THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEFINES AND DEFENDS THE COURSE OF THE GOVERNMENT. AT MARYSVILLE

AT BURTT'S CORNER.

A Successful Meeting.

Rousing

Mr. Blair's Splendid Reception.

THE SMARTEST TOWN IN THE PROV-INCE SOLID FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

### Mr. Gregory's Fallacies Exposed and Convincingly Answered.

In all the River Parishes the Government which is gaining ground every day. Mr. Anderson is a tower of strength in Kingsclear, Princewilliam and Southampton, and both he and Mr. Bellamy will poll a magnificent vote. As the motives that inspire Mr. Gregory's appearance in the field are becoming more government had dealt with the people genclearly apparent, the little strength the on ticket ever had is fast oozing out. The meeting at Burtt's Corner Wednesday evening was one of the best of the campaign. Despite the stormy weather the Hall was well filled with a most attentive and appreciative audience. Mr. Blair and Mr. Anderson were the speakers, and Mr. Thomas Murray occupied the chair.

### HON. MR. BLAIR.

The Premier spoke with telling effect. He pointed out the reasons which had influenced the Government in bringing on the elections at the present time: namely.

The Extension of the Franchise the expressed wishes of the members of the House; the fact that an elec- He was tion to fill three seats must necessarily take place in the important constituency of **Discredit** Saint John, and the importance of avoiding if it cost a thousand dollars to maintain its three months of turmoil, excitment and standing in that respect. prostration of business produced when the determined they became to vote down the was greater than that of the old governmalignant, personal opposition that was being raised against him. Mr. Gregory was had to spend at the present time \$50,000 for the purpose of strengthening the govern-ment in other counties. He had stood up

ment came into power at all.

\$58,000, had cost the country \$128,000. The ment should be turned out he would stand He had no hesitation in saying that if there Nobody knew better than he knew that the fact was that the total amount that had been no earthly chance of election, He (Mr. | was one man holding office in the govern- | government of this province had nothing to spent on the Fredericton Bridge in every Blair) would submit that a man who was ment way, shape or form was \$89,000, in which not honest and fair in avowing his Opposi- Whose Character was Spotless and Defied sum was included the cost of its mainten- tion to the government was not a man to ance and repairs ever since it was built, and be elected to look after honest government. it was Chief Commissioner Ryan. (Applause.) of all the very large alterations that had If the casting vote in the House was Mr. An honester, a truer man was not connected been made upon the original plans, and Gregory's how many seconds would he de- with the Government of any country, and which alterations had made the Bridge liberate as to whether he should turn the though he had presided at the head of that no more. what it was to-day one of the strongest and government out? Yet he wants to be re- department for a period of seven years, this most substantial structures of its kind in turned as an independent representative. It was the first occasion on which any man in America, Describing the Bridge as it stood was perfectly paralyzing that a man of Mr. the House or of it had dared to breathe a in front of his land unless he liked; neither think they had received

not want to give any man a roving commis- body who had had any dealings with that Good Value for Their Money. (Loud Applause and Cries of Yes : we have.) The personal charges of bribery and cor- what his sweet will impelled him to do. ruption made against himself by that paper | He Should Avow His Intentions Openly were beneath contempt. There was not a and then let the people say whether they man to be found in the County of York who want him or not. He (Gregory) had as-

would believe that he had put in his pocket sociated Mr. Allen, a very worthy young a portion of every large contract that the man indeed, with him on his ticket—in fact government had made, as that paper had he had written Mr. Allen's card-and yet stated. He did not think so scandalous a Mr. Allen avowed himself as a straight opcharge had ever before without foundation positionist. Mr. Allen's appearance in the been made against a public man. field was accounted for solely because the Mr. Blair than dealt in a luminous way

government had not seen fit to make a cerwith the financial management of the govtain appointment which Mr. Allen desired anment, and showed the many ways in to have made. Did Mr. Gregory propose to which the cost of administration had been take Mr. Allen into the House and deposit diminished - expect in those departments him in the dark valley of opposition and then leave him there, while from the

