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THE PRESENT CASE

The man who stands aloof from politics in the Dominion is not a good citizen. In this growing country, with its complexity of problems and the constant addition of new problems, it is necessary that the men and women who make up the citizenship should have settled convictions on most at least of the important questions which come before the people. The man who has no such convictions or having them, fails to adopt the course which those convictions would dictate, is not assuming his share of the burdens of the country's citizenship.

We do not mean to say that to be a good citizen it is necessary for a man to throw himself into the hurly-burly of political warfare. Still less is it necessary for a man to ally himself with the "machine" element of either party. But to be a good citizen, in the fullest sense of the word, it is necessary for a man to show an intelligent interest in his country's affairs and a readiness to take a reasonable part in those affairs. It is natural in showing this interest and this readiness that men should ally themselves with one party or the other.

But what men should strive to avoid in the Dominion today is unnecessary partizanship which makes it impossible for them to regard public questions dispassionately and with fairness to their political opponents. The man who has no better reason for voting Liberal than the fact that his father voted Liberal before him, or that he himself had voted the Liberal ticket in other contests, is far from being the best type of Canadian citizen. Similar statements might be made about a man who votes for the Conservatives for similar reasons. To oppose a government simply because it is Conservative or simply because it is Liberal is to exhibit a partizanship which is not commendable but the reverse.

It is with such ideas in mind that men should consider the record of the Hazen administration in this province. To oppose it or to support it simply because it happens to be a Conservative ministry would be to take a very weak position. It is reasonable to expect that the next provincial election will take place within a comparatively short time at the most. With this fact before them, the electors should be turning over in their minds the outstanding facts in connection with the Hazen promises and the Hazen performance. Would it be in the best interests of the province to have the Hazen ministry continued in office or would it be more desirable to have as premier a man such as Hon. Mr. Robinson, whose public spirit, undoubted sincerity, business ability and fairness are conceded even by members of the government themselves?

The Mail does not intend to review the Hazen record in detail. All that it need do is to ask the people if they are satisfied with the Hazen highway act, drafted by a St. John lawyer, under which taxes have been greatly increased, highway work made a part of the political game, and the roads brought to a worse condition than ever before. Are the people satisfied with the Hazen policy of discharging government officials simply because they happen to be of a certain political faith and of appointing in the stead of these men others who happen to have the recommendation that they are of a different political belief? Are the people satisfied with the Hazen method of appointing commissions made up of political friends of the government which have accomplished no useful purpose but have cost the people thousands of dollars? Are the people satisfied with

the Hazen method of conducting the affairs of the Agricultural Department under the charge of a medical doctor?

Are they satisfied with the Hazen plan of importing race horses from Kentucky for the alleged benefit of the farmers, when, as a matter of fact, many of the horses were not sound and none of them were of the type needed to improve New Brunswick horse stock? Are they satisfied with the Hazen policy of reducing the size of the saw-log which may be cut on Crown Lands, a policy which means the depletion of the provincial forest wealth which is the people's chief source of revenue? Are they satisfied with the Hazen method of allowing public works to be done without tender, without even authorization from government officials, but on the order of defeated Conservative candidates, with indebtedness thus incurred paid out of the public treasury? Are they satisfied with a government that pays to "Superintendents" larger sums than are paid the men who actually do the work which these favored friends of the government are paid to "superintend"? Are they satisfied with a government which pays to one party paper no less than \$8,100 in a single year without a single tender being asked for? Are they satisfied with a government which has greatly increased the cost of executive government and numbers among its members men who vote to increase their own salaries? Are they satisfied with a government which in a single year paid out several thousand dollars in fees to legal friends of the ministry for work for which the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General are themselves paid? Are they satisfied with a government which, having more money to spend than any provincial government has ever had, has increased the public debt at a rate hitherto unprecedented? Are the people satisfied with a government, which, finding itself with a deficit on current account in 1909, resorted to book-keeping tricks in its efforts to show a "paper" surplus? Are the people satisfied with a government which, as a matter of fact, ended the year 1909 with a deficit of over \$109,000? Are the people satisfied with a government which, in the fall of 1908, deliberately wasted thousands of dollars of the people's money in the effort to secure the election of political friends of the Hazen ministers in a federal campaign? Are the people satisfied with a government which has shown itself a friend of the corporations? Are the people satisfied with a government which has practically given away one of the richest mineral assets of the province to a powerful corporation for a term of eighty years? Are the people satisfied with a government which would foist upon the people of the Valley counties a branch line of railway, perhaps an electric trolley line, which will protect the Canadian Pacific from competition and keep the people at the mercy of a monopolistic corporation?

