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## HAZEN AND GAG RULE

It is not a matter for surprise that Hon. J. D. Hazen should be to the forefront in the effort to force gag rule on the parliament of Canada. He played his part in a cut and dried program on Wednesday and with the assistance of the Tory majority in parliament succeeded in getting the floor from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who had risen to reply to the Prime Minister and had secured the ear of the Speaker. Mr. Hazen is a Tory of Tories and if he had his way there would be no such thing as responsible government in this country. He is intensely proud of the fact that blue blood flows in his veins and if he could prevent it today the common people would have little or no say in the government of this country. The precedent which he probably followed in the stand which he took in parliament on Wednesday is furnished by the report of the debates of the New Brunswick House of Assembly in the early forties, when the battle for responsible government was being fought in this province. One of his forbears, Hon. Robert L. Hazen, was a member of the House at that time and the records show that he did his level best to apply the gag and prevent the people from securing the boon of self-government. The foremost champion of the people's rights of that day was the Hon. Lemuel Allan Wilmot, who represented the County of York. Mr. Wilmot during the session of 1842, took the ground that those who accepted office of emolument in the government should be compelled by law to give the people a chance to pass upon their action. His views, however, were not concurred in by the Mr. Hazen of that day, who contended that it would be little short of an outrage to compel ministers of the crown to appeal to the people for re-election. He cited the case of the attorney general and took the ground that he would simply be at the mercy of the criminal classes if compelled to seek a seat in the Legislature.

The general election of 1842 was fought on the issue of responsible government and Mr. Hazen was a candidate for election in St. John City. Of course he was opposed to responsible government and according to the records, we find him making the statement on the hustings "that he had never been able to find a man to successfully explain to him the meaning of responsible government." No doubt he believed he was telling the truth and he would probably repeat the statement were he alive today for there are none so blind as those who do not want to see. He was afraid to trust the people just as his kinsman, the minister of marine and fisheries, is afraid to trust them today. J. D. Hazen is a firm believer in the gag rule and he comes honestly by his opinions. In this and other ways he is doing his best to maintain the worst traditions of blue blood Toryism. When he has an office to bestow it goes to a relative and if one cannot be found in this country he adopts a policy of repatriation. It was certainly most fitting that Premier Borden should have selected Mr. Hazen to assist him in applying the gag to Liberal members at Ottawa.

Even the St. John Globe, which for business reasons is anxious to stand in with the Borden government does not think much of the closure resolutions. In its issue of yesterday it says:

"The introduction of the closure proposals cannot but be regretted on all sides. That the government is face to face with a serious difficulty the recent happenings in parliament have made abundantly clear, but the remedy proposed will only add to the bitterness that has been engendered."

Are the people of this free Democratic country going to submit to gag rule in parliament?

## HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

During the progress of the nava debate at Ottawa the word "rebel" was frequently hurled across the floor of the House at the Liberal members who are fighting the people's battle. A similar epithet was applied by his opponents to the late Hon. Lemuel Allan Wilmot, the greatest orator and statesman new Brunswick ever produced, when he was fighting the battle for responsible government in the early forties. The following extract from a speech delivered in the Legislature by Mr. Wilmot in reply to his traducers is singularly applicable to the present situation at Ottawa.

"We ask for a system that will give fair play to all—that will upset all family compacts, and give TO THE SONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK THEIR BIRTHRIGHT THE BENEFIT OF FREE INSTITUTIONS AND SELF GOVERNMENT. This is what we want, and I will not submit tamely to being called a rebel; I defy any honorable member to look at my political life and see where I have overstepped the bounds of the constitution."

The cause championed by Mr. Wilmot was in the end triumphant, and he afterwards held the offices of Attorney General and Judge of the supreme court and he was the first colonial to be appointed Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick.

The whole trouble which has arisen at Ottawa is due to Borden's bungling and bad generalship. He won the last election by false and treacherous canvasses and an unholy alliance entered into with the un-British Nationalists of Quebec. He promised the latter that there would be no Canadian navy but the jingo element of his party had to be satisfied and in an effort to do this he is trying to force a bill through Parliament to enable him to send \$35,000,000 of the money of the Canadian taxpayers to England. He has been in hot water from the time he took up the reigns of government and it is not much wonder. With a man of the great tact and sense of fairness of Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the helm there would have been no such scenes enacted as have lately disgraced the Parliament of Canada.