### The People Would not Permit to be

figure

his capacity of watchman looked calmly such as roads and bridges and other necesdown upon the scene? (Great laughter) sary public works, and in those matters the Was he going to be a sentinel in that lofty watch-tower to tell the government when erously. He showed that over \$3000 a year there was any danger approaching? Was had been saved in contingencies alone by he going to sound the bugle and give the this government and that in Excutive govhoarse call to arms so that the government might arise and resist the onslaught of the ernment the saving had been \$3307 per year more. In the cost of the Legislature \$2800 enemy? (Laughter). That was an exalted per year had been saved. He defied the face position, but it was not the position you of clay to challenge the accuracy of these would expect to find a fair minded, candid man-who was not guilty of secretiveness

Mr. Blair then dealt with the statement himself-occupying. Mr. Gregory had acthat he had heard Mr. Gregory had made queed him (Blair) of being arrogant and that it costs Mr. Blair \$200 to go to Ottawa, tyranical. Well, he did not know but that while it only costs Mr. Gregory from \$90 to he was nearly as sociable, nearly as cheer-\$125. He was heartily cheered when he ful, nearly as agreeable a man to meet as asked the audience if they wanted their pro- Mr. Gregory. He did not think that if the vince represented at Ottawa and elsewhere peoples representatives had found him arrogwhere the public men of other Provinces ant and tyranical he would have continued had to be met and entertained, in a way that to hold their confidence to a greater extent would bring the Province into disrepute? | now than at any time since he had assumed the reins of power. Not Going to Bring his Province into

### The Attorney General then urged the to Stand by the Ticket

mountain of independence Mr, Gregory in

and so strengthen his hands in the government. It was a fact that some of the outside

It was stated that the province while it elections take place in the summer. He had held its own financially had the benefit counties were complaining of all he had people would feel as well able to make their had. This was correct, but he pointed out York had received one whit more than its choice as though they had three months at that increased income had been got by charg- fair share, yet it required at times a strong their disposal. Viewed from the standpoint ing an increased rate of stumpage and by man at the helm to get its just dues. He of his own personal interests he could have the manner in which the fisheries had been was charged with being domineering. Well, desired a longer time in which to put his case managed. In his exposition of the way in if it was permissible at any time for a man before the people, because he found the more which the Government had handled both to be domineering it was when he was opportunity the people were given of hear- these services Mr. Blair was loudly ap- standing up for the rights of his county. ing the claims of the Government the more plauded. It was true that the expenditure **He had Never Yielded the Just Claims of** 

perfectly prepared to shatter to atoms if he more for interest than at the time the former ment in other counties. He had stood up firmly and strongly and continuously in the

ticket in York. Had they not been well

served by their four representatives the past

the building was built and completed in and approved of its acts, and had never say to the contrary-should have the benefit, that subject. The Tobique murderers with themselves over there on the Restigouche 1881, and it was not until the second session changed his mind until he fell out with if benefit there was, in any extra work that whom Mr. Gregory, sympathised, and whom and Upsalquitch and other rivers would after its occupation that the present Govern- himself. Mr. Gregory gave reasons in his was to be performed. (Applause). If there he had unsuccessfully defended, were not discover it? Mr. Gregory who does not ment came into power, Every dollar of that card which were sufficient if true to turn was any meaning to be attached to the charge fishing on Crown Lands but in front of know a fishing rod from a broom-stick \$132,000 was spent years before this govern- out any government; yet he had not the Mr. Gregory had made it was an attack on ground belonging to private individuals. would hardly be the man you would fairness nor courage to claim that the gov- the honesty and integrity of Mr. Ryan. The There were some people, Mr. Gregory among select as being an authority about the Then it was charged that the Fredericton ernment should be turned out. He knows work was not done by him (Mr. Blair) nor them, who seemed determined to mislead Bridge, although the accepted tender was that if he were to proclaim that the govern- any other member from the county of York. the minds of the public upon this question. do with the regulation and control of the inland fisheries of this province. That be-

longed exclusively to the Dominion Govern-Reproach ment. The Provincial Government had just

