

duced the difference between us and New Brunswick? The Journals of the House of Assembly shew as follows :

No. of acres of ungranted lands in Nova Scotia on 1st Jan. 1867, as per report of Commissioner of Crown Lands, 1867 7,315,282
No. of acres granted since, as per journals of the House :

1867	107,948
1868	91,844
1869	64,763
1870	95,868
1871	134,705
1872	136,712
1873	115,936
1874	107,337
1875	46,483
1876	34,962
1877	25,758

956,316

6,358,966

Amount of ungranted lands 1st Jan. 1878, as per report of Commissioner of Crown Lands, 1877 2,487,419

Bal. unaccounted for 3,871,545

What has become of this three million and a half (allowing for the land granted for railway purposes) of acres of land. No man has ever risen yet to show, and no man is able to show. All that is known is that several merchants in Halifax who are in the habit of providing the sinews of war in Grit elections, have, during the past ten years become possessed of enormous tracts of territory—and certain remarkable scoundrels who sat in the Local House servilely supporting the Government, have been found to have grants of land for which they never paid, and possessed enormous tracts of territory for which in the nature of things they never could pay. Thus it has been brought about that scores of corrupt scoundrels have grown enormously wealthy; that a weak and corrupt Government has been wonder-

fully and mysteriously retained in power; and that a source of revenue which in New Brunswick yields \$76,000 per annum, has been in this Province, so dissipated and squandered that it yields comparatively nothing.

The evil effects on the Province of this scandalous and corrupt alienation of nearly the whole marketable Crown Lands of the country, are numerous and alarming. In the first place, a source of revenue which if properly guarded would have yielded this province at least \$40,000 per annum FOREVER, has been entirely wasted and destroyed. The people of Nova Scotia, as long as water runs and wind blows, will have \$40,000 a year less revenue than they might have had, if they had a wise and honest government. For the luxury of having the Grits in power for the past eleven years, we have in one department lost over three million acres of land, which at forty-four cents an acre would amount to at least \$1,200,000, and the proceeds of the 956,000 acres accounted for, wasted in useless and corrupt extravagance.

Another effect of the wholesale alienation of the public lands (the balance on hand being mostly barrens) will be to render it impossible for the young men of this Province, or parties who may wish to make this Province their home, ever to procure farms from the government at the government price. The lands of the Province will, by the maladministration of Mr. Hill and his predecessors, be locked up for generations to come, in the hands of selfish speculators, who may sell or not, as they see fit, and if they sell only at such prices as they chose to demand. What properly belonged to the people of Nova Scotia as a birthright to be enjoyed by them and their children after them, has been thus squandered and destroyed. An injury has thus been inflicted on this Province, which no arithmetic can adequately calculate. And all for what? Simply that a number of ambitious and dishonest politicians might be kept in power, and