There is less politics in the educational department than in any other department of the Flemming administration and because of this condition of affairs Mr. F. A. Good one of the most efficient teachers in the province has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Normal School. He secured his appointment on his merits as a teacher and he will most worthily fill the position. He has done splendid work on the High School Staff, and while there will be general regret among the citizens that he is no longer to be connected with that institution, it is offset to a certain extent by the fact that he is to remain a resident of Fredericton.

The local Tory organ is beside itself with joy over the attempt being made by the Borden government to apply the gag at Ottawa. The organ is out for the loaves and fishes and would perhaps be even more hilarious if the government were to bring down a bill to have every Liberal member drawn and quartered.

In comparison with the men now in charge of the Tory ship of state at Ottawa the late Sir John A. Macdonald looms up like a Goliath.

Tory patriots especially those who are prominent in 12th of July celebrations are great sticklers for free speech and British fair play. The Tories who have seats in the Parliament of Canada at the present time have declared for gag rule. This illustrates the difference between Tory preaching and Tory practice.

## AT THE UNIQUE

The following pictures are being shown at the Unique today; "Brass Buttons" a Majestic comedy; "An American Queen" Reliance Farce Comedy; "The Sheriff of Yavapai County" Selig Western feature, and the ever popular Pathe Weekly, showing Mutt and Jeff in a new "Money Making" scheme.

## PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Neill have returned from an extended trip to Atlantic City.

Mr. Wm. W. Titus of St. John, is at the Barker House.  
Mr. Dudley S. Robillard of St. John is registered at the Queen.

## LIQUOR THE CAUSE OF FATAL ACCIDENT

Woodstock, N. B., April 10—An inquest was held tonight on the death of Walter Saunders, who was killed yesterday afternoon on the C.P.R. near Dibblee's Siding. Chief of Police Kelly gave evidence as to being notified of the accident and finding the body, which was badly mutilated.

William Livingstone, the companion of the deceased man, testified that they both boarded a freight train standing between the cars. On account of excessive drinking he did not remember how or when the accident occurred. His first recollection of the affair was on his way back to Woodstock, when Chief Kelly told him of the occurrence.

Conductor Vandine and some others of the train crew told of seeing the men between the cars and their refusal to get off when ordered to do so. Engineer McKinney, returning with his engine from Debec, found the body of Saunders. The other man had rolled down the bank and was unhurt.

The jury returned the following verdict:

"That the said Walter Saunders was found dead on the I.C.R. track near the town of Woodstock on the 9th day of April, having been run over by a railway train on that day. The evidence given was that the man was not a passenger, the train being a freight and carrying no passengers."

"E. A. BURDEN,  
Foreman of Jury."

The inquest was held before Coroner Lindsay. The authorities have received instruction to forward the body to Halifax, which will be done tomorrow.

## ENJOYABLE SOCIAL

The "Brotherhood" of St. Andrew and the choir of Christchurch Cathedral combined in held a very enjoyable social at the Church Hall last night for students and young people of the congregation. Very Rev. Dean Schofield and Rev. E. Hailstone were present. Games were enjoyed and a pleasant time spent. During the evening refreshments were served and a musical program carried out.

## K. of P. ACTIVITIES

Fredericton Lodge No. 6. Knights of Pythias held a special meeting in Castle Hall last night. A large number of members were present and were addressed by Mr. W. J. Layton General Organizer of the order representing Grand Chancellor Palmer. Mr. Layton's address was very instructive and interesting. At the meeting in Marysville of the K. of P. lodge there last night there was a large attendance. A second rank member was advanced to the third rank of the order while a candidate was instructed into the first rank of the lodge. The members of Marysville Lodge would like to see Mr. Layton visit their lodge and give them an address before he returns to his home at Springhill, N.S.



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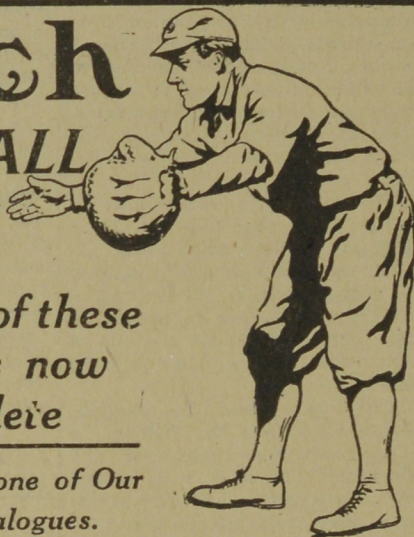
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