the same control over their water-fronts on

A Private Owner Need not let his Neighbour Fish to-day he asked the audience if they did not Gregory's experience should put himsell in syllable to the detriment or dishonour of need the crown. Years ago all the lands on such a position as he had. The people did that gentleman. It would surprise every- that part of the Tobique where this tragedy occurred were granted to the New Brunssion to go into the Legislature and do just gentleman in his department to hear that wick railway company. That company had for interesting themselves in this matter I Mr. Gregory had had the supreme temerity the same control over its property as any should think. Go through Mr. Gregory's to come upon this platform and heap re- private owner would have over his. To proaches upon his name. For two and a charge the government with doing wrong in half years since this sidewalk was built Mr. connection with the fisheries in a matter Gregory and his newspaper allies had sup- that they had nothing in the world to do

> was heard with regard to this outrageous along the fishing rivers of the Province de- fault about. (Applause)." transaction. He thought they had held back rived ten times as much benefit from the Mr. Blair then took up the Plaster Rock these accusations thinking they could successfully spring them upon the country a week or ten days before the election.

> The people would gather from Mr. Gregory's speech the other night that ever they raised. If these people thought it was sale. He stated in his correspondence since the difference between that gentleman not better to sell their water-fronts they and himself had occurred Mr. Gregory had would have held on to them, but they did been dogging his footsteps, note-book in not hold on.

> This brought him to the specific charge hand and that every time he (Blair) happened to sneeze he had made a note of it. (Laughter.) All these cat-like movements had been Dungarvon and Renous Club. He was glad mittee or authorized the Surveyor General, carried on week after week, month after that Mr. Gregory had had the courage to I forget which, to communicate with all month apparently for the purpose of spring- make this charge for it required some cour- the owners of plaster rock or gypsum in ing them on the people when the elections age to make it. "It was deemed better," the provinces of the Dominion to ascercame on. If Gregory or any man really had said Mr. Blair, "to lease all these rivers in tain how much royalty should be charged. any complaints to make, or knew that there order to preserve salmon fishing for the It was ascertained that the usual charge were any scandals existing, the fact that future; that officers or men should be ap-was five cents per ton royalty, that in one they kept their arrows in the quiver all this pointed to see that there is no improper time was in itself a most suspicious circum- fishing, to see that the pools are not swept stance. The government was entitled to out and destroyed and the fish destroyed by fair play, but fair-play was not what it was dynamite and other lawless means in season now receiving from the opposition in York. and out of season. The government may Mr. Gregory had charged against the gov-ernment that Mr. Wilson was holding posi-tions which he had secured by evernment in the question. The government may the question in leasing these rivers, but we formed the best judgment we could on the question. The government may have been wrong in leasing these rivers, but the question. The government may before the sale Scholes wrote stating that influence and therefore he was not an Inde- condemning us for having adopted the he would have nothing to do with it as pendent representative and could not criti- policy of leasing the rivers, who says our the rate charged was too high. Mr. cise, as people would expect their represen- fishery policy is so worthy of condemnation, James E. Simmons, who owns a mill on tatives to criticise the acts of the govern- you will be surprised to hear heartily en- the Tobique, went to the sale and bid it in. ment. How had he proved that. Well, he dorsed that policy and until he fell out with The second notice of sale differed slightly said that Mr. Wilson had held the position me—upon grounds which he says were from the first, but not in favor of the purof a commissioner to arrange the terms of political, though I was not aware of it—down chaser. Now, you will be surprised when Union between St. John and Portland; that to the very moment when he fell out with I tell you that that plaster had laid there he had got that position from the govern- me, extending over a period of four years ment and therefore was under obligations to approved and the government and not a free agent. What Were the Facts?

