spent in Aberdeen parish.  
Mon. Mar. 24, Bath (Kent)  
Tues. Mar. 25, Summerfield (Wicklow)  
Wed. Mar. 26, Centreville (Wilmot)  
Thurs. Mar. 27, Grafton (Northampton)  
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