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AN APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY.

We publish elsewhere today the
Premier's address to the electors of New
Brunswick announcing a dissolution of
the legislature and an appeal to the
country. We believe it will be the ver-
dict of all fair-minded men that no more
manly and statesmanlike address has
been presented to the electors of this
province than that of Mr. Emmerson,
and that the reasons which
he gives for a continuance of
the support of the people to his govern-
ment are sound and sufficient. Under
ordinary circumstances it might have
been well for the legislature to be al-
lowed to last its full term, but when an at-
tempt is being made to stampede the
Conservative supporters of the govern-
ment into the opposition ranks on the
ground of party allegiance it is
proper that the people should be
heard from on the subject, and that they
should express their views as to whether
or not it would be wise to run the pro-
vincial government on party lines. We
have no doubt as to their answer to this
question and we believe that the opposi-
tion will discover, when it is too late, that
they have made a fatal blunder in rais-
ing this issue.

DR. STOCKTON'S ADDRESS.

On Monday, Dr. A. A. Stockton, who is
still leader of the opposition, issued an
address to the electors of this province,
through the columns of the Sun, asking
them to turn the Emmerson government
out and to place him in power. We
must confess to a feeling of great dis-
appointment at reading this political
manifesto from the learned Doctor of
Law, Doctor of Civil Law and Doctor of
Philosophy who leads the opposition,
for we had hoped that under the pos-
sible circumstances of the case we would
have been treated to something new and
original. Instead of this being the case
we find that Dr. Stockton simply repeats
the same old story that he has been
telling the electors these many
years, a story that has become
threadbare, like an ancient garment, and
which has been many times shown to
be baseless, misleading and essentially
false. For instance, Dr. Stockton tells
the people that the net debt of the
province at the close of the fiscal year
1884 was \$757,897, and that at the end of
1897 it was \$2,488,577, "an increase dur-
ing that period of \$1,730,680, or an
average increase per year
of \$134,683." This is interesting, but
Dr. Stockton wholly omits to men-
tion that in 1889, when Dr. Stockton
ceased to support the government, the
debt had risen to \$1,820,300, an increase
of \$662,603 in five years, or at the rate
of \$132,520 a year. For this increase in
the debt between 1884 and 1889 Dr.
Stockton is just as much responsible as
any member of the government, for he
was during the whole of that period
a loyal supporter of Mr. Blair.
1889 the increase in the debt of
the province has been \$668,297, or at the
rate of \$133,659 a year, but that the rate of
increase has been much less since Dr.
Stockton went into opposition than it
was supporting the gov-
ernment. Stockton says that the
debt increased from \$460,000 in 1884
out \$130,000 in 1897.

The interest on the bonded debt of the
province is now \$138,900, but at it
Dr. Stockton had been entirely correct
he would have informed the people that
the province that in 1889 the interest on
the bonded debt was \$103,688, and that the in-
terest had increased by \$35,212 in five
years while he was supporting the gov-
ernment, and it has only increased by
\$25,000 in eight years while he has been
in opposition. Now if it was right
for Dr. Stockton to support a govern-
ment that was adding to the interest
on the public debt at the rate of \$11,400
a year, on what ground can he say that
a government is extravagant which has
only added to the interest of the debt
at the rate of about \$8,000 a year since
he went into opposition? We shall
await with some interest Dr. Stockton's
explanation of this singular phenom-
enon.

Dr. Stockton's final words in regard to
the provincial debt, we shall take
the liberty of quoting, because we intend to
show by them what an unsafe guide he
is to follow, and how little dependence
can be placed in his figures. He says:—

The increase of the public debt, we
are told by friends of the government, is
almost wholly due to railway subsidies
granted under legislation, for which the
government is not responsible. Such a
statement is not true. Nearly one-half
of the increase in our net debt during
the last thirteen or fourteen years has
been for public services outside of rail-
way subsidies, and chiefly for services
which before that time were paid for out
of the ordinary annual revenues.