Endorsed the Policy Which he now

felt that after a three week's campaign the of a larger revenue than the old government done for York, and while he did not think passed the Act which authorized the ap-He pointed out that when the Legislature pointment of commissioners to prepare a scheme of Union between St. John and Portland, these two cities sent delegates to Fredericton asking that the Bill should be advise with him on such a variety of im- notwithstanding what Mr. Gregory says so framed that Portland should have one portant subjects. Well, I am happy to to the contrary, for three years there has commissioner, St. John should appoint an- say that when I advised with him I did been paid \$100 a year into the provincial Councils of St. John and Portland them- approved of that policy when it was has yet been raised. The previous adselves when this Bill was being promoted by adopted and for four years afterward. Can ministration had given away at nominal them asked the government as a matter of you attach much value to this sudden figures hundreds of acres of that valuable special favour to appoint Mr. Wilson as the reversal of opinions which he has held for plaster rock. The man who can discover

fishing business of the North Shore (Laughter), Mr. Murray and Mr. Labillois who represent Restigouche are being returned by acclamation. Though these patent outrages have been perpetrated right there under their noses these people are so absolutely oblivious to the gross wrong that has been done them that they these streams as any private owner had and don't know enough to put anybody up against them. Well, is it worth while for us to get our backs up and work ourselves

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into a fury over this question when the people who live right where these things occur are not aware that anything has not gone wrong? They must feel deeply indebted to the people over here in York criticisms from beginning to end and you will discover that they are simply the invention of an ingenious mind driven to ported the Government and not a whisper with was grossly unfair. The people living its wit's end to find something to find

> money spent in their midst by these foreign canvass. He pointed out that a man fishermen and others, as if they had the free named Scholes on the North Shore first right of fishing themselves. Employment | applied to the department to have this was given them and also a market for what plaster rock on the Tobique put up for with the department that the Plaster Rock was not worth much and he was only Willing to Pay a Trifling Rental.

> made against him in connection with the The Executive Council appointed a comcase over in Nova Scotia as high as seven cents was charged. We concluded to try the experiment of charging ten cents a ton, three more than was charged anyyear in and year out and never produced a farthing to the treasury until Scholes made this application and Simmons bid it in. I defy anyone to show that there

> when he was supporting the government | them for your inspection. Mr. Simmons and at the time when it appears I used to bid the lot in and paid his money and

# CHRISTMAS DRY GOODS,

Christmas

GRAND DISPLAY OF

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## DRESS GOODS A SPECIALTY



Which commences on Monday, January 6th, we will sell during this month the balance of our

### commissioner, St. John should appoint an-other and the government another, and the commissioner of St. John should appoint an-other and the government another, and the commissioner of St. John should appoint an-other and the government another, and the commissioner of St. John should appoint an-other and the government another, and the commissioner of St. John should appoint an-other and the government another, and the commissioner of St. John another, and the commissioner of St. John should appoint an-other and the government another, and the commissioner of St. John another of St. John another of St. John and The WINTER JACKET CLOTHS AND ULSTERINGS.

The real question was did the people of continue to increase until all the obligations this county think the present government was entitled to their confidence and support. He pointed out that on the He did not mean to say that the government had made no mistakes: but he thought he could convince any really fair-minded been such as to commend itself to the ap-been expended \$77,900, or a yearly average proval of the people. Being human they of \$11,100. (Applause); And while the exhad no doubt in some things erred, but he penditure for this important service had held himself in readiness now or at any time thus been almost doubled the money had or place to give a substantial reason for every been spent to much greater advantage. Unact the government had been the author of der the old government a bridge had been during that period. It was quite possible been built across the Mouth of the Keswiek that an astute lawyer like Mr. Gregory who costing \$1400 that would not bear its own desired to be very captious and very tech- weight. The present bridge - a covered nical, very critical and very suspicious, and wholly blinded by personal prejudice, might wery way had cost little over half that **The Best Government the People of York Ever Had.** wholly blinded by personal prejudice, might every way had cost little over half that be able to go through all the transactions of amount. the last seven years and say this thing was done wrong and that thing was done wrong and make quite a case against the govern- ject at length and justified the course of the tion down. (Applause.) ment, or any other government that ever existed.

