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## WHAT IS THE SITUATION?

In a recent issue The Mail drew attention to the great importance of the administration of justice in this province. At that time it was pointed out that this administration must be above reproach in every way. Impartiality and efficiency in the enforcement of the laws are essential to the safety and prosperity of the people.

In lands where judges are purchasable, where crown officials may be so influenced that they will prostitute their positions for personal or other advantage, where other officers of the law are venal or susceptible to improper influence—in such lands none but the men of wealth or power may rest easily, prosperity is impossible for the humbler citizens; there is no guarantee of a man's happiness; property, liberty and even life are at risk. Good laws, properly administered must be at the foundation else a nation cannot prosper. And the foundations must not be suffered to be undermined.

It has been one of the crowning glories of the British empire that every man living within its borders could obtain justice. The officers of the law, whether on the bench, at the bar or employed in other capacities, have been looked upon as true servants of the people, loyal to their duty no matter what the cost.

In New Brunswick today the people are paying dearly for the administration of justice. As the Mail has shown, thousands of dollars of the people's money have been spent under the Hazen government for the services of lawyers who have done work which the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General are supposed to do.

But that is perhaps not the most serious side of the matter. It is notorious that one of the men appointed as an officer of the law by the present government was a few years ago found guilty of a crime for which he was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary and to receive lashes as well. True, he was subsequently freed, but he was freed on a bare technicality which did not blot out the fact that he was found guilty of a most serious crime.

It is notorious also that in one county there have been such occurrences in connection with the alleged administration of justice as have led even men of the most moderate temper to declare that an investigation should be held by an impartial tribunal. A magistrate has himself been called on to face grave charges. He was found guilty of an assault upon the clerk of the court and sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment without the option of a fine. The case was appealed and is not yet settled. The same officer was indicted for resisting a peace officer in the discharge of his duty. Eleven of the jurymen who tried the case were understood to have voted for conviction. So far attempts to secure another trial have been useless. The same magistrate was also indicted for stealing court depositions from the office of a justice of the peace. This case was dismissed on objections raised by Mr W. B. Jonah, of the firm of Messrs. Fowler and Jonah, which the Solicitor-General, who appeared in this case for the Crown, declared were well taken. The magistrate continues in office, high in the favor, apparently, of the Hazen members, who recommended him for appointment. Today the question which is being asked is: Can justice be secured by all in the lower courts of the county under discussion?

Most notorious of all, perhaps, has been the course of the law officers of the crown in regard to an information which was laid in St. John some months ago. This information charges that a man well known in political circles has been guilty of criminal offences. It is not a political document this paper, but a criminal information in proper form. Premier Hazen knows of this case. Hon. Mr. McLeod, the Solicitor-General, knows of this case. It has been brought to their attention in the legislature. What have they done? They have done nothing. The man charged with these offences, and charged by a prominent citizen of the province, still enjoys the confidence of the government.

Passing reference may be made to the fact that it was the Solicitor-General who entered into communication with Mr. G. B. Fraser, the Northumberland Registrar, in reference to the case brought against Mr. J. H. Crockett, for libel. The office of registrar is a provincial one. The offence charged against Mr. Crockett was a criminal one. The Solicitor-General, one of the men in whose hands the official life of provincial appointees and at the same time one of the men supposed to be active in checking criminal offences in New Brunswick, was the man who approached Mr. Fraser, a provincial office holder, in regard to a criminal case in which the managing director of the government's \$8,100 organ was the defendant. What was the Solicitor-General's purpose in acting as he did? He knows he is the man to answer the question. The Mail leaves the answer to him.

The circumstances to which attention has been drawn call for serious consideration. Is justice impartially and efficiently administered in New Brunswick today? Or is it juggled with in some cases for party advantage to serve the ends of party friends of those in power in the province? It is time for the people of the province to be watchful and to consider these questions.

