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The Hazen Rally.

Wednesday night the Opera was comfortably filled with an audience made up of Conservative electors, ladies, children, and a large sprinkling of government supporters present out of curiosity. George E. Balmain, Mayor of the town and President of the Association, occupied the chair. In addition to Hon J. D. Hazen and the three Conservative candidates several party workers were honored with seats on the stage, the number being B. B. Manzer, John R. Tompkins, Geo. F. Smith, I. E. Sheasgreen, R. E. Holyoke, A. B. Connell, William Kimball, George Mallory, James Watson, Howard Stevens, Albert D. Holyoke, W. N. Duppa Smith, A. G. Bailey and L. P. D. Tilley (St. John). Speechmaking commenced sharp at 8.15. His Worship, in introducing Mr. Munro, prophesied a great victory on the third of March, characterizing the present government as drifting, drifting, drifting, moribund and rotten.

Mr. Munro was but feebly applauded on rising. He started out with a prophecy, foretelling victory, claiming support from many unexpected sources. It was only a desire to help in obtaining a better government that caused him to be a candidate. He had no political ambition. He complained that Premier Robinson had issued no manifesto to the electors. Slight reference was made to the Highway Act, School Books and the Finances. Touching on the latter he said Hon. Mr. Tweedie would not have refused to meet Mr. Fleming. He thought Robinson must be afraid. Mr. Munro spoke briefly on temperance and purity. He wanted a clean election, but was not sure as to whether it would come this year. The ex-Mayor sat down without any applause whatever, save that of a few near the stage.

B. Frank Smith spoke next, and like his predecessor, was fairly moderate in tone. He likened the government to his warehouse that was blown down, for said he "after March 3rd both will be demolished." He had been called a barnstormer, but he liked the term, for he was going to drive the government cattle away from the public crib. He thought we were paying too much for keeping the books of the province, nearly \$22,000. He went into the school book question, but becoming muddled switched off to the road law, making all kinds of charges against the

Superintendents. The proper way to run the roads according to his view was to let the councils collect and expend the road money. Mr. Smith went on to charge the government with giving away the Crown lands. This was the biggest break of the night, and a look of disgust was plainly visible on the face of his leader. Mr. Smith evidently forgot that it was the old Conservative government that gave the 1,600,000 and many more acres to a few favorites for a mere pittance.

Mr. Fleming was suffering from a cold, and spoke rather briefly. It was the same old story, the same old chestnut, with here and there a little retouching. He featured his bombastic challenges to the premier, giving as a reason the fact that he felt hurt when the premier charged him with unparalleled misrepresentation. He wanted to have it out with Hon. Mr. Robinson. His discourse was largely froth and wind, and his treatment of the matter at issue between himself and the premier exceedingly superficial—a marked illustration of primer politics, at which variety he certainly is an adept. Toward the close of his speech he viciously assailed the federal member for participating in this fight, but had no censure for the Conservative M. P.'s who are also in the battle.

Hon. Mr. Hazen got a hearty reception, and at once plunged into his stereotyped campaign address, referring often and extensively to articles in the St. John Globe, most of them paid advertising inserted by his friends. He gave Hon. Mr. Pugsley a great dressing-down, in his mind, and went all over the usual stock charges. Mr. Hazen was in fine form, and made the best possible presentation of a very bad case. His labored effort fell very flat, many leaving before he was half through. At the close somebody proposed three cheers for the leader. These were feebly given, after which the gathering broke up.

The Press Shown Up as a Slanderer.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the Woodstock Press by the Supt. of Roads for Northampton.

Grafton N. B., Feb. 19th 1908.
To the Editor of the Press,—
Sir,—In the issue of the Press of the 10th inst., you have stated, under the heading "Editorial Notes," the following:—

"We are told that the Government, since the Elections were called, appropriated \$500 for the repair of a bridge in Northampton. The work has been completed and our informant says the bridge is simply a rock pile and could not possibly cost \$100. We trust that there has been no rake-off in the case referred to."

I am the Superintendent of the Division No. Six, Parish of Northampton, where the repairs of the Grafton Stone bridge, which is the bridge referred to in your editorial, were made and I superintended the repairs.

I recommended the repairs on this bridge last Summer and got the assurance of the Government at that time that as soon as it was possible to haul the stone with sleds, that the work would be ordered done. In the months of November and December the Government instructed me to go on and have the work done as soon as possible, and I have done so. It was necessary to haul in all 162 cords

of stone in order to "rip rap" each side of the bridge from the bottom to the top to prevent the structure from spreading, and this was done, making it a permanent structure, thoroughly satisfactory in every way.

To complete this work the following persons were paid for the following number of cords of rock the following amounts, and the uniform price, paid to each and every person stated below, was the sum of \$2.50 per cord,—

Luke Appleby,	3½ cords	\$9 38
Moses McDonald,	4 "	10 00
Levy DeLong,	6½ "	16 75
George Robinson,	12 "	30 00
Gilford Appleby,	8 "	20 00
Fred Bowles,	7½ "	19 38
William Bowles,	4½ "	11 88
Oliver Rolston,	7½ "	19 38
Charles Hale,	9½ "	23 75
Cleveland Bragdon,	7 "	17 50
Warren Hale,	44 "	110 00
Roy McLaughlan,	10½ "	26 66
Hudson Sharp,	17½ "	43 37
H. P. Sharp,	18½ "	46 25

I also paid \$3.25 to George Robinson, for 13 cedar posts, at 25cts each, and \$4.25 to H. P. Sharp for 17 cedar posts at 25c, and \$16.50 to Balmain Bros for 30 rods of Page wire fence at 55c per rod. The posts and fencing have not yet been completed.

