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"TWO NOTABLE SPEECHES"

In Woodstock the other evening, Hon. J. K. Flemming and Mr. Donald Munro, M. P. P., addressed a meeting of the Junior Conservative Club. We have it on the authority of The Woodstock Press that "Two Notable Speeches" were made. As The Press is the recognized Conservative organ in Carleton County, its report of these speeches may safely be accepted as accurate.

Mr. Munro gave the Hazen government a glowing certificate of character. This is one of the respects in which the Carleton member studiously follows the example of his leader, the Premier. Mr. Munro also told the people how faithfully he had served their interests. Wisely, and perhaps modestly, however, he refrained from saying whether or not his work met with the people's approval. He certified to the honesty of the government in collecting territorial revenue, and carefully slipped over the fact that the government is depleting New Brunswick's forest wealth by allowing small logs to be cut, thus endangering the future of the province in a very serious respect.

Mr. Munro glibly told his hearers that the present government spends more on the roads and bridges and education than did the former ministry. He conveniently failed to mention the fact that under the Hazen government the road taxes are much greater than they were before the present administration took office. He also conveniently failed to mention that in the fall of 1908, in the desperate effort to secure the election of Conservative federal candidates in New Brunswick, the Hazen government deliberately squandered thousands of dollars of the people's road money in useless work. Further, he conveniently failed to point out that thousands of dollars of the people's money have been wasted under Premier Hazen's system of carrying on bridge work under the "no tender" system, of allowing bridge work to be done without proper inspection, and of permitting private citizens—of the government political faith, of course—to order bridge work done without any authority whatever from the Public Works Department.

This much credit must be given to Mr. Munro: He admitted that there are features in the present road act "that might be improved." He also made the tacit admission that the Hazen road act has not been giving general satisfaction when he said that, "If the present act was given a fair trial it would be found satisfactory." But he did not explain just why it is that with greatly increased taxes under a new act he is forced to see that the law is not giving satisfaction and the people, regardless of politics, have been crying out that the roads are in a disgraceful condition.

Hon. Mr. Flemming charged the Liberals with a great many faults. For one thing he said that they gained power in 1873 "under false pretences." Shades of Diogenes, think of a member of the Hazen government talking of "false pretences," with the ghosts of those pre-election promises of 1908 not yet laid! He said that the Liberals had been and are unprogressive. He said further, that the Liberals had not shown themselves "able to grasp big questions." Too bad, too bad. Sad, indeed. Ah, why did not Providence give the Liberals a big man, a Flemming, instead of a Mackenzie, a Laurier, a Fielding?

The Provincial Secretary, like Mr. Munro, dilated upon the surpassing excellence of the Hazen government.

He also bore tribute to the zeal with which he and Mr. Munro have labored "in the interest of the county and province." About the only good quality that The Mail has yet to find Hazen ministers and their supporters taking to themselves is that of modesty. As he has so often done in the past, Mr. Flemming proclaimed the honesty of the government, that is, the honesty of his modest self and his colleagues. There is such a thing as asserting too vehemently and too frequently the existence of something which has not been denied to exist.

Mr. Flemming also spoke in regard to the Hazen school book policy. Very wisely, however, he contented himself with a half-statement of the facts. He pointed out that the direct cost to the people of some school books is less now than it was formerly, and he made a great to-do about alleged "rake-offs" received by certain book-sellers from the former government. Then he declared that last year the cost of operating the school book department was slight. But he did not tell the people that there was an admitted deficit in the operations of the department in 1909. He did not tell the people that the government—the people's agent—has paid out for school books much more than it has received from the sale of those books and that if the loss becomes absolute it is the people who must pay the piper. He did not point out that in view of the expenses of transporting the books, distributing them, etc., the indirect cost of the books to the people, even under the best of circumstances, will be much greater than the direct cost. He did not point out that the indirect cost to the people has been made much greater by the course of the ministers in creating offices in the school book department for Mr. A. D. Thomas and other faithful Conservatives. In a word, he did not point out that the direct cost of the books to the people may be less than formerly but that indirectly the people are paying far more than on the surface they appear to be. Both, Mr. Flemming and Mr. Munro make very "convenient" speeches.