"The Christian Work and Evangelist" (New York) strongly condemns the growing practice of women attending dinners with men and indulging in the use of intoxicating liquors. That journal says:

"Women not only drink cocktails before dinner now in New York, but they drink strong wines and much champagne, and it is no uncommon thing to see them so flushed with drink that they lose all sense of modesty and say loose things that had enough in men, sound horrible in women."

Here is an opportunity for social reform.

## FORESTRY CONVENTION

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atives of Canadian clubs, representatives of horticultural societies, representatives of the Society of Civil Engineers, representatives of the Canadian Mining Institute, representatives of land surveyors, representatives of fish and game associations, representatives of the United Forest Service, representatives of the American Forestry Association, representatives of the American Conservation Association, representatives of state forestry bureaus and associations and all others who are interested in forestry.

WILFRID LAURIER

In accordance with the official summons issued by the Right Honorable the Premier of the Dominion, arrangements have been made for a Canadian Forestry Convention to be held in the city of Quebec Jan. 18-20 1911, under the auspices of the Canadian Forestry Association, to discuss forestry problems.

The president Hon. W. C. Edwards, will occupy the chair, among those, who it is hoped will take part in the convention, in addition to official representatives, are Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. R. L. Borden, M. P., Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Commission of Conservation; Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. Frank Oliver, Sir Lomer Gouin, Hon. Jules Allard, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, His Grace Mgr. Begin, Archbishop of Quebec; R. H. Campbell, Dominion superintendent of forestry; H. S. Graves, chief forester of the United States; Dr. H. S. Beaud, M. P., Dr. B. E. Fernow, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry of the University of Toronto; Achille Bergevin, of the Quebec Fish and Game Protective Association, and Dr. C. Gordon Dewitt, Dominion entomologist.

The legislation of Quebec will be in session and the Commission of Conservation will hold its annual meeting in Quebec on Jan 17. The railway companies have granted single fare rates for the round trip which will be available (plus 25c) to all who secure standard certificates at the station of departure to be signed at Quebec by the secretary. The rates are from points east of Fort William Western rates are now being considered.

If those who expect to attend will send in their names this will facilitate the work, and they will also receive programmes and all other necessary information.

JAMES LAWLER  
Secretary, Canadian Forestry Assn.,  
Canadian Bldg., Ottawa Canada.

CERTIFICATE WINNERS  
IN THE CITY SCHOOLS

Following is a list of pupils who won honor certificates in the city schools during the term just ended:

## YORK STREET SCHOOL

Miss Sherman's Department—Grade VIII.—Constance O'Rea, 182; Kathleen Miles, Josephine Lister, each 176. Grade VII.—Margaret Baird, 187; Lawrence Smith, 184; Josie Kitchen, 182.

Miss Alexander—Grade VI.—Helen Scott, 188; Eva Searle, 186; Byron Gunter, Wilson Porter, each 185; Gladys Urquhart, 184. Grade V.—Annie Baird, Myrtle Bailey, Edith Gatoombe, each 185; Chester Ryan, 180.

Miss McCann—Grade IV.—Ethel Crowley, 187; Lottie Seeley, Donald Urquhart, each 184. Grade III.—Harold Creed, Jennie Long, each 187; Gladys Fulton, 186.

Miss Smith—Grade IV.—Mildred Sharp, 192; Cecil Brewer, 186. Grade III.—Minnie Lyons, 194; Stella Brewer, Walter Brown, each 191.

Miss Everett—Grade II.—Florence Gorman, 190; Greta Clayton, 189. Grade I.—Kathleen Bailey, 190; Hilda Gatoombe, 186; Verna Estrabrooks, 195.

Miss Strong—Grade II.—Bella McCannagh, 192; Bertrane Stevenson, 189. Grade I.—Dean A. Creed, Dorothy Burpee, each 195; Vera Jonah, 195.

## MODEL SCHOOL

Mr. Page's Department—Grade VIII.—Louise Scott, Gladys Fitzgerald, each 190; Gregory Bridges, 186; Greta Macnutt, 185. Grade VII.—Florence Murray, 186; Roger Cooper, 180.

