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THE PLEDGE BREAKER

More and more it is coming to be insisted upon that politicians shall be honest in their statements as in their acts. The day has gone, if indeed it ever was, when a politician could break his pledges with impunity. Sincerity is insisted upon. Misleading statements, promises which are not kept, half truths, are no longer tolerated. And it is right that this should be the case. The shame is that there have been politicians with so little sense of their responsibility that they have disregarded their pledges, broken faith with the people.

Because of the sentiment overwhelmingly favorable to sincerity of statement and good faith in performances. Premier Hazen is discredited today before a large section of the people of this province. If he was sincere in his statements before his election to office and immediately after the downfall of the Robinson ministry, the present premier has undoubtedly shown himself either unwilling to carry out his pledges or of such incapacity as to be unable to do so.

In these columns attention has already been drawn to the fact that the Hazen government has entirely ignored the premier's promise that the public works of the province would be carried on under the tender system, were he to obtain power. In the bridge work of the province, the tender system has been ignored and in consequence bridges are repaired under the days' work plan at unnecessary cost to the people. In the public printing, the tender system has been ignored and the work handed out to friends of the administration and, if The Chatham World is to be believed, even to a company in which members of the cabinet are themselves financially interested. It is under this "no tender" system that over \$8,000 was poured into The Fredericton Gleaner last year. Other instances of the breach of this Hazen promise might be given here, but for the present enough has been pointed out.

Premier Hazen promised that the highways would be taken out of politics. Today the control of the highways is partisan in the last degree. So partisan is it, indeed, that two years ago thousands and thousands of dollars of the people's money were wasted by Premier Hazen in his desperate effort to bring about the election of federal Conservative candidates. Moreover, despite the increase of taxation which has come under this government, the roads of the province today are, generally speaking, in a scandalous condition. The highway act is used by the Hazen government as a piece of political machinery. It is used to help the friends of the administration while the roads continue to become steadily worse.

Premier Hazen promised to conduct an economical administration to save the people money. Under his government the ceremonies at the opening of the Legislature have each year been more elaborate than ever before, and ceremonial is expensive. More than this, he has sent commissions junketing about the country on a hunt for a policy or on a hunt for political capital and, thus, he has squandered the money of the people, while giving "plums" to the faithful. He has allowed the salaries of two of the ministers to be increased by \$800 a year and has made the cost of executive government the greatest in the history of this small province. He has flung hundreds on hundreds of dollars to lawyers supporting the

administration, though in opposition he declared that if he attained power the legal business of the province would be done by the law officers of the crown, who, he said, were well paid for the work. These and other acts of extravagance stand to the credit of this economical statesman.

Premier Hazen promised to be non-partisan. His every act has shown him a partisan of the most partisan type. Conservatives have been appointed to office. Liberals have been driven from their positions that room might be made for their political opponents. Positions have even been created—as for instance the position with tidy salary which is held by Mr. A. D. Thomas, of this city—that berths might be given Conservatives. Even acts of legislation have been resorted to that a Liberal might be forced from office and place made for a Conservative.

These things in themselves are unfortunate for the province in these days when the east must struggle to keep up the race with the west. Today, there is need of an energetic, progressive administration capable of rising above party, that the real needs of the province may be served. But while these things are unfortunate in themselves, it is even more unfortunate that New Brunswick, a province of worthy traditions of government, should have at the head of its affairs a premier who has shown such striking disregard of the pledges which, together with gross misrepresentation, carried him into office.

The Tory St. John Standard in commenting on certain statements concerning road expenditures made by Mr. S. S. Ryan at a Liberal meeting at Elgin a short time ago, says:

"It is well known that under the present administration the money is not handed over to the local member as in Mr. Ryan's day, but is paid by the receiver-general direct to the man who does the work."

