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ed that, in the course of nature, must succeed them. The Moncton Doyberry. The Moncton Times, referring to the committee appointed by Speaker Hill to investigate the charges preferred by Mr. Hazen against Premier Emmerston says:—

"The two least active of the opposition members have been placed on the committee, and the omission of Mr. Hazen, who has given the matter much attention, shows not only that the government is prepared to violate Parliamentary precedent when its purpose is served thereby, but that it is afraid of the enquiry."

Messrs. Shaw and Glazier can settle with their friend, the Times, for the left-handed compliment it has bestowed upon them. It is, evidently, has a poorer opinion of them than they deserve. It is a new thing, however, to have the doctrine set up that a man's accuser ought also to be one of his judges. We are quite sure that Mr. Hazen, himself, will not claim that he ought to have been placed on this "blatant" investigating committee. He is the man who has been pursuing Mr. Emmerston with the bridge charges in a bush-whacking kind of way for more than six months and when he was forced to formulate them he must be the prosecutor before the committee, while Mr. Emmerston must defend himself. If Mr. Hazen had a right to be on the committee so would Mr. Emmerston. And if they were, what a spectacle of inconsistency it would be! Only the Times, with its lopsided, inexperienced and ill-conditioned editorial management could know so little as to commit itself to such an absurdity!

The Legislature. We were obliged last week to hold over the speeches of Mr. Hazen and Hon. Mr. Emmerston on Hon. Mr. Tweedie's motion to go into supply, and must curtail our references thereto this week.

Mr. Hazen. He made a long speech and a very good one, so far as his composition went. He claimed that Mr. Tweedie had not gone as fully into the provincial finances as he ought to have done, referred to his alleged resemblance to Napoleon and President McKinley, but thought he lacked courage or he would not have put up with Mr. Emmerston being made premier when he, Tweedie, was entitled to the position and when he had to take a back seat because the Liberals insisted on a Liberal being made premier in succession to the late Hon. Jas. Mitchell.

There is a widespread feeling in Conservative circles that Sir Charles Tupper ought to retire from the leadership of the party. He is now in his seventy-eighth year, and although physically vigorous and mentally sound, he is, of course, incapable of keeping in touch with an ever-changing political environment. Like other men of old age, who have insisted on remaining in active politics, his mental efforts are directed to the work of retaining recollections of the past and struggling to adjust present conditions with them, rather than studying and grasping new conditions and developing them with the aid of the wide experience he has had. The general wish that he should retire, although often expressed by individual members of the party, is, however, never crystallized into a formal declaration in its councils, and it generally happens that while many of its best men attend there in the hope that some of their number will appear to lead them all out of the difficulty, there is a lack of either courage or ability which, instead of bringing about the desired coup, permits the old baronet's personal entourage to secure renewals of confidence in his leadership and relegates the party to its position of internal dissatisfaction and discouragement.

The record of the party for many years is one of gradual decline. Its great difficulty has been that no man of preeminent aptitude for leadership has been found in its ranks. Its ablest men, who are strong in some lines of party or parliamentary work, have lacked the all-round qualities which go to make leaders and, as a result, Sir Charles was chosen for the position, notwithstanding his advanced age, and has been able, because of his genius for manipulation, to place his younger rivals in penumbra and keep the rank and file wondering how long he is to be permitted to lead the party in its falling back and leaving the field almost entirely to its victorious and more vigorous opponents.

It is a remarkable thing, and one that, no doubt, causes great misgivings in the party, that while it has not gained a single constituency in any bye-election since 23rd June 1896, it has lost nine to the Liberals, who thus have an increased count of eighteen on a division in the House of Commons. Surely such a record shows that the Conservative forces are "on the run" and must convince the party that the boasting of Sir Charles, Mr. Foster and others of prominence that, having travelled through many of the constituencies, they have found them ripe for a change, is worse than idle. It is the fatuity of conscious impotence, the boast that is the counterfeiter of success "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." The Conservative party ought to know that it cannot be guided to success by a memory, and that, even in ancient days, Israel was never led to victory by its patriarchs. They are reputed to have advised, but they knew enough to see that the younger warriors led the hosts in their conflicts against the enemy. The old men were too anxious for success to suppress the development and aspirations of men who they realized

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If we were to follow the method of the leader of the Opposition we would include the \$19,309 saved in connection with the cost of executive government and legislative expenses in this total which would give a grand total of \$200,000 a year that this government is paying out in connection with the great public services and institutions of the country more than the same paid by the old government.