Here we have a specific statement
that nearly one-half of the increase in
our net debt during the past fourteen
years has been for public services out-
side of railway subsidies, which before
that time were paid out of the ordinary
annual revenues. The total issue of pro-
vincial debentures at the close of 1897
was \$3,779,800, of which \$388,800 had
been redeemed, leaving \$3,391,000 out-
standing. Against this was to be placed
the amount of money belonging to the
province which is in the hands of the
Dominion government, leaving the
net debt as before stated. Now the only
debt that has been issued by the prov-
ince other than for railway subsidies are
the following:—

St. John Suspension bridge.....	\$35,000
Old Woodstock bridge.....	10,000
Madawaska bridge.....	10,000
Funded debt.....	200,000
Imported horses.....	30,000
Redemption.....	24,000
Public bridges.....	375,000
Grain elevator and wharves, St. John.....	120,000
Lunatic asylum.....	10,000
	\$1,115,000

Let us go through this list with a little
care and see how far the present gov-
ernment is responsible for it, and also
how far Dr. Stockton is himself respon-
sible. The St. John suspension bridge
bonds were issued in 1875 by the King
government for the purpose of making
the suspension bridge free, it being be-
fore a toll bridge, owned by private
parties. The bonds for the old Wood-
stock and Madawaska bridges were
issued in 1876 by the King government.
The redemption bonds, \$24,000 were to
retire bonds issued by former gov-
ernments, bearing a higher rate of interest,
and for which the present government
are in no way responsible. The \$350,000
of funded debt bonds were issued in
1884 by Mr. Blair's government to retire
a floating debt of that amount which
the former government had allowed to
accumulate and on which they were
paying a high rate of interest. This
measure had the approval of Dr. Stock-
ton, who was supporting the government
in the legislature when the bonds were
issued. The \$300,000 for imported horses
were issued in 1887, and also had the
approval of Dr. Stockton, who was then
supporting the Blair government. These
items we have named for which the
present government are not responsible,
or for which Dr. Stockton is equally
responsible, make up a total of \$674,800,
which deducted from the \$3,391,000,
leaves a balance of \$2,716,200, for which
the present government assumes the
responsibility apart from Dr. Stockton.
There are but four items in the list,
two of which are small and relate to
expenditure in St. John, and two large
items covering expenditures elsewhere.
The first of these, \$150,000, is for the
new Woodstock bridge, a gigantic struc-
ture. When Dr. Stockton states that
this is an expenditure which ought to
have been paid out of the ordinary rev-
enue, he is simply trying to mislead the
electors. No such costly bridge had
ever been built by the province before, and
no one ever contemplated that the cost
of this bridge should come out of the
ordinary revenue. It was essentially a
charge against capital, and as such it
was proper that bonds should be issued
to pay for it. The same remark is true
in regard to the item of \$375,000 for steel
bridges which are to replace wooden
bridges. The latter wear out or rot
down in a few years, while the steel
bridges will last for ages. They are
therefore properly charged to capital
account, because they will have been
paid for by the accumulations of the
sinking fund long before they
will need to be renewed. These
splendid bridges will outlast the
oratory of Dr. Stockton and the memory
of his deeds. They will stand for cen-
turies as a proof of the capacity and
public spirit of the government by
which they were built. The reader will
see from the above that Dr. Stockton
is wildly, and we fear wilfully, wrong when
he says that these bonds have been
issued "for services which before that

time were paid out of the ordinary an-
nual revenue."

