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The ADVANCE office is removed from the old stand Upper Water Street, to the building next (east) to Messrs. Guy, Bevan & Co's Office, Lower Water Street, Chatham.

Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B. - MARCH 11, 1886.

Stampage. The land effect which might be expected to follow in logical order on the outrageous and unbusinesslike of the Newcastle advocates for a reform in the stampage regulations is beginning to show itself in other parts of the Province. If there were people in other sections not so directly interested as ourselves on the North Shore, who were indifferent on the subject and might have been open to good and fair reasons to consent to some measure of relief, they may now be hardened in opposition by the result of the premature vote and the imbecile incompetence and no-account representatives who presume to speak without knowledge and act without honesty.

They have obtained such a reward for their labors is reported to be the case. Messrs. Park and Adams have added to the difficulties which will meet Messrs. Gillespie and Burchill and their colleagues from the Northern counties in endeavoring to obtain what might have been otherwise comparatively easy, viz., a non-political hearing followed by some substantial relief on taxes which are falling so unequally on the chief industry of their constituencies. Nevertheless, we have reason to trust that the strength which the Government shows so superior to the would-be compromisers tactics of a creeping opposition, will be equally strong in being both just and generous, in spite of an exceptional temptation to visit the sins of our Newcastle friends on the heads of their deluded constituents, in which the innocent would suffer through the guilty. This sectional feeling to which we refer has been the danger to which the question has been exposed and it was therefore all the more important that it should have been exposed on its merits and not doomed to be muddled in political complications and in the interest of political gamblers, who value more the success of a trick than they do legitimate gains. If the lumber trade must suffer without relief till its pangs will transmit their agonies along the sensitive nerves of credit and touch other centres of business by their symptoms on the debit side of accounts and in the annals of the registry office and, in this way, prove that the interests of the Province are common, in kind if not in degree, we must patiently abide the result, but not without a strong and warning protest against a let-by policy, as such in the interest of an administration which is the only one we can hope will do what is right, as in that of a trade which it is the duty of all Governments to serve.

To rely for amendment upon an administration formed of an opposition which now contains men in whom mockery is a habit and infidelity a creed, would be to confide upon the integrity of our Davonian politicians. We prefer the ill we have and which are our own, rather than to fly to others of which we have had a taste in the past, believing that the relief which comes slowly will come securely at last.

It may be asked if the great fact has ever presented itself to our people with the force it should—and as it ultimately must, if nothing is done to avert the strength of the blow with which it will reach its own ears—that the value of a thousand of desks on board a vessel in Miramichi just represents so much lumber both manual and mechanical and the food and raiment, with some extra to clothe and feed it during the process of production. The raw material, or logs, grow without investment or expense and are valueless till approached by the lumbermen in the fall of each year, cut down, hauled and driven to the place of shipment during the following season, there to be converted into merchantable shape for exportation.

During the whole course of the progress from forest to market, it is simply a conversion of relatively nothing into something by the value of labor and the supplies of all kinds which are consumed in the work. These are the only real elements that go to make up the intrinsic value of the merchantable lumber. The return which the merchant has for his venture, in which time and risks of every description, both natural and commercial, are incurred, is whatever margin lies between actual cost or labor cost, and the price that can be obtained for the product from the consumer. There are no commissions or intermediaries profits incident to the business as gyps to stiffen the source of direct profits. That source remains alone and unsupported and has to bear the whole strain of what the consumer that presses on it. This margin has been disappearing, not through that backeyed thing termed depression, as is ignorantly supposed and to which every ill, both natural and contracted through bad policy, is carelessly attributed, but

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owing to that oppression which a man, business or beast suffers if overburdened. While competition has gone on increasing, our ability to meet it has decreased in proportion as Dominion and Local taxation have been handicapping us in a race in which it requires the utmost freedom of action to save our distance, and that alone coming in at the finish, so that the intervening bit of profit that once existed is now being divided between our competitors on the one hand and the necessities of revenue on the other.

