

of the Cabinet need not be members of Parliament and thus representatives of the people by their vote. Appointed by the Governor at his will they might be officials already with salaries, relatives or even young men just out from England knowing nothing of Canada. The Parliament had no power over the Executive, as during eight years 325 bills passed by the Assembly had been rejected by the Council.

2nd Land Granting. Large areas were given to favorites. These were subject to no taxes and not improved, no roads were made and thus the progress of the country impeded. Even the U. E. Loyalists who had had grants given them for their loyalty and to compensate for their losses often suffered from being placed in these neglected spots and often sold their land for a trifle.

3rd. War veterans often did not obtain their war losses for weary years, the widow and the children of those who had given their lives for their country were thus destitute.

4th. The Clergy Reserve Trouble.— Huge tracts between settlers were left uncultivated and the roads unimproved and thus settlement of the country obstructed besides the grievance of the words Protestant Clergy being interpreted to mean Church of England.

5th. Besides all this the favoritism shown to those in power and the injustice to others, all this caused a feeling of discontent and much retarded the progress of the country.

To obtain information for the proposed book for emigrants Gourlay sent out a series of questions thirty-one in number to the principal inhabitants of each township. Looking over these questions now we may well be amazed that such information should be regarded as objectionable or criminal. The questions relate to the number of people, the number of churches, schools, stores, mills, the soil, timber, minerals, wages, cost of clearing land, crops, state of roads, wild lands, etc., etc. These questions were all important for those emigrating and had no bearing on politics. But it was the last, the thirty-first which was the stinger found objectionable to the ruling powers, "What in your opinion retards the improvement of your township in particular or the Province in general and what would most contribute to the same? Will it be believed that such efforts were put forth by the rulers that in the counties of York and Simcoe containing large tracts of waste land not a single answer was received and in other places the 31st question was left unanswered. When answered the almost unvariable reply was the immense tracts of land held by non-residents as the Crown and Clergy Reserves. The reply from Kingston was. "The same cause which has surrounded Little York with a desert creates gloom and desolation about Kingston, the seizure and monopoly of the land by people in