These figures may be tiresome to the
general reader, but it was necessary to
deal with them for the purpose of show-
ing how little reliance can be placed on
Dr. Stockton's alleged facts and figures.
We trust that the learned doctor, when
he perceives his error, will hasten to
correct it and beg the pardon of the pub-
lic for leading them astray. When we
pass from his fallacious figures to the
remainder of his address, we find it a
"mere waste of dreary platitudes;
indeed the address is more remarkable
for what it does not contain than for
what it does. Dr. Stockton makes no
mention whatever of the Moncton con-
vention, although no longer ago than
last July he considered it the greatest
political movement in the history of the
province. What has become of that
great movement since that time? What
has happened that it should be so com-
pletely ignored by the leader of the
opposition, who declared that provin-
cial politics should be run on dominion
lines. We must say that we think by
ignoring the Moncton convention Dr.
Stockton is treating his friends, Sir
Charles Tupper and Mr. Geo. E. Foster, in
a very unbecoming fashion, for the
former has already taken charge of the
campaign in this province, and is threat-
ening the Hon. Amos D. Richardson
with dire vengeance if he does not aban-
don the government. A visit to St.
John during the present campaign by
Sir Charles would be a most
interesting event because it would give
Dr. Stockton an opportunity of apolo-
gizing to the leader of the Conservative
party for the many bitter attacks he had
made upon him in times past, when he
called him "a public robber," and "the
high priest of corruption." Then Dr.
Stockton might explain to the public
what Sir Charles Tupper has done since
he denounced him to win his confidence
and to make him worthy of being fol-
lowed.

Dr. Stockton has very little to say
about the charges which have been
filed against him for so many
years. He no doubt is aware that these
charges are baseless and will be blown
to the winds before the campaign is
ended. Perhaps, also, he does not wish
to give too much prominence to Mr. J. D.
Hazen, who has displayed a strong in-
clination to take charge of things and
assume the role of leader. That
result would be the logical out-
come of the Moncton conven-
tion, and the culmination of a plot
which had for one of its objects the
retirement of Dr. Stockton from public
life. We congratulate the learned leader
of the opposition on being still in the
ring, but we warn him to beware of
treachery in his own party, and to keep
in mind a certain ancient Latin proverb
which has had a modern applica-
tion. He can doubtless rely on the
venerable Dr. Silas Alward, but
excepting him we can hardly
name another whom he would be
safe in trusting. All these ardent young
Conservatives who are rushing so
valiantly into the political field are not
going there merely for the benefit
of their health, and we fear that they
have regard to an individual whom we re-
gard as highly that we would like to see
him perpetual leader of the opposition.

THE DUNKHOBBERS AND THE SUN.

The Sun of Thursday undertook to
say that it had called against
the government for giving the
Dunkhobors a home in Canada and
assured its readers that it had never
spoken against these unfortunate
Russian exiles. These statements
would be extraordinary if they appeared
in any other paper except the Sun, but
the readers of that paper have become
so accustomed to see it contradict the
most obvious facts that they can stand
almost anything in the way of misrep-
resentation that the Sun can publish.
The following extract from an editorial
which appeared in the Sun on the 15th
November shows that our morning con-
temporary is not telling the truth when it
says it never has spoken against the
Dunkhobors:—

The new comers begin their Canadian
career by becoming in part a public
charge for shelter and probably for sus-
tenance during the coming winter. After
these Spirit Wrestlers are promised
an immigration of Russian Jews, who are
due next year. So far as can be learned
many of these settlers who have come in
or are about to come are of a class which
will not be permitted to land in the
United States.
There is a duty of hospitality belong-
ing to nations as well as to individuals.
But in both cases the obligation has its
limits. We do not take tramps into our
household, and make them members of
the household. In this creative period
we are establishing in this country the
household and citizenship of the people.
The western wheat fields are a splendid
heritage, but its value in the future de-
pends largely upon the character of the
occupants. The immigration department is
doing something every day to deter-
mine that question.

It is Canadian policy to restrict the
immigration of Chinese. The policy is
sound, and is supported by all who have
lived in communities that are partly
Chinese. This is not because the Chi-
nese are not self-supporting, nor because
they are intemperate or lazy. It is
generally admitted that in many re-
spects they are as good as any other
settlers. But the Chinese people
cannot be absorbed into the popula-
tion. Whatever may be the ultimate
reason, the fact remains that the Chi-
nese continue a separate and foreign ele-
ment in the country, and that they will
be so even to the third and fourth gen-
eration.