This condition of things must result in a steady and perhaps irrevocable passing away of trade. Some hopeful optimistic folk among us may fondly imagine that, as "in Curat's time," and so now—they who are dissatisfied and cannot go on can give place to others ready and willing to fill the gaps. Alas! the times have changed. The disturbance and annoyance that have caused onee to forsake a nest will not be a foolish one to sit down on a sudden egg. Deceit will also have lost their fascination and the cowardly and wary flight of scared capital overhead, to seek more propitious and peaceful feeding grounds, and with it the employment, labor, industry, independence and all its other varied attendants and accessories, will only suggest remorseful visions of what was and might have continued if we had not staved our trade in its own fat, or like Aladdin's, presumed to live on steaks cut out of the flanks of the ballocks we rode, and considered the evening too far ahead of the morning to make any thoughtful provision therefor.

Mr. Park's Failure.—It would, of course, be a waste of time and space for us to reply, as we might do to the World's objections to our course of Mr. Park not finding a way to reply to Surveyor-General Mitchell's faulty arguments and misstatements of fact in their reference to the stampage question, for the World would question, for the World would doubt, quote stale and obsolete parliamentary precedents based on May or some lesser authority—including, no doubt, the recollections of the "honorable" reporter who had one year's experience at Fredericton and wrote a lecture after a similar kick-out at Ottawa. But we are concerned to know whether Mr. Park really was unacquainted with the mode of procedure by which he might have secured a hearing in reply to the surveyor-general, had he been prepared to make the "lame and impotent" speech with which he prefaced his resolution.

[Special correspondence of the Advance.] Fredericton, Letter.

The opening of the Legislature was as brilliant a gathering of well-dressed ladies, a very numerous military staff, a tremendous crowd of all sorts and conditions of men, women and children and a Lieutenant-Governor in our midst, a brilliant Windsor uniform could make it. The opening of the House is somewhat of an innovation, but Lady Tilly, who is very popular with the fair and the sterner sex, having intimated her wish that she should be present, her presence was secured and she was seated in the Chamber as very pretty. Although it was broad daylight the windows were darkened by closing the shutters and the gasolene lamps were lighted up.

The effect of this part of the arrangement was somewhat marred by the first act of the Governor which was to open the House literally, by having the shutters nearest him thrown back.

Then Mr. Wetmore, leader of the opposition, called for a candidate in York county. He is a lawyer and a good speaker. He made a very good impression upon the House. The occasion called for something in the nature of a historical sketch and Mr. Wilson was equal to it. He treated the House to a few pleasantries, remarking among other things, that his honorable friend from Gloucester (Mr. Ryan) would still be building bridges a hundred years from now. The wholesome-looking Chief Commissioner smiled and the House applauded.

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I agreed with him in that statement. Now how does he reconcile his statement with his conduct in the House? Surely he does not hope he is anxious to see the Government well accomplished. It was evident that he had something to bring about—a reduction of the stampage. Besides, sir, the honorable gentleman does not properly state the facts in connection with the Council's resolution. That resolution did not condemn the Government for its rate of stampage, but asked the Government firmly but respectfully to consider the grievances of the Northern Counties in this matter. With the permission of the House I will read the Council's resolution. [Mr. Burchill then read the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of Northumberland on the stampage question.] It seems to me that certain Miramichi lawyers are anxious to form themselves into a kind of salvation army on this question. They pretend to say that their course is in the interest of the

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County they represent. To my mind their course is to make capital for a resolution they have circulated in their own behalf throughout Northumberland. I pointed at the County Council meeting to do this my power to have the stampage reduced. I will carry out my promise to the very last and will act as the proper time. I hope and believe the Government will be able to reduce the stampage. In the meantime I will vote against the resolution on the ground that it seeks rather to injure the Government than to aid them in an effort to reduce the stampage. In conclusion, I must say that I heartily approve of the 10 years' system, and advise that it is popular all over the Province.

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Hon. Mr. Blair said extremely well pleased that the opposition had partially recovered from the effect of the speech made yesterday by the hon. member from St. John. That speech was a very able and helpful one, and the opposition, as a whole, was not to be blamed for making a reply. It was pleased to see the hon. gentleman from Northumberland, after a night's rest, had been met with the success of the opposition. He, after hearing not the half truth, as stated by the surveyor-general, but the actual facts, the house and people were prepared to listen to the hon. gentleman's willingness to do the right thing. All the statements made could be answered. It was refreshing to hear the last speaker posing as an economist and declaring that the reduction of the stampage would result in a loss of revenue to the Government. He was willing to do the right thing. He was willing to do the right thing. He was willing to do the right thing.

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