

CONSERVATIVE MIS-RULE.

SOME SCANDALS.

Money Squandered upon Lawyers and Friends.

The Legislative Council.

This gilded Chamber which affords a reposing place for a crowd of Ornamental Nobodies, chiefly useful to the Government as a haven for such men as have places that the Cabinet require for friends and who can only be got rid of by giving them a position with a "handle" and—money; this useless hospital for pensioners costs the Province from \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 per annum. Millionaires may have expensive and redundant luxuries but a Government on the verge of bankruptcy cannot.

A great many Conservatives do not believe in the continuance of this fossil chamber but when the question of its abolition is brought forward in the House they swallow all their objections and meekly

follow their leader. Of course there is no knowing when the exigencies of the situation and the demands of a friend may compel the Government to request some one to vacate a position and it is comforting to think of a reward in the shape of an "Honorable" and a salary and above all no wicked, thinking electors to face ever and anon.

The motion of Mr. Cooke, seconded by Dr. Guerin, on the 13th November, 1895 may be taken as a sample of the resolutions: "That in the opinion of this House the necessity for an Upper Chamber or Legislative Council no longer exists and in consequence the same should be abolished." Lost by 35 to 20.

Tory Attempt at Making Capital out of Bankrupt Railroads.

An old book says that there were crusaders and crusaders; and that the second class may justly have the object for enrolling under the banner divided in the following proportions:

Hope of gain	5.00
Ambition and fame	3.00
Lady love	1.50
True object of Crusade	0.50

Total 10.00

The Hon. Premier, as he is by his own confession a crusader, must be a descendant of No. 2 crusaders, that is, if we are to judge by actions, which are commonly said to speak louder than words.

An example of his actions is to be found in Gaspe, where, in order to furbish up his dulled popularity, he named a sequestrator of the Chaleur Bay Railway, by this means hoping to get control of the road and so to obtain capital for his bankrupt reputation to trade on.

Not satisfied with this, he last Session, introduced such legislation as permits

the Government at the request of the sequestrator to pay out of the earnings of the road, the expenses occasioned by the working and running of the road, for the keeping of the road and rolling stock in an efficient state of repair and for the renewal of such of the rolling stock as may become inefficient or disabled. If the earnings are insufficient then the Government can advance the money as a loan, the same to be a privileged claim against the railway, the Government having the right to retain the amount out of any subsidy that may become due to the company owning or controlling the road. (See Journals, 1896, page 293.)

It is easy to see that this legislation can be made the source of enormous expense to the Province; especially when there are so many companies in the most desperate financial position. Under this law the Government can name the sequestrator, carry on the line, etc. at the Province's expense; the recouping to be done by means of a sale of the