

TO THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS
OF THE
COUNTY OF RUSSELL.

GENTLEMEN,—

The Parliament having under very extraordinary circumstances, been precipitately dissolved, whereby legislation on many measures of vital importance to the Province has been prevented; You are called upon, with regret to say, at a very inconvenient season of the year, forthwith, to elect a Member to represent you in the Legislative Assembly.

Your County being the constituency which, eleven years ago, first honored me with its confidence in returning me to Parliament, no other, has so strong a claim upon my services—provided these services are acceptable—an I but for the dismemberment of the County (now again restored to its former limits) our political connexion might possibly have continued down to this period.

The urgent and repeated solicitations made to me to become a Candidate at the approaching Election, and the kind and cordial reception I have experienced in every part of the County I have visited, justify a belief that I have not unwarrantably intruded myself upon your notice.—The expression, so often and significantly made to me in my canvass—"We are farmers, and we want a farmer to represent us," induces me to hope that a considerable majority of the County will sustain my pretensions on this occasion. I take an honest pride in being a Farmer, and I trust that the interest I have always evinced for promoting skilful Agriculture, will be a guarantee that that important pursuit shall always command special attention at my hands.

GENTLEMEN, the journals of the Legislative Assembly, and the Statute Book, will bear me out in stating, that I have neither

been an indolent nor a useless Member while holding a seat in Parliament; and if, through your suffrages, I occupy a like position again, I hope I shall not disappoint your reasonable expectations.

I cannot be indifferent to the many projects which exist, and are demanded for developing the vast resources of this Great Province; and I shall do all in my power to keep pace with the requirements of the progressive movements of the day, having due regard to the stability of our Public credit, and the character of our enterprises.

We are kept in continual confusion by the incessant changes in our Municipal and Assessment Laws, which, in the opinion of many, are from bad to worse. It shall be my aim, if possible, to reduce these laws into a plain, practical common sense shape, more in accordance with the position and circumstances of the rural population.

Another subject which I hope the whole Province will demand and insist upon, is the permanent location of the Seat of Government. A perambulating government has become a subject of dissatisfaction to almost every person in the Province, apart from the enormous wasteful expenditure connected with it. It requires no great penetration to discern where the most Central and suitable seat of Government ought to be established; and if not yet thoroughly understood, I shall endeavour to make it better known.

The question of the Clergy Reserves has been, in particular, a prolific source of contention and division in Upper Canada, for many years; believing it to be a duty to put an end to the strife, I shall, if returned, be prepared, unqualifiedly, to vote for any plan of Secularization that may be brought forward by the Government. A prohibitory liquor law, and a law against the Governmental desecration of the Sabbath will also obtain my

support. The local representations of every section of the County shall, on all occasions, receive faithful attention from me

Meanwhile, Gentlemen,
Believe me to be,
Very Faithfully,

Your Obedt. Servant,
WILLIAM STEWART.

By Town, July 1st, 1851.

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