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THE NEW ECONOMY

Persons in New Brunswick who followed closely the provincial election campaign of 1908 will remember that Mr. Hazen and his followers protested that too much money was paid the members of the former administration in salaries, travelling expenses, etc. A considerable part of the money thus expended, it was cried, could well have been devoted to satisfying pressing needs of the province. Word pictures that were harrowing were drawn of the way in which the ministers wasted provincial money on themselves while the claims of the farmers and other citizens of the province received scant attention.

There was truth in the doctrine laid down by the present premier and his friends that members of a government are servants of the people and should seek first to advance the interests of the people even at the sacrifice of their own personal claims or desires. Mr. Hazen and his fellow oppositionists made their statements more effective by their assertions that if they should take office one of their most determined efforts would be to reduce the expenses of executive government and in that way save money which could be used to the advantage of the people as a whole. Their doctrine was good. They made fair promises and under the circumstances it was right that their statements in regard to this matter won favor in the eyes of a number of the electors.

In the fiscal year 1909 it cost the people of the province some \$18,000 to pay the salaries, travelling expenses, etc., of Premier Hazen and his colleagues. A paltry eighteen thousand went into the pockets of these economical ministers who preached some sound doctrine and made the promises in 1908. In the campaign of 1908 the former ministers were condemned for taking too much from the treasury. A few months later the very men who condemned those former ministers stood up in the Legislature and increased the salaries of two of the present ministers by \$800 a year. It makes a difference to Premier Hazen and his colleagues, it will be noticed, who are drawing money from the treasury. These men who preached against large expenditures for executive government in 1908 and promised economy increased the salaries when they themselves took office and placed in their own pockets upwards of \$20,000 of the people's money.

The economical premier set the pace. All he had himself paid was \$3,368. He was paid \$2,100 in salary. Added to that was \$575 for travelling expenses; 'travelling expenses'—thing of the denunciations which Mr. Hazen was wont to thunder forth a few years ago against such expenditures! The premier also was paid as one of the commissioners of the Provincial Hospital while Succession Duties yielded him something more than \$600. It will be admitted that Premier Hazen has little reason to complain of the way the Hazen government treats Honorable J. D. Hazen.

Hon. John Morrissey, is another of the most economical of the economical ministers. He put up a good fight to keep the premier from exclaiming him in the Hazen brand of economy, but he failed by a narrow margin. All Mr. Morrissey was paid in 1909 was \$3,062. His salary, which he himself voted to increase by \$400, was \$2,100, though his predecessor, one of those reckless Liberal ministers, was paid \$1,700 only. But if the premier excelled the Chief Commissioner in the total the latter led in point of travelling expenses. The premier drew \$575, but 'Honorable

John' was able to travel at a cost to the people of \$890! Perhaps Mr. Hazen will catch up in 1910. Several items in addition to those named brought Mr. Morrissey's total figures up to the mark already stated, \$3,062, not a bad record for an economical minister.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer, another one of the men who voted to increase his own salary paid from the people's treasury, failed to get very close to the Premier or the Chief Commissioner. The Surveyor-General managed to get \$2,887. His travelling expenses were only \$580 so the premier will probably catch up to him in the travelling expenses line this year.

The Provincial Secretary was about \$11 ahead of the Surveyor-General. Mr. Flemming drew \$2,898 from the treasury to keep the wolf from the door. Perhaps that amount might well have been spent on agriculture or bridges or roads, but, then, it must be remembered that Mr. Flemming has often given the farmers nice promises and eloquent speeches glowing with favor as he told of his love for them. Surely, allowance must be made for him on that account.

Before he took office Premier Hazen saw no need for a solicitor general. But when he gained power his views underwent a change and thus it is that Hon. H. F. McLeod was able to be runner-up in the matter of travelling expenses last year. Mr. McLeod drew \$590 under this head and with his salary and some incidentals he managed to get his total up to \$2,947. It is no wonder that Mr. J. K. Pinder, M.P.P., is a bit envious. The Solicitor-General, of course, was also responsible for the expenditure of hundreds more of the people's money, for nearly every Conservative lawyer in the province. Mr. G. W. Fowler, Mr. W. A. Mott, Mr. R. B. Hanson, et al—was paid for prosecuting cases which should have been handled by Mr. McLeod. This is not only noteworthy because of the outlay of the people's money which it necessitated, but also because of the fact that when in opposition the premier and his followers declared that all the legal business of the province should be done by the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General and no money spent in paying party lawyers for work which should be carried on by the law officers of the crown. In the employment of lawyers to handle legal business of the crown when both the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General were in the province and in good health is seen another forcible evidence of the way in which the Hazen government violates its pre-election pledges.

Hon. Dr. Landry and Hon. Mr. Maxwell were also responsible for the outlay of nearly \$2,500. Dr. Landry cost the province nearly \$2,000 directly; it is hard to say how much he has cost indirectly through his incompetence and his bungling in the administration of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Maxwell, as the forecastle minister, draws no salary. In travelling expenses, etc., however, he managed to cost New Brunswick about \$480.

Added to the \$18,000 or so paid them in 1909 the sum of \$500 each in sessional indemnity as well as some \$125 in mileage, however, are paid to all members of the House. At the same time, if these items are included in reckoning the total amount paid to members of the government it will be seen that Economical Hazen and his economical colleagues cost the people upwards of \$25,000 in one year. There are kinds of economy that come high.