In reply to the charge that the governbounding them four rods off the water. ment had not fulfilled the pledges they had made, as contained in the Gleaner, he pointed out that up to two years ago when Mr, Gregory and himself had disagreed that paper had been a most warm, a most ardent supporter of his. Up to that very moment every solitary act that the government did qualification whatever. The very figures it dollars a year? He held that those valuable now quoted against it were then quoted in its favor. For the last two years that paper had pursued a policy of

### Falsehood, Scandal and Venomous whole people to whom they properly be-Hostility,

to himself. To what that paper had said up Gregory was now condemning but which he rigour of Mr. Gregory's greeting. to the present time he had no opportunity heartily supported and justified when it was of replying. He thought before the people adopted and down to the time of his personal of York condemned him on the strength of falling out with himself. As to whether, statements emanating from such a source however, these streams should be leased as and inspired by such motives they would at at present or retained for the use of fisherleast afford him the opportunity of saying men by the day at so much per rod, the pected business hindered him from coming. the correspondence in the Attorney General's what he had to say on his own behalf. Government would at the proper time take (Applause.) They would not condemn him the subject into consideration. at all events absolutely unheard. There were some ot his former friends who, with- made to abolish the Legislative Council. He out affording him any chance to say a word assured the audience that not a solitary apbecause of these wholsale accusations with which the constituency had been flooded. But he was glad to say that by far the larger portion of those life-long friends would not condemn him before the evidence was heard. That paper had great opportunities of injuring him. It was almost exclusively among his own friends that it circulated and they had taken it into their homes and there week after week month after month it had deposited its loads of falsehood and slander. It was not surprising that such constant and reiterated attacks, to which he having no paper of his own had no opportunity to reply, should have taken effect upon the minds of some of his friends. It would take him three weeks to refer to all the inventions of malignity that that paper had for the past that directly or indirectly in any shape form two years

#### Sent Broadcast through this County.

But he would endeavour to deal with a few of the most utterly scandalous and disreputable of these statements and then ask whether a newspaper which could invent such falsehoods ought to be believed in anything it states at all.

One statement made by that paper was that there had been a deficit in the seven years this government had been in power of over \$400,000. How did the Gleaner arrive at those figures? By charging against this government the \$321,000 of outlaying indebtedness which this government found awaiting payment when they came into power, for not one dollar of which this adminstra-

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could the Government party in York, with administration left office, which was enwhich he had always been indentified, and tirely owing to the railway subsidies authorwhich had given him in years past the only | ized by their predecessors. For that item he strength he ever had in this county, pro- neither claimed nor disclaimed responsivided he could vent his ill-will against him- bility. It was simply a fact, and it was also a fact that the outlay for interest would

Great Roads and Bridges of the County

of York from 1876 down to 1882 there had been spent

Many of these Settlers Were Mere

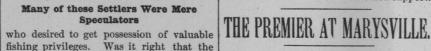
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term of the house, working actively and man that the management of public affairs \$44,700, while in the seven years the present had he asked them, as he felt assured they narmoniously and unitedly together ? If they government had been in power there had would, to strengthen his hands in the government in the only way they could strengthen them-by the election of the full ticket now in the field. (Hearty Applause).

### MR. ANDERSON made a brief but practical speech. He asked

the people to support him in order that he might be able to support a government which had done more in

Tha management of the fisheries had been practical way for the county than all previcalled in question. He dealt with this sub- ous governments previously from confedera-Government. It was said to be a grievance At the close of the meeting by far the larger that they should issue grants to settlers portion of those present assured the government candidates of their undivided support.



fishing privileges. Was it right that th Government should sell these privileges to Thursday night was bitterly cold and stormy, and only a few hours notice could these people for a mere song in order that was approved by that paper without any fishermen for hundreds and thousands of prevent the Hall at Marysville being occupied wearing out his arithmetical mind by calthe grantees might lease them to foreign privileges should not be sold to anybody for their own benefit and speculation, but should be used to derive a revenue for the longed. This was a policy which Mr. Blair received contrasted greatly with arctic the items were. A large proportion of that

It is safe to say that the Premier has seldom office and do anything else whatever. He

Mr. Blair then described the efforts he had and a half hour speech as published, will in defence of himself, had condemned him pointment would be made to that Council see by the HEBALD's report how completely until enough could be made all his petty canvasses and