After dealing further with the public accounts, Mr. Emmerston addressed himself to the subject of permanent bridges and after explaining his course in reference thereto, he gave some particulars showing the superiority of the New Brunswick structures over those of Nova Scotia, and challenged the closest scrutiny of all these matters and of any other in his public career. His speech, which the foregoing is only an inadequate outline was well received and heartily applauded from time to time.

WEDNESDAY, 19th. It is quite evident that Mr. Hazen has been all along merely trifling over his alleged bridge scandal; and, although he made bold charges against Mr. Emmerston on Tuesday it was only because he was shamed into doing so by the government and its supporters. People in the House and out of it were amazed that after he had prefaced his charges he failed to ask for the appointment of a committee to investigate them, and Hon. Mr. Emmerston was entirely in line with general expectations when he took up the gauntlet which Mr. Hazen had thrown down and himself moved for the committee which Mr. Hazen could not be induced to ask for and which all who were well-informed believed he neither wanted nor was prepared to go before with witnesses.

The House was naturally anxious that the investigation should go on as promptly as possible, so the committee met this morning and organized by appointing Mr. Carvell, chairman, Mr. Geo. V. Dibble, Clerk and Mr. Frank H. Risteen and Miss Mowatt stenographers.

The charges being read, Mr. Hazen said he wished to have counsel to assist him. Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that D. Pagsley was to appear for Premier Emmerston, but being at present engaged in the Supreme court, he (Tweedie) appeared in his stead. He expressed the hope that Mr. Hazen would name his witnesses so they could get to work without delay. Mr. Hazen promised to do all in his power to expedite matters. He was not yet prepared to submit the names of his witnesses, but promised to hand in the list on Friday morning. He wanted the right to hand in the names of additional witnesses from time to time. Some of his witnesses he hinted resided in the United States, and he did not know how soon they could be here.

Chairman Carvell said it seemed to him that Mr. Hazen should be able on Friday morning to submit to the committee the names of all the witnesses he proposed to have summoned. Mr. Hazen said he could not promise to do that. Hon. Mr. Tweedie said it seemed to him that Mr. Hazen having made his charges, knowing that they would have to be investigated, should have been able to produce the names of his witnesses. What is to hinder him from submitting the names of some of his witnesses at once so that the work of the committee might proceed? Every day's delay would mean a larger expenditure to the country, and it was of great importance that no time should be lost. While he could assure them that nothing would be done to prevent a fair and impartial investigation, he must at the same time urge upon the committee the necessity of prompt action. Mr. Hazen said, had opportunity to make his charges earlier in the session, but did not choose to do so. As he had chosen his own time, it was now his duty to act promptly. He (Tweedie) did not see why Mr. Hazen should wait until Friday morning to name his witnesses. This bridge matter was not a new thing by any means, and there was in his mind no good reason for the delay.

Mr. Shaw thought there was ample time in hand to get witnesses. If they were to hand the first of next week, it would be time enough. Several members of the committee protested against delay.

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It is not necessary for him to go around hunting for them! Surely, he must know the names of some of them! Surely, he did not make these charges without knowing whom he was to rely upon to support them!

Mr. Shaw thought if t' members of the government were anxious for a full investigation, they should not want to crowd Mr. Hazen. He did not think the committee were evincing a desire to give him fair play.

Chairman Carvell thought that Mr. Shaw spoke from the standpoint of a client rather than of a judge. The matter was further discussed and the committee was obliged to adjourn until Friday morning.

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