The people will do well to give consideration to this question of how much money is to be paid to the men who are entrusted with the handling of provincial affairs. Should thousands of dollars be paid this particular set of men or any other set of men when there is such need for better roads and better bridges and for improvement in various public services. If Mr. Hazen was right when he declared in his opposition days that the expenses of executive government were too great and that money was wasted in travelling expenses by the ministers what is to be said today of the same things? If it was wrong to waste money three years ago is it right to waste money today?

The Hazen government is costing the people of the province dear. It is costing far too much directly. By its carelessness, its partisanship, its inaction in reference to important questions, its utter incompetence, it is costing far more in ways that are indirect. Conservatives and Liberals alike are recognizing this fact.

Isn't it about time that 'old Liberal'—that moss-grown old chap who always comes to The Gleaner's rescue when it gets into a controversy—was bobbing up with another of his celebrated letters. We mean the fellow who is always so anxious to have his name made public, yet who invariably, writes over a nom de plume. He is known to be in a perturbed state of mind at the present time.

When The Fredericton Gleaner states that this journal of the fireside has been "pounding away daily at the personal affairs of public men," it gives utterance to a wilful and malicious falsehood.

Did the heavily subsidized Gleaner induce Mr. H. F. McLeod to telephone to Chatham in order that the cost of the message might be made a charge on the provincial treasury?

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., is expected home from Ottawa on Wednesday. Anyway, he will not be greatly missed in the House.

The gown in one piece which fastens up front or back is an excellent style.

MR. MCLELLAN'S LETTER

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may last you till next election. Where do you fit in then? You will have leisure to review your assassin attacks on the great number of respectable men that have had the honor to count you as their political enemy.

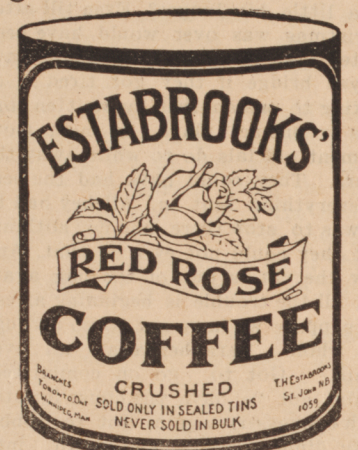
Would you have charged at our proposed meeting that the McLellan & Smith Mill was "very much over insured before the fire." Would you have charged that I placed that "over insurance" myself "before the fire"? The mill may have been over insured, but that was settled as far as the Insurance Company, of which I am the local agent, and our Lumbering Company was concerned when Mr. Mitchell of the Maritime Head Office of the Company, in July 1907 and again in July 1909 personally inspected the risk, and then and there placed the insurance, and not myself. If you had made these charges in such a meeting I, or any school boy, could have made a monkey of you. It is plain you are groping in the dark. What a sorry figure you would have cut Bruce—I am wrong again, I mean James, standing up in the City Hall stage making such a charge when I could have lambasted you until the boys would have yelled "murder" loud enough to bring the chauffeur. But I have said you are a wise guy sure thing. For do you not yourself ask "what could come of such a meeting?"

Again I would have produced for the benefit of yourself and, "his own political associates", as you term them, the written and signed report of an Audit Committee composed of Messrs. John Palmer, W. S. Hooper, George McEwin, and others who examined my accounts, showing that I, as Treasurer of the Liberal Association have expended every dollar that came to my hands in a faithful way, and have over expended so that they balance is now due me. Also that this report has been received and adopted by the Executive Committee. Are these unverified statements?

Where do you come in with your Bruce McDougall slurs? Really, Bruce, (no cut that out again, I mean Mr. Crockett) I hate to rub it in, but where did you expect to get it if you had turned up at the meeting with such mass of insane ravings unsupported in a single instance. Did these things not influence you somewhat? But I had forgotten, does not Mr. Crockett himself say that "Mr. Crockett is not a timid man by any means", and "Is it not beneath the dignity of a 'gentleman' to give any attention to such a challenge." Sure I had forgotten. That explains the whole darn thing.

But finally, Mr. Crockett enlightens me, and I must give him credit for some sense—that "the Statutes clearly point to the proper course for redress." Thanks. I have carefully refrained from making any comment on or reference to the case now pending under the said "Statutes" that

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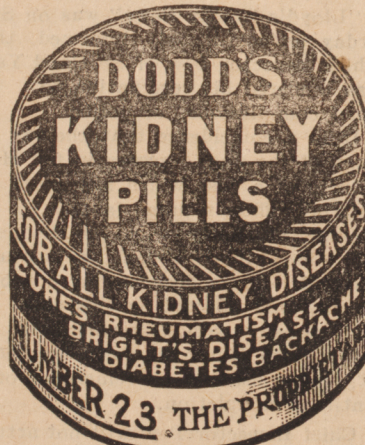
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Freshmen, 33	Seniors, 9
Laughlin	Defence.
McGibbon	Pennings
Pugh	McNair
Howe	Centre.
McGibbon	Porter
Pugh	Forwards
McGibbon	Deedes
Pugh	Hoyt
The standing of the teams is:	
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Freshmen,	2 1 0
Soph.,	2 0 1
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