Miss Macdougall—Grade VI.—Douglas McElveney, 186; George Tennant, Clarence Jewett, each 181. Grade V.—Helen Richardson, 191; Ronald Murray, 189; Frances Sharpe, 188.

Miss Harvey—Grade IV.—Beatrice Phillips, 191; Ralph Jewett, 190. Grade III.—Hildred Mills, 192; Thirza Clynick, 191.

Miss Golding—Grade II.—Ardath Staples, 194; Dorothy Phillips, Burt Adams, each 191; Vera Burnett, 190. Grade I.—Willard Blackmere, Phyllis Richardson, Eileen Phillips, each 192; Horace Hawkins, Nairn McCaffrey, Ray Mersereau, each 191.

CHARLOTTE STREET SCHOOL

Miss Thompson's department—Grade VIII.—Jessie Clark, 190; Mary Chestnut, 189; Lizzie Howie, 187; Grade VII.—Ethel Bailey, 188; Kathleen McAdam, 186; George Duncan, 185.

Miss Kinghorn—Grade VI.—Willard Thompson, 191; Ernest Brower, 190; Grade V.—Noel Barbour, 186; Edith Jones, 183.

Miss Plinder—Grade V.—Willis Sloat, 191; Nancy Parkinson, 186 Kate Harris, 185; Grade IV.—Eva Grant, 187; Melbourn Venner, Ida Venner, each 185.

Honorable mention—Mary Smithers Evelyn Scammell, Arthur Betts, Raymond Stewart.

Never absent—Connie Jago, 6 Kate Harris, Laura Wilson, George Chappell, Lillian Robinson, Lee McCutcheon, Stanley Young, Melbourn Venner, Nella Hawthorn, Nellie Barker, Ray Hobkirk, Fred Desaulniers, Eva Grant.

Miss E. J. Thompson—Grade IV.—Prudence Sloat, Tanah Clark, each 191; Stella McComb, James Howie, Gertrude McAllister, each 190; Darrell Phillips 196; d'Array West, 191.

Honorable mention—Margaret Chestnut, Rosa Mignot, Walter Horn castle, George Walker, Hazel Burden, Kenneth Gough.

Never absent—Prudence Sloat, Lenah Clark, Gertrude McAllister, Andrew Lawrence, Walter Horncastle, Darrell Phillips, Edwin Lawrence, Arthur McComb, Herbert Allen, Tom Boyd, Ralph Burden, Frank Boyd, George Murchie, Doris Ryan, Louisa Carle, Hazel Burden, Gertrude Wandless.

Miss Williamson—Grade II.—Beatrice Boone, Roy Charters, each 192; Helen Chase 189; Grade I.—Annie Barker, Cecil Langille, each 194; Isa Seymour, Dorothy Chase, each 193.

Honorable mention—Willford Allen Ruby Block, Hubbard Dunham, George White.

Never absent—Clara Haining, Frank Smith, Montrose Chappell, Roy Charters, Alfred Parkinson, Vera Smith.

Miss McAdam—Grade II.—Mary Jones, 195; Archie MacDonald, 192; George Duncan, Alden Clark, Thomas Lyons, each 190. Grade I.—Jean Thompson, 192; Beatrice Simpson, 190.

Never absent—Jennie Desaulniers, Joraine Ryan, Alice Brooks, Fred Carle, Edwin Parkinson, Donald Smith Jean Thompson.

## DOAK SETTLEMENT.

Miss J. H. Reid—Grade I, Jennie Beatty, 366; Grade II, Archie Whitlock, 347; Grade III, Bessie Finnie, 382; Grade IV, Murray Finnie, 382; Grade V, Jasper Whitlock, 354.

## REGENT STREET.

Mr. Hughes' department—Grade VIII, Campbell Carney, 189; Mabel Carten, 187; Irene Donohoe, 185; Grade VII, Mary Boyd, 190; George Duncan, 182; Genevieve Carten, Joseph Moore, Wilfred Roberts, each 178.