Are the people satisfied with Premier Hazen and his colleagues?

"He (meaning the prosecutor) failed in the preliminary hearing because when the defendant handed out the laboring oar to him he could not furnish the proof."

The above is not a quotation from The Mail, but is taken from an editorial in last night's Gleaner. The defendant is James H. Crockett. After having a Mr. Coulthard swear that he was the Gleaner's editor, and thus removing proof, the same Mr. Crockett as soon as the case is dismissed and the danger over, admits he "handed out the laboring oar." If the admission means anything it means that Crockett has the nerve to admit that he was guilty of libelling Mr. McLellan. What do decent Conservatives think of it anyway?

WEDDINGS THIS MORNING

DRAPER-HALLET.

Miss Stella Hallett, daughter of Mr. Josiah Hallett, of Millville, was married at her home this morning to Mr. Isaac Draper, principal of the Broadway School, Woodstock. The happy couple will leave this evening on a wedding tour, which will include New York and other American cities. Both bride and groom are well known in this city.

Lovely veiled effects in blouses for cloth suits, the top layer of chiffon or not usually matching the cloth, are made in all colors.

If a small piece of zinc is burned in with the coal occasionally it will coat the interior of the chimney so that soot will not form upon it.

"READER" CALLS ATTENTION TO SOME STARTLING FACTS

Pithy Letter Dealing with Incidents in Connection with the Criminal Libel Case ---Further Meddling on the Part of the Solicitor General In Matters which do Not Come Within the Province of a Crown Officer.

Editor of Daily Mail:

Enclosed you will find some comments which seem pertinent to statements made by the Editor of The Gleaner in yesterday's issue.

Yours truly,

READER.

Fredericton, N. B.,
Dec. 20th, 1910.

Mr. Crockett says:—"It need not be explained why the action was entered against Mr. Crockett personally."

Reader. You are quite right, Mr. Crockett. Every person who has thought about the matter at all knows that you are responsible for the libels that appear in the Gleaner, and that it was because of one of these libels that the action was entered against you. You are quite right, what everybody knows "need not be explained."

Mr. Crockett says:—"That is well understood generally."

Reader. Quite right again, Mr. Crockett.

Mr. Crockett says:—"And more particularly by those who have heard the boastings of the leaders of the local Liberals up to the first half of the first day of the hearing, but who on the very first day deserted McLellan."

Reader. You are not very clear, Mr. Crockett. When you refer to "those who heard the boastings" do you mean your friends, if you have any? Presumably you must since you wish to have it understood that they reported to you these "boastings" which they "heard." But if you mean that and say your friends also understood why the action was brought against you, then they must know you as well as those who are not your friends. It is wonderful that they will stay near you. But if you mean it was your friends who heard these "boastings," what do you mean by saying that they "deserted" McLellan on the first day? Truly, you are not clear, Mr. Crockett. Do you know what you mean?

Mr. Crockett says:—"All that the defence did, for this was a preliminary hearing, was to give the prosecution an opportunity to establish the fact which he had so readily sworn to."

Reader. You are not very accurate in the use of words, Mr. Crockett. No doubt what you meant to say was: All that the defendant did was to give the prosecutor an opportunity to establish the fact which he had so readily sworn to. If you do mean that your statements are not in accord with the fact, YOU did not give the prosecutor an opportunity. The law did that; and created courts for the purpose. But what you did was to create the occasion of it by publishing a libel.

Perhaps however, what you meant was that all you did was to create the occasion, and then, although you had so strongly courted a libel suit, where you would have an opportunity to establish the facts, you immediately ran away from this position and like the little animal in the South Seas, hid yourself in the blackness of your own creation.