Mr. Flemming apparently had not much to say in regard to the Valley Railway question. All The Press says of this part of his speech is that he "dealt with the Valley Railway and other subjects." The Provincial Secretary is occasionally shrewd enough to avoid the thin ice. But, surely, it was remarkable that, speaking of one of the most momentous questions that has ever confronted the people of New Brunswick, and speaking in a town which is specially interested in that question, the Provincial Secretary should say nothing more important on the subject than could be covered by five or six words in the report of his own party paper. Mr. Munro had a little more to say than did Mr. Flemming. The chief burden of his song was that Mr. Upham, of Carleton, had opposed the Hazen scheme for the Valley road and that some other opposition men had taken the ground that the people might well pronounce upon the question. Again, "conveniently," Mr. Munro ignored a pertinent fact—namely, that some government members dodged the Valley Railway vote. Where, for instance, was the medical Commissioner of Agriculture when the bill was put through the House? Was he present battling valiantly for a Valley Railway? Or had he slipped back to Kent County?

Mr. Munro condemned Mr. Upham because the latter fought to have it made imperative by legislation that the proposed Valley line connect with the Transcontinental at or near, Grand Falls, and because he supported the proposition that the road should be operated as a part of the Intercolonial system. Fair-minded men will agree that Mr. Upham was unmistakably right in the attitude he took. He opposed the scheme to have the Valley Railway nothing more than a local branch line of the Canadian Pacific, the scheme to have it perhaps nothing more than a sample of "electrified Seapair"; Mr. Munro and Mr. Flemming voted for; the branch line, trolley road scheme. Mr. Upham voted to have the road operated under an agreement which would ensure operation in the interests of the people and not in the interests of a monopolistic corporation; Mr. Flemming and Mr. Munro voted against sanctioning such an agreement. Mr. Upham voted to have the road built and operated under an agreement that would ensure through connection with Upper Canada and

LeBLANC MURDER CASE WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY

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tal. She had previously testified in the government direct case. A great part of the case for the defence has been directed towards proving the allegation that Mrs. Glover hated her husband. As soon as the court was opened, the jury was sent from the room and Attorney Johnson, addressing the court, said that Frank Delorey, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Glover, the missing witness, who was arrested last night, had been examined by District Attorney Higgins and himself and both lawyers agreed that his testimony was valueless. Judge Bond thereupon gave the witness a severe talking to and finally discharged him from custody.

Addressing the court, Attorney Johnson for the defence, said: "Yesterday I learned for the first time of a new and important witness. So important is her testimony than I feel that even if the defendant should be convicted, I could secure a new trial on the evidence of this witness alone. I do not want to have to ask for a new trial, and I beg that the court allow me to re-open the case for the defence."

The District Attorney interposed no objection and Mr. Johnson called Miss Nellie Walsh, of Waltham to the stand.

Miss Walsh testified that at the present time she is employed as cook in the family of Judge Bond, the justice who is presiding at the trial, and that she lives in a house on Park Lane, Waltham, owned by Glovers. She said that five years ago she was employed in Glover's laundry and she knew Mrs. Glover very well.

She was questioned regarding her movements on the night of November 20, 1909, the night that Glover was shot. She traced her movements from the time she left Judge Bond's house that evening until she reached Moody Street, near the Glover laundry.

"What did you see on Moody Street that night?" asked Mr. Johnson.

"I saw Mrs. Glover," replied Miss Walsh. Mrs. Glover was walking away from the laundry, she said.

the west; Mr. Munro and Mr. Flemming voted against such a plan as opposed to the branch line scheme. The people can judge for themselves as to who has taken the wisest and most public-spirited course in regard to the Valley Railway. They can judge for themselves whether the government scheme of a local road, virtually a branch of the Canadian Pacific, perhaps an electric car line, or the opposition plan of a high grade line with through connection, competing with the Canadian Pacific, is best calculated to serve the interests of the people.

