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A WINDFALL FOR MR. GRIMMER

Announcement is made in the Tory press that succession duties collected by the local government this year will total the sum of \$100,000. This means that the Hon. Ward Chipman Hazen Grimmer, attorney general, who is allowed a commission of five per cent. for collecting succession duties will be paid for his services over and above his salary and indemnity the snug sum of \$5,000. No other attorney general in the history of the province ever raked in such a harvest for performing this service, and the only cause for surprise is that Mr. Grimmer, in the light of the hostile attitude he took when in opposition in regard to this matter, should not be ashamed to take the money. It will be remembered that when Mr. Grimmer sat on the opposition side of the House, he was the chief critic of the attorney general's department. Hon. Dr. Pugsley was then attorney general and Mr. Grimmer lost no opportunity to denounce the latter in all the moods and tones for drawing money from the provincial treasury for extra services. At every session of the House he would compile a list of the items which went to make up the attorney general's charges and would afterwards hold him up as a plunderer of the public treasury. Succession duties were his special hobby and as soon as the House met he would put in a notice of inquiry with the object of ascertaining what amount was paid the attorney general for collecting succession duties.

Upon consulting the records, we find that during the session of 1906 an enquiry by Mr. Grimmer elicited the information that the attorney general had been paid for collecting succession duties the sum of \$2,511.49. This information was subsequently made use of by Mr. Grimmer in the budget debate and he took the ground that the attorney general had no right to exact this large sum from the public treasury. He even went so far as to say:

"I have put forward this principle and I will always maintain it, THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD PERFORM THE DUTIES FOR WHICH HE RECEIVES HIS SALARY AND IF HIS SALARY IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH IT SHOULD BE INCREASED."

That was the principle laid down by the present attorney general in 1906, when he was sitting in the cool shades of opposition and urging the people to put him and his friends in power on the ground of economy. Today we find this same Mr. Grimmer doing the very thing on a larger scale which he roundly denounced Hon. Dr. Pugsley for doing. We find him drawing from the public treasury the sum of \$5,000 for performing a service which, when in opposition, he contended the attorney general should do without extra charge. It is not a case when one can appeal from Phillip drunk to Phillip sober, but it is a case where the utterances of a carping legal critic of seven years ago can be contrasted with the actions of a responsible minister of today. If it was a crime for Hon. Dr. Pugsley to draw the sum of \$2,800 from the treasury for collecting succession duties in 1905-06; then the present attorney general is committing a much greater crime today when he pockets the sum of \$5,000 for performing the same service. It all goes to show that Tory preaching is one thing and Tory practice a horse of another color. It also goes to show that the average Tory politician delights in humbugging the people.

The Flemming government, which went into power pledged to economy, managed to get away with a million and a half last year. During the last year of the old government the expenditure was \$950,000.

Col. McLeod, the Tory chieftain and some of his lieutenants were in St. John yesterday studying Manitoba political methods.

Tory papers are still contending that under the new United States tariff Canada is getting all she would have got under reciprocity. Potato shippers in York county who have been making shipments to the United States say that they have to sell in competition with potatoes from Belgium, Holland and other European countries. A circular from a New York produce firm under date of Oct. 16th, says: "Four thousand barrels of Belgium potatoes arrived in New York this week and forty thousand are due next week." With these potatoes, the product of cheap labor, New Brunswick grown potatoes must compete.

Montreal Herald (Tory): Sir Rodmond Roblin's violent diatribe against Right Honorable Hubert Samuel, Postmaster-General of Great Britain, for the latter's very inoffensive remarks an education—or the lack of it—in Manitoba will do little to increase the prestige of Canadian politicians in the eyes of those Great Britain, who are usually gentlemen at least. Sir Rodmond would have been considerably more effective if he had been a little more dignified. A British Cabinet Minister deserves something better than Billingsgate, from even the Premier of a Canadian Province.

Mr. A. R. Slipp, a member of the local legislature and a lawyer of respectability and standing, has been having his own troubles this week in connection with a criminal case in which he has been engaged as counsel. So long as Mr. Slipp continues to support a government composed of knavish politicians who put party before principle so long may he expect to run up against Tammany methods in the administration of criminal justice. He is partly to blame for the disgraceful conditions which prevail in this province under Flemming misrule.

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relating to public business, ought to be made at this meeting instead of at a meeting of his Conservative friends and supporters. And Mr. Jarvis went on to say that as he could no longer be numbered among Mr. Hazen's friends and supporters he had no use for the ticket which he held in his hand.

The ticket referred to was a ticket to the Hazen-Rogers banquet of last evening, and as he spoke Mr. Jarvis tore the ticket in two and threw the pieces on the floor.

MINISTERS BANQUETED

About four hundred Conservatives attended the banquet to the ministers in Keith's Assembly rooms last evening. Senator Thorne presided and a list of speakers included Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. J. D. Hazen, Premier Flemming, Hon. H. F. McLeod, F. J. Robichaud, M. P., W. F. Ganong, ex-M. P., and J. Norton Griffiths, M. P.

The important feature of Hon. Mr. Hazen's speech was the announcement that the Royal Edward and Royal George would sail direct from St. John to England this year, the first sailing being in December 3rd.

Hon. Robert Rogers, made lavish promises of public works for the city. The York County guests at the banquet included: Hon. H. F. McLeod, O. S. Crockett, M. P., J. H. Crockett, J. K. Pinder, M. P., Dr. Morehouse, M. P., W. A. R. B. Hanson, John A. Young, M. P., T. V. Monahan, P. A. Guthrie, N. P. McLeod, D. F. Maxwell, L. B. Smith and A. E. Trites.

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FOUR ACRES

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It is thought that as this property adjoins the U.N.B. Athletic field, it will be only a matter of time before it also is taken by the I.R.C. as extensive changes in trackage as well as the building of round-house and other buildings are contemplated.

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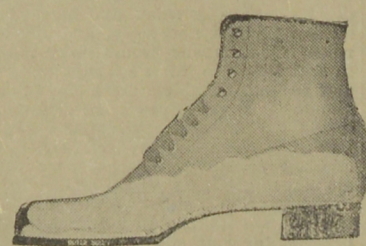
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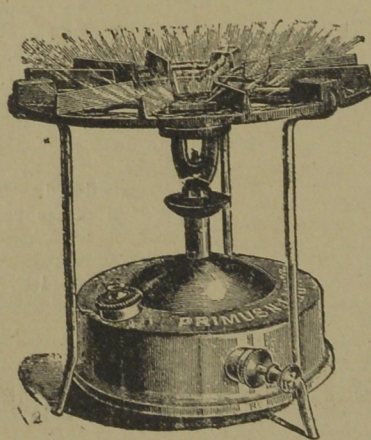
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