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Sundry Observations.

Word comes from Fredericton that the *Gleaner* is about to fall into the hands of a syndicate composed of conservative politicians, the chief of whom are J. D. Hazen, M. P., Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., R. D. Wilmet, M. P., and H. F. McLeod. While we would be sorry to see this come about, it must be admitted that the story bears all the earmarks of probability. The *Gleaner* has always been a bright, newsy paper, popular enough to be read by thousands, and of course at times exerting considerable political influence. The fact that the conservative member for the riding in which the paper has its main circulation is a brother of the present proprietor naturally makes the transfer more easy than would otherwise be the case. Mr. Fowler of Kings is becoming something of a newspaper magnate, on a small scale. He already owns one bright weekly and is said to have stock in another sheet. With a finger in the new *Gleaner* pie he certainly becomes a prominent actor in a field where much money has been invested, the laying-out of which to a politician may be considered a somewhat profitable venture, as an organ is always useful.

The scholarly editor of the *St. John Telegraph* hit the nail squarely on the head when he said that Mr. Hazen needs a party much more

than he needs a newspaper. Of course there are many voters who will tell you the country is going to the bow-wows under the present provincial regime. It may be that the Tweedie government is not composed of misers, but we cannot see that they are to be classed as spend-thrifts or lacking in the qualities that go towards making successful administrators. When we take a leisurely view of the opposition outfit we cannot convince ourselves that Mr. Hazen would make a better Attorney-General than Dr. Pugsley, neither can we approach the frame of mind wherein we would be led to believe that our own Mr. Flemming is in the same class with Premier Tweedie as a successful financier. Mr. Grimmer would scarcely measure up to the standard of the present Solicitor General and Mr. Morrissey would make a sorry Surveyor General. The king of the Nashwaak even if he could get a seat in the house, wouldn't shine as an administrator of the Public Works department, and the new conservative organizer, Mr. Hubbard, wouldn't set the river on fire if he were made commissioner of Agriculture. In this connection it may just as well be stated right here that it is pretty generally understood that Mr. Hazen has made up his mind to head the opposition ticket in either St. John or York, preferably the former, leaving a chance for Mr. Hubbard in Sunbury.

The *New Freeman* and *Sun* have

been discussing the case of Hon. John Costigan just as if it were a live issue. Nobody, we imagine, cares a crooked bawbee whether Mr. Costigan deserted the conservative party, or the reverse. The facts are that he was an office holder for many years under the old regime, of which he was one of the leading principals, and when his party went out of power, lent his support to the liberal government. He claims to have good and sufficient reasons for the change. That being the case it is the business of nobody to pry too closely into the whys and the wherefores.

We learn with pleasure that the Bank Debit Balance has been wiped out and that a comfortable margin is now on the right side of the ledger. His Worship Mayor Jones has intimated that there will be no more bank debit balances during the year. Except in case of an emergency such as a serious break at the water-works plant or other vital matter, he will sign no cheque when there are no funds to meet it. In this resolve the citizens should back him up. There are still several thousand dollars in taxes to be collected. If this money be gathered in as it must be there will be no need for any debit balance. Of course it must be remembered that the two big spending departments, streets and water works, are pretty near the limit of their appropriation. More money will doubtless be required in these and the Trustees will need a comfortable sum to run the schools during the present term. Speaking of these probable heavy expenditures a prominent citizen told the *SENTINEL* that no matter what happens in the other departments there would be no further trouble between the council and the trustees. We hope this is correct. As to the course taken by the mayor in applying the closure when the council debates begin to assume a wearisome aspect there can be but one opinion. If any criticism of His Worship is at all apparent it must be rather in the nature of regret that he stayed his hand so long. One does not need to say that for scrapping with the tongue this council has already made itself notorious.



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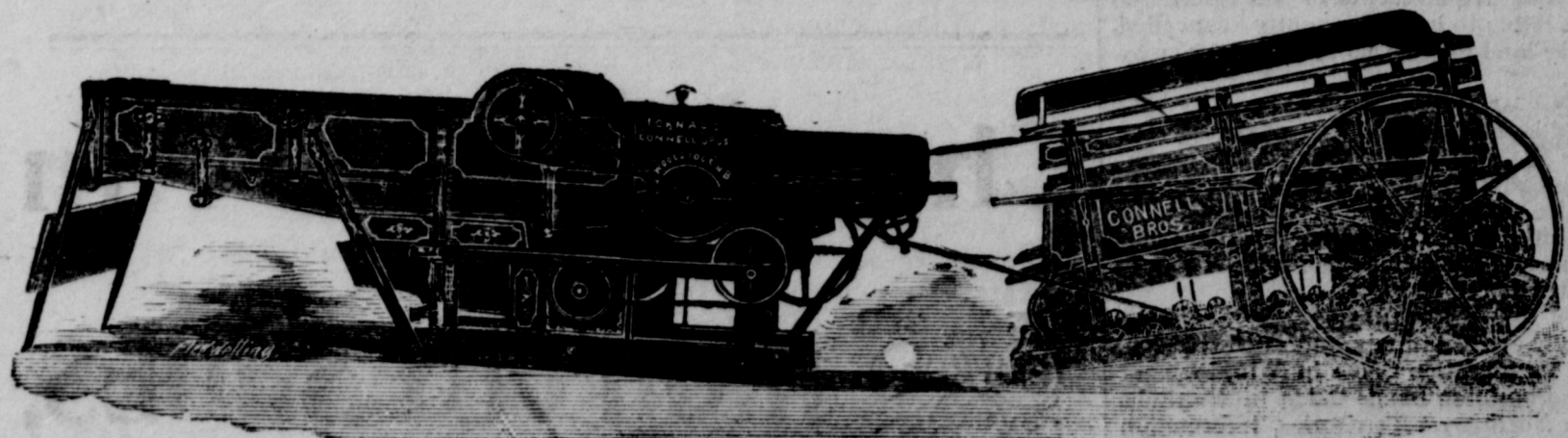
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