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Neither the Canadian people
nor the Chinese themselves appear to
wish it otherwise. From what is known
of these immigrants from western Eu-
rope there is reason to doubt whether
they will assimilate with the native
Canadian settlers.
The reader will observe that in this
article the Dunkhobors are first de-
scribed as papists, then they are compared
to tramps, and lastly they are placed in
the same class with the Chinese. If
THE TELEGRAPH or any other paper com-
pared Mr. S. D. Scott to a pauper, a
tramp, or a Chinaman, we think the
editor of the Sun would have good re-
asons for believing that he was being at-
tacked. The comparison which we
made with the Chinese was particularly
unfair and malicious, for it was calcu-
lated to cause people to believe that the
Dunkhobors were an inferior race which
must always remain apart like
the Indians. Now in the first
place it is proper to remind the
reader that while the Chinese
are heathens, the Dunkhobors are
Christians, and good Christians. They
endeavor in their humble way to live up
to the doctrine taught by the Saviour—
to discourage war and bloodshed, to be
considerate and kind, to be temperate
and industrious. We are satisfied that
no person could be brought into contact
with the Dunkhobors, who arrived here
on Monday, without feeling the better
for it in a spiritual sense, for an example
of holy living is far more valuable as an
instrument of promoting the cause of
Christianity than a dull and half-hearted
sermon. The Chinese are an inferior
race, which can never be assimilated,
and a Chinaman, no matter how he is
dressed, can be detected as easily
as a man of color. But no man could
distinguish a Russian Dunkhobor man
or woman, if dressed in the costume of
this country. The men who come out
of the Lake Huron were just as good looking
as the editor of the Sun. The women
looked as though they had worked harder
than our own women, but they certainly
showed no trace of belonging to an in-
ferior race. The Russian royal family,
which claims to be slavonic, as these
Dunkhobors are, have been able to
make matrimonial alliances with the
princely families in Europe, even with
the royal family of Great Britain, for the
Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Victoria's
second son, married the daughter of the
Csar.

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THE SUN AND THE FARMERS.

The Sun is very much afraid that the
farmers of New Brunswick are in favor
of the present provincial government,
and it begs them to listen to what it has
to say against the premier and the min-
ister for agriculture. The Sun is the
paper which three or four years ago de-
clared that the agricultural population
of New Brunswick could not be expected
to increase in number; that, in fact, New
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the direction of a diminution of our far-
mers. After such an absurd statement
the Sun may be expected to give
currency to any sort of nonsense. It
argues with great gravity in an article
which appeared in its issue of yesterday
that the government is wrong in en-
couraging the farmers of New Brunswick
to grow wheat. It thinks that a lawyer
like Mr. Emmerson has no right to give
advice to the farmers about wheat grow-
ing, but Dr. Stockton, the leader of the
opposition, is also a lawyer, and it is he
who speaks through the Sun and ad-
vises the farmers not to grow wheat.
The farmers will listen to the premier
who has initiated an agricultural policy
for their benefit, rather than to an op-
position leader who is bound to declare
everything that is done by the govern-
ment to be wrong.

Messrs. Stockton and Alward announce
that they do not intend to retire from
political life, but will run for the city of
St. John in the provincial legislature if
they receive the nomination. These
two persons propose to run the election
on dominion lines, a fact that will add
a great deal of interest to their utterances.
They are now Conservatives, although
they once pretended to be Liberals, and
to regard the Conservatives as wholly
dishonest and corrupt. It will be well
for them now to explain what the Con-
servatives have done to deserve their
condemnation and to wash away their
past iniquities. The two venerable doc-
tors will have an interesting time of it
before the campaign is ended.

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