But if you do mean that, you are still wrong, for you did more; you thrust your staff forth to the point of danger and sheltered yourself behind their shame. And further than that you gave your stenographer two weeks' leave of absence so she might hide until after the investigation was over.

Mr. Crockett says:—"The pretense is made that his failure (to establish the fact that Crockett wrote the libelous article) is due to the absence of the young lady who had charge of the address list of The Gleaner and

who was also stenographer in the business office."

Reader. By whom do you say that that "pretense is made," Mr. Crockett? If you mean that that "pretense" is made by yourself or by someone connected with you, you may be correct. If you mean that it is made by any person connected with the prosecution in the case, you are wrong. They charged that the loss of the young lady's testimony was only an incidental. They charged that the chief cause of failure was because The Gleaner staff lied.

Mr. Crockett says:—"McLellan did not know there was such a young lady on the staff."

Reader. How do you know that, Mr. Crockett?

Mr. Crockett says:—"The fact is that McLellan, having secured the name of the young gentleman (whom Mr. Crockett said the young lady was going to marry) and his place of occupation, went to the brother of the young man, who naturally answered that he himself had no intention of marrying just now."

Reader. You are all mixed up, Mr. Crockett. Why should Mr. McLellan "secure the name of the young gentleman and his place of occupation," and then go to his brother? You ought to think a little more carefully before you write, Mr. Crockett.

Or did the Honourable the Blundering Solicitor General again report that to you? If he did the Honourable the Blundering Solicitor General of the Province should either get a better telephone at once or else have it entirely removed from his office. The Honourable the Solicitor General got you into your trouble, but he remained faithful to you to the end, so faithful that his evidence differed from the disinterested Registrar of Probates of Northumberland County. The Honourable the Blundering Solicitor General did have in part the experience which you detail. During the course of the hearing in the libel matter, the Honourable the Blundering Solicitor General telephoned to the canoe factory in this city where this young gentleman and two of his brothers work. The wrong one answered. The Honourable the Blundering Solicitor General asked him to come down to the office of him, the Solicitor General, as he wanted to speak to him about the young lady in whom he was interested. The young man told the Honourable the Blundering Solicitor General that he (the young man, of course) was not interested in any young lady except his wife; but that he would send his brother to the telephone, which he did.

When the brother came, the Honourable the Solicitor General persuaded him to come to the office of the Honourable the Solicitor General and subsequently the young man went to St. John.

Unless you thought this joke, which was on the Honourable the Blundering Solicitor General, as the result of again butting in, was too good to keep, and as you could not in decency tell it on him, your faithful friend, you had to tell it on somebody else—unless this was the reason for your publishing this yarn it must have been that the Honourable the Solicitor General again got mixed on his telephone and reported just the opposite to what happened. The safest course would be for the Honourable the Blundering Solicitor General to do away with the telephone altogether.

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Mr. H. F. McLean, of the Toronto Construction Co., is in the city.

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THE HARDWARE PEOPLE

LeBLANC GIRL NOT GUILTY, SAYS JUDGE

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—Judge Daniel W. Bond, who presided at the trial of Hattie LeBlanc, has declared that in his belief a woman murdered Clarence F. Glover, according to an interview with him published here today. He also declared his belief that Hattie LeBlanc knew who killed Glover, although he was emphatic in his belief in her innocence. He did not think she was in the laundry at the time of the shooting, but he believes she knows who fired the fatal shot.

"There is ground for believing," Judge Bond says, "that when Hattie returned to the Glover house from the laundry, Mrs. Glover suggested that it was best for her to hide until she could be gotten away."

He declared Hattie LeBlanc to be absolutely immune from prosecution as an accessory to the murder of Glover in the event that any person should be named later as the one who actually did the shooting.

Judge Bond says that his belief in Hattie's innocence is so strong that he would have set the verdict aside had the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. He said that he felt that nothing had been brought out in the trial to justify further action by the state and that the whole matter might as well be dropped.

VISIBLE GRAIN SHOWS INCREASE

All round visible grain supplies show big increases this morning. Wheat is 328,000 bushels ahead of last week. Corn has increased 584,000.

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