### to Wipe it out of Existence,

which was what the Government intended to do at the earliest opportunity that offernotice of the meeting, and his gratification ed. Referring to the statement that Mr at the very large number present, the Premier Rourke and others had been offered seats stated that it would not be possible in the unconditionally in the Legislative Council brief time at his disposal for him to deal he said : there is not that man living that with all the administrative acts of the govwill dare to say that he was offered or ernment; his remarks would be almost en tendered or had suggested to him by any tirely limited to replying to the arguments hody authorized to speak on the govern advanced by Mr. Gregory on Monday night. ment's behalf, a seat in the Legislative Coun He could not help thinking that the posicil. He would veuture to say when he came tion of the government in York was a to address the electors of the City of Saint John within a few days that out the new Departmental Buildings,

Mr. Rourke Would not Dare to Say the horse importation and buildings erected for their accommodation, the or fashion any such offer was ever made to bridge, the New Deaf and Dumb Asylum, the very greatly increased amount expended

The audience became convulsed with on roads and bridges in this county, and the laughter when he described the efforts of the fact that the county had a larger number of Hon. Robert Young to entrap him into fill- Agricultural Societies than ever before, as ing the vanancies in the Council in the hope evidence that the Government had been even though he had a free pass over all the that Mr. Young would assist to bowl them | faithful to the interests of York.

out. He was the man that had fought the The opposition in York contended that the government for all these years from the be- government had done nothing but what they ginning to the end and had fought nothing should have done in this respect and were harder than he had fought abolition, "I therefore entitled to no credit. They even know too much of my friend Robert to act went so far as to belittle the construction of on any suggestion Robert would make. If the Fredericton bridge. He was glad that those appointments were made at the present these gentlemen had descended from all the in inventing an excuse for a change of base. and corruption made against the govern-

Interests of this county even when he felt that the consequce might be to weaken the urer of the county and a former councillor government in other counties without perwas a gentleman well-fitted for the position haps strengthening it to any extent in York. and practically the government had had no If the people had confidence in him and in say whatever in that matter. In no sense his government-knowing not what comor any degree whatever was Mr. Wilson unbinations the future might bring forth-he der any obligations to the government. appealed to them to elect the government

Then Mr. Gregory had said that Mr. Wilson could not be independent because he was Registrar of the University. Well, that appointment was not made by the Govenment. There were one two members of the Government on the Senate. But the Government did not appoint them; they were elected by the Alumni of the University. The fact that two of the men they selected to be members of the Senate were

also members of the government was surely no disqualification to them. And being Government he cannot do it without conmembers of the Senate why should they not have the same right as any other members of the Senate to say who should fill a position of that kind. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. must flatten him to the ground

Pugsley were only two out of the 12; their Well, gentlemen, we put up the Dungarvotes did not appoint Mr. Wilson. He ton and Renous from time to time for pointed out that for 18 or 20 years the late sale. I did not interest myself in the sale respected Charles Fisher was a member of of the fisheries, but I remember the Sur-Legislature while also holding the position veyor General telling me that he wanted of a Registrar of the University and it was to sell these rivers. Here are the official never suggested that he was not an independrecords of that transaction. These rivers ent representative. He thought the excluwere offered for sale in March 1885 at the sive credit of having upset price of \$100 for the Dungarvon and Unearthed this Mighty Mare's-Neat

belonged to the astute gentleman who is now a candidate in this county.

Then Mr. Gregory had been examining ihs account of the Attorney General for statibe given of the meeting, but that did not onery for the past year and he had been by a large and enthusiastic audience, when culating how many sheets of paper could be Mr. Blair addressed the people. It was an bought for \$281 and how long it would take They did not think they were good enough audience larger than that which Mr. Gregory him (Blair) to consume that paper. Mr. and Mr. Allen had on the previous Monday Gregory might have saved himself a great evening, and the enthusiastic reception Mr. deal of trouble by simply ascertaining what sum was made up my the cost of a type.