It will be seen that I have expended \$404.32 on stone alone, for this bridge, and not merely the "less than \$100" that you so recklessly and untruthfully state.

There is one thing certain and that is that if you sincerely trust (as I do not believe you do) that there has been no rake off in connection with this matter, you can keep on trusting, for there has been no rake off.

If you had really wished to get at the truth of the matter, when your informant told you such an untruthful story of this bridge, why did you not ask me as Superintendent about it, and I would have given you the same information as I do not. Instead of that you have recklessly and deliberately printed the false information you say you received, and as you took no measures to discover whether it was true or not before printing it, I must conclude that you published it maliciously.

There is one thing that I "trust". I trust that you will have the decency to publish this letter.

Yours truly,
FRED S. SHARP.

Bankrupt Sale at Florenceville Lasts One Week Longer.

Owing to the very bad state of the roads we have decided to continue for one week longer the Grand Bankrupt Mammoth Bargain Sale of the H. P. Gillespie Stock at Florenceville in order to give all our friends an opportunity to participate in the same. In order to be sure to clean out everything we will sell at prices very much lower than ever. The grocery stock is still complete.

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Hartland.

This place is not forgotten by those who are just now interested in the result of the approaching Election. Representatives of both parties have addressed such of the voters that went to hear them. Thus far no very great zeal has been exhibited. The street corner talk is less than usual in political campaigns. The Government party are quietly working and taking the census carefully, feeling confident of success. The Opposition are not altogether idle. Some are not as active as formerly. There are quite a number of would be Bell Sheep, but they are not moving so that the ring o. the Bell can be heard. They are of the Boodle class and waiting for some of the bosses to come around with the bag and say distribute where it will pay. Some feel sore because they could not get from the Government what they have not earned and not entitled to and therefore will go into the ranks of the other party. They are quite alone in doing so as their influence will not control a vote outside their own, and here is not much reliance to be placed in them any where. They would like to handle the pot and ladle out the soup. The general impression here is that W. P. Jones is sure of being elected. His position as a member of the Government and as Solicitor General carries great weight and influence and all are ready to admit that it is a great benefit to the County to have one of its representatives in the Executive Council. Respecting tickets there will be some scratching, but there is a very strong feeling that the full Liberal ticket will carry throughout the Parish of Brighton. A clean election is much desired. VOTER.

The Andover girls who were to play a game of Basket ball with the girls of the High School Friday evening are unable to come but arrangements have been made for a game between two teams of the High School here. The boys will play as before stated.

JOTTINGS.

Mr and Mrs E. W. Mair are enjoying a visit to New York.

Mrs James McKinley spent a few days in Pembroke the guest of her sister, Mrs Ziba Gray.

Mrs R. E. Holyoke and Miss Eva Newcomb attended the Sembrich concert in St. John Wednesday night.

Rev G. D. Ireland will exchange pulpits on Sunday with Rev J. M. A. Anderson. The former's appointments will be Greenfield at 11 a.m., Bristol at 3 p.m. and Glassville at 7 p.m.

Elder Kersey will speak this (Friday) evening in the A. M. E. Church, his subject being "The Rise and Progress of the A. M. E. Church in America." Silver Collection. All are welcome.

Richard Gray's further examination was postponed from yesterday to Wednesday next. The child's body has been found, and as we go to press (Thursday afternoon) a coroner's inquest is being held at Bath.

A New Council of Chosen Friends was organized by Friend Barter on Feb 5th inst., at St. Leonards, N. B. After two more Councils are organized it is proposed to organize a High Council in New Brunswick for the C. O. C. F.

It is a great comfort to conduct a business which "booms itself." The St. John Business College is crammed to the doors this winter with crowds of bright Canadians, not one of whom was canvassed for; all were attracted simply by the reputation the college sustains for good work and honest methods. The six teachers comprising the staff have hard work and lots of it, but are proud that their work is appreciated, and Mr. Kerr is grateful to a discriminating public for the generous patronage enjoyed.

Mr. Purdy's appointment to the provincial government will give satisfaction to his friends in St. John, particularly in political circles in which he has been active for a generation. Before entering the legislature in 1899 Mr. Purdy was prominent in municipal affairs and was chosen to the Common Council more than once. He has been an attentive and industrious member of the legislature, and always a pronounced supporter of the administration. In federal politics Mr. Purdy is an aggressive Liberal.—St. John Globe.

Mrs John McKilligan.

The death of an aged lady, Mrs John McKilligan, took place Tuesday evening here, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr H. V. Dalling. Deceased aged 81, was formerly a resident of Florenceville, but for some time past has lived in this town, where she was well known to many, and respected by all. Besides Mrs Dalling two other daughters survive. Interment took place Thursday afternoon, with services in charge of Rev G. D. Ireland.

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