Miss Haggerty (Sr. Clarice)—Grade VI, Alice Bellevue, 189; Leo Jarvis, Kathleen Gibson, each 182; Grade V, Murray Kane, 193; Leo McGinnis, Harold White, 187.

Honorable Mention—Clara Ryan. Miss McKenna (Sr. Estelle)—Grade V, Rita Elliott, 189; Mary Grannan, 187; Grade IV, Alice Toner, Clara Crangle, each 191; Agnes Doohan, Fielding O'Brien, Louis McGinn, each 188.

Honorable Mention—Cecilia Boyd, Celia Sands, Kathleen Shea, George McDonald.

Miss Davis—Grade III, Leo Kane, 189; Walter Lawlor, Walter Farrell, each 187; Grade II, Evelyn Murphy, Ethel Crangle, Helen Grannan, each 190; George Burns, Margaret Gallagher, Margaret McLaren, each 189.

Never Absent—Violet McGahey, Theodore Roberts, Harvey Lifford, Lena Carten, Rita McGinnis, Mary McLaughlin, Walter Farrell, Tom Stanger, Tom McGinnis, John Roberts, Leo Kane, Theodore Morris, Francis McCarty, Ethel Crangle, Evelyn Murphy, Margaret McLaren, Helen O'Connor, George Burns, John Moore, Genevieve McGinn.

## BRUNSWICK STREET SCHOOL.

Miss McDonough (Sr. Augustine)—Grade I, Christina Stanger, 192; Maurice Kane, Clement McGinn, Joseph Lifford, each 191.

Honorable Mention—Constance Murdoch, Stella McGahey, Kathleen Deedes.

## MORRISON MILL SCHOOL.

Miss Cadwallader's Department—Grade VII, Alice Parker, 192; Grade V, Leonard Gregg, 191; Grade V, Ernest Timms, 192; Alice McKenna, 190; Alice Robinson, 194; Hazel Dunn, Ethel Blizzard, each 191, Grade III, Earl Blizzard, 192; Leo Donahue, 192.

Miss Coburn—Grade II, Lawlor Gordon, James Rankine, each 193; William Bonar, 191; Grade I, Fred Shaw, Annie Timms, each 195; Kathleen Donahue, 194.

PRINCIPAL OF RIVERSIDE  
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL  
EXPLAINS HIS POSITION

To the Editor of The Mail,

Sir—Your reference to myself in the news column of your paper on the 14th inst., is somewhat inaccurate. Will you do me the justice of inserting the following facts?

On the 26th November, the Trustees of the Consolidated School met at my request to consider the persistent refusal of certain pupils to obey; the board voted unanimously to support me in the punishment assigned.

Immediately after this action of the board I handed the members a personal letter, asking them for their personal support in obtaining my release at the end of the term. This was done, because I felt that some members of the board were expressing themselves in opposition to trivial matters of school discipline before having learned the facts and were thereby undermining my authority as

principal; also because other advantageous situations were then available for me, if accepted at once. At this same meeting of the 26th Nov., my request was considered and the board unanimously voted to refuse my petition.

One week later, the board again met and decided that all pupils refusing to comply with the discipline of the school, should be suspended from attendance until the discipline be complied with.

On Dec. 8th, five days later, and twelve days after the board unanimously refused my petition for release, at a special meeting—a full board not being present—a resolution asking me to resign was passed, 3 yeas, 2 nays—the chairman not voting. This action was taken without assigning reasons for such a change of opinion, and while I was in the act of enforcing the rules of discipline as prescribed by the board.

Perhaps the gentlemen who "exercised the woman's privilege" may have been influenced by a few who have interests to serve which they esteem higher and nobler than the best interests of educational work.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I Am,  
Yours truly,  
W. C. R. ANDERSON,  
Riverside, Dec. 21, 1910.

In the dining-room of a hotel at Nice, on a huge placard posted over the mantelpiece, you can read the following:

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