Mr. John Gibson, Mr. Rowley and all the writer, which he thought was a reasonabl old stand-bys of the party that has always thing for a man to aspire to as a number of been invincible in Marysville were present the government. Without the help of a and a letter was received from Mr. Alexander typewriter and the services of a shorthand take them at all. Gibson conveying his regrets that unex- writer no man could possibly attend to all Now, I will tell you what occurred. Mr. James S. Neill and Mr. Matthew Tennant-

appeared to greater advantage on the stump thought the Opposition was getting down the former of whom never voted for me in than he did on Thursday evening. Those to a very small point indeed, seeing that the his life and has no claims on me whatwho have waded through Mr. Gregory's two government of the county handled hund- ever — who are gentlemen fond of fishing, be done which he knew they would do reds of thousands of dollars as they do every ascertaining that these rivers had not been effectively and well. year and controlled tremendous interests, sold, without a shadow or a hint of knowwhen the critic's gigantic mind soared to ledge on my part, as they will swear to if

Childish Accusations were Demolished, the sublime height of criticising a stationery After express, his regret that circumbill of \$281. (Applause). stances would no admit of his giving longer If they were going to select a watchman to

that he

watch the stationery bill, he thought it the upset price. Well, they were told that would be possible to get a man of less imposing attainments to discharge those important duties fully. If there were anything ments. They organized a little club the matter with these accounts did not the among themselves, composed of Dr. Coulaudience think that such men as Mr. Han- | thard, Mr. Wiley and a number of others ington, Mr. Tweedie, Mr. Phinney and Dr. who were not political friends of mine or Atkinson would have drawn attention to associated or connected with me in any them. These men were not so limited in way whatever. They wanted a memberintellect that they could not grapple with ship of twelve men and had secured ten very strong one. He pointed such a gigantic subject as that. If no bet- and wanted two more. Aftey they had got ter reasons than these could be assigned for ten men Mr. Tennant met me on the street hurling the government for power than then the government was indeed more faultless and had committed much less error than he (Blair) would be prepared himself to admit that they had committed.

Dealing with Mr. Gregory's charge against him that he spent \$200 on his Ottawa trips, days later I agreed to join. Mr. Gregory says I went to the Crown Land Office and railways. Mr. Blair said the painful fact was directed that both leases should be joined

### Never had Any Free Passes

to go to Ottawa. The audience here as elsewhere, heartily applauded the Premier's remarks when he assured them that he did not

t with their own repre- these last four years? It may be that the anything wrong in that transaction has a sentatives on the commission. They were privilege belongs exclusively to him to more penetrating mind than I possess and approve to-day what he condemned yester-is really too full of suspicion to live comday and condemn to-day what he yester- fortably and happily in this world. day ap-proved. It is not a privilege (Laughter.) There must be some other claimed by many, and certainly one that sphere to which he is better adapted than is accorded to but few. If a man says to- this and too which he should make haste day that a certain policy is atrocious when to immediately repair. (Laughter.) a short time ago he held up both hands Mr. Blair then dealt with the Legislative in support of it, I think you would be Council canvass effectively, showing that justified in investigating the childlike they had allowed four vacancies to occur innocence and sincerity of that man. Of some years ago, with the intention of course he has got to give some reasons for abolishing the Council, which they had changing his views, but the mere fact that been forced to fill prematurely by reason he fell out with me does not satisfactorily of the fact that the Government's legisexplain his getting out of the coat he has lation was being persistently blocked, and worn all these years and playing the role | repeating his declaration that

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of a lightning-change artist by jumping The Five Present Vacancies Would Never into another one. If he condemns the be Filled

until enough men could be appointed to demning himself. The same hand you make sure work of abolition. Respecting lay upon me at his request to crush me Hon. Mr. Young's offer of assistance he said the first intimation he had of it, beyond a remark of Mr. Young's which he took at the time to be a joke, was the publication of it in the papers. The audience was convulsed with laughter as he diagnosed that gentleman.