Yes, when they are dissected a bit, these "notable" speeches were indeed notable. But that sarcastic adjective was applied by The Conservative Press, not by The Mail. It is with The Press, not The Mail, that the Provincial Secretary and his followers must find fault.

In the death of Mr. A. F. Street, ex-collector of customs, Fredericton suffers the loss of an esteemed citizen who has been prominent in the public eye for many years. Mr. Street filled the important office of collector of customs here for the long period of thirty-six years, and discharged his duties in a most faithful manner. His death will be regretted by a large circle of friends.

The evidence in the criminal libel case has pretty well established one thing—that the Gleaner and the members of its staff know far more about other people's business than they do of their own.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10.—For the first time since Hattie LeBlanc was placed on trial twelve days ago for the murder of Clarence F. Glover, evidence that a woman was seen on the night of the crime in the immediate vicinity of the laundry in Waltham where the shooting is said to have occurred, was introduced today. Two witnesses testified that they saw a woman hurrying out of an alleyway behind Glover's laundry on that night. One of them, Isaac Walker, a car starter, said that the woman's face was flushed and her manner nervous.

Made curious by her strange appearance, Walker said, he followed the woman who went a short distance on a trolley car, left it and joined a man on the street, and a little later left this man and disappeared behind a fence on a vacant lot. The man soon afterwards went into a house which the witness later learned was the home of Clarence Glover.

"It was a woman, not a child," said Walker, when the seventeen-year-old defendant was led before him, and he was asked if it was this girl whom he had seen, "it could not have been Hattie LeBlanc."

WHO WAS THE STRANGE WOMAN?

Charles E. Benner, sexton of a church in Waltham, the other witness who claimed to have seen the strange woman emerge from the laundry alley also declared that it was not Hattie LeBlanc.

Hattie LeBlanc admitted to the police immediately after her arrest that she was in the laundry with Glover the night of the murder and this statement had been placed in evidence at the trial. Until today no witness had placed any woman in the vicinity of the laundry that night.

When the rebuttal stage was reached the district attorney produced witnesses who said that the alleyway was completely blocked by posts and a fence on the night of the murder. It was admitted however, that the fence was of the "spit" variety and was constantly being knocked down and set up by contesting property holders.

Before the day was over Mrs. Lillian M. Glover, the widow, who has been the target of the attacks of the defence, took the stand again, and denied that she ever had threatened to kill her husband or had bought a revolver. She is expected to make further denials when the case is resumed on Monday.

The defence rested at noon. The rebuttal will probably be finished during the first hour of Monday's session and the sur-rebuttal is expected to be short. It is expected that the fate of the little Cape Breton girl will be in the hands of the jury by Wednesday.

DEATH AT MARYSVILLE

John Arnold Minue, second son of Mr. Samuel Minue, of Marysville, died at the home of his father Sunday morning after a short illness with typhoid. The deceased was eighteen years of age and is survived by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. The sisters and brothers, all of whom reside in Marysville, are Marvin and Perry Minue, Mrs. Thos. Mitchell and Miss Mary Minue. The funeral took place this afternoon at one o'clock. Rev. S. A. Baker conducted the funeral service. Interment was at Penniac.

COMING BOWLING EVENTS.

A team composed of members of the Sergeants' Mess of No. 3 Regimental Depot, has been organized and will play the Oak Hall team. It is also likely that a Masonic team will meet Sandy Staples' K. of P. team.

OPIMUM BECOMES

FOOD FOR FISHES

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 10.—A wagon load of opium valued at \$14,000 was dumped into the Missouri River here yesterday by government officials. The drug was seized in raids upon Chinese divas here last summer.

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OPIMUM DEN RAIDED

AT PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—Thirty-seven Chinamen and two white men are under arrest here today and over 200 cans of opium are in the possession of international revenue officers as the result of a raid upon Chinese quarters here. The government officers allege that large quantities of opium have been smuggled into this country and disposed of in Pittsburg and Philadelphia, where several raids were made last night.

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