Respecting the charge that the government in part made up for their reduced salaries by charging for travelling expenses as Lunatic Asylum commis-\$50 for the Renous. Whoever took the sioners, he pointed out that the allowance lease had to bind themselves in a penalty made was the same as had always been that they would keep on each a number made for commissioners visiting that instiof guardians for such a period in the year tution. The gross amount realized by as the governor in council would prescribe. him (Blair) last year from that source was That Condition Scared Anybody \$48.

The Premier also dealt effectively with the anomalous position of his opponents pense involved. When they were offered out the county as they were like Siamese in March, 1885, nobody would take them twins, arm and arm, the one opposed to at any price. In March, 1886, they were the government and the other Indepenoffered and nobody wanted them. In dent. He appealed to the electors if they March, 1887, they were offered but no- approved of the Government to signify body wanted them. For three successive their approval in the only way open to years they were offered and nobody would them, namely by supporting it at the polls on the 20th. Mr. Blair was loudly applauded.

The Chairman Mr. William P. Day said there was nothing more to be done tonight, but on the 20th there was work to

TO THE ELECTORS necessary, went down to the Crown Land Office and offered to take these rivers at -OF THEthey could have them. Up to this time I they could have them. Up to this time I COUNTY OF YORK, knew absolutely nothing of their move-

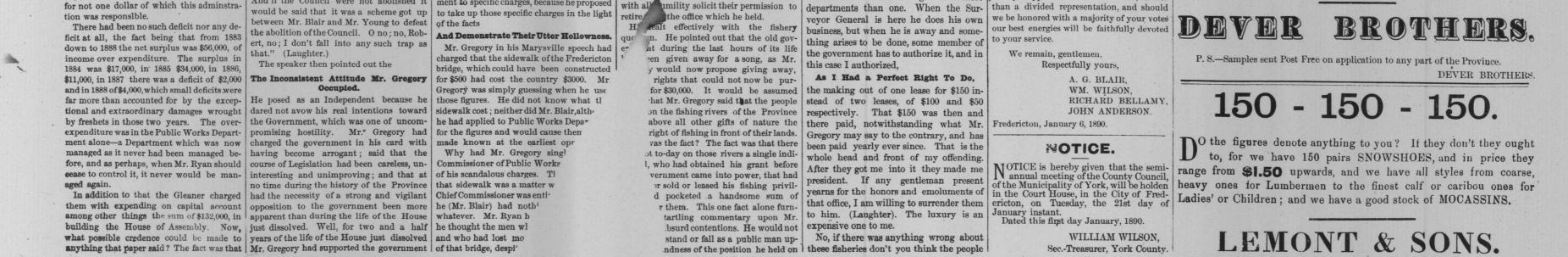
GENTLEMEN -At a Convention of friends of the Local overnment the undersigned were selected as candidates to contest the coming election of members to serve in the Legislature for the ensuing term, and having accepted the nomination tendered us, we are now before you respectfully soliciting your suffrages and said: "You are a fisherman, we have It was the expressed opinion of the Congot ten men; why would you not make vention that the present Government which one of the two more we want?" "Well," is now on its trial before the people was de I said, "what is it going to cost me?" He serving of the confidence of the country, explained what it would cost, and some and that the electors of this County might reasonably be expected to accord to it their undiminished support.

GENTLEMEN,-Have not your interests been well served during the past four years? in one. So I did. I suppose if you go into the Crown Land Office you will find it they have ever been before? Has not the recorded on the back of hundreds of County enjoyed an influential position indocuments "the Attorney General directs | the Provincial Government? If they have, so-and-so." If you do not happen to know these results have been largely owing to the propose to bring his Province into dis- it I will say that the Attorney General, fact that your four members worked unitedly repute in Ottawa or anywhere else. When | if he happens to be a representative of the | and harmoniously together in your service. time the plausible Robert would not be long loose and general allegations of extravagance the people demanded that he should demean County of York, has a good deal of depart- We ask you to give the Government your himself and their government, then he would mental work or authorizing to do in more hearty support and elect a united, rather And if the Council were not abolished it ment to specific charges, because he proposed with all unility solicit their permission to departments than one. When the Sur-



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