We know of a case in York County where money for road work was paid to the Secretary of a highway board and coolly pocketed by him. The "man who did the work" when he called for his pay, was told by the Secretary that the money had not come to hand. He has since ascertained the real facts of the case however, and will invoke the aid of the law if his money is not soon forthcoming. The Solicitor General is in a position to acquaint the Standard with the facts of the case.

The Tory St. John Standard, which is always able to extract cucumbers from sunbeams claims that the settlement of the Mayes case against the Dominion government is a complete vindication of Mr. Mayes. As a matter of fact, however, Mr. Mayes claimed \$62,000 and was glad to accept \$9,500 in settlements and of this amount \$5,000 was not disputed by the government. In the light of the facts it will be difficult for an ordinary observer to see where Mr. Mayes' vindication comes in.

Halifax Chronicle:—The Toronto News, which has become the oracular mouthpiece of the Conservative party, now declares that in the West, "there is a formidable feeling within the Conservative Party for lower duties on farm machinery," and it significantly adds that "it is not admitted that the Conservative Party is bound to reverence every feature of the existing tariff." If The News speaks by the book, Mr. Borden may as well send in the order for the tombstone for his "adequate protection."

Mr. O. S. Crockett and Mr. John A. Young were the only Tory politicians who condescended to attend the Stanley fair this year. Strange to say Mr. Crockett was compelled to spend a good part of his time listening to complaints respecting the incompetency of Mr. Young as a local representative. He also heard numerous other complaints and his brief sojourn at Stanley must have been anything but a pleasant one.

Mr. O. S. Crockett was in Stanley this week and it is presumed that he ascertained why the Tory picnic, to have been held at that place early in August, failed to materialize.

"I understand Uncle Raspberry is havin' chickens right regular dese days."
"Yes. Is he raisin' 'em?"
"I dunno whether he's what you'd call raisin' 'em or jest liftin' 'em."

DOMINION PARLIAMENT
CALLED TO MEET NOV. 17

This Week's Canada Gazette to Contain the Proclamation--Government Program Not Likely to be a Heavy One--Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Attend Imperial Conference in the Spring.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—The third session of the eleventh parliament of Canada has been summoned to meet on Thursday November 17.

This decision was reached today by the cabinet council and proclamation calling the members together will be contained in this week's issue of the Canada Gazette. Although the government's legislative programme for the session is not yet definitely drafted, it is known that the sessional agenda will be fairly heavy. At the same time, however, there should not be in the legislation proposed anything of a very contentious nature, and it is expected that prorogation can be easily reached before the departure of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues for the imperial conference next May in London.

The session will be the last but one before the next general election and it may be expected that the opposition will prolong it to considerable extent, with a view of getting campaign material.

Outside of the tariff question, however, which will probably come in for considerable debate, there should be no subject likely to provoke any long partisan discussion, such as the naval question last session.

BANK REVISION BILL

One of the principal bills which will come up, will be the finance minister's measure for the revision of the banking act, postponed from last year. This, however, should not provoke any partisan debate.

Another important item of government legislation will be in connection with the proposal for government control of terminal elevators, as already outlined by Sir Wilfrid Laurier during his tour of western Canada. It is understood that the bill will be modelled along the lines of the Minnesota act dealing with grain elevators.

Hon. Mr. Fisher will have the copyright legislation, extending Canada's present jurisdiction over copyright, as a result of his mission to London last summer.

As already announced, Hon. Mr. Templeman will introduce a bill, providing for more adequate government supervision of the manufacture and sale of explosives. The outlines of this bill were announced at a recent conference of the provincial representatives here to consider the matter.

BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Whether or not this long deferred question of the expansion of the boundaries of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec will come up for final action this session will depend largely on the attitude of Manitoba and Ontario. If these two provinces can come

to an agreement with other on the question of the territory to be annexed, and if the Roblin government will meet the federal government in any reasonable spirit of compromise on the question of financial terms, as intimated by Sir Wilfrid last July in Winnipeg, there will be nothing to prevent the boundary extensions from going through this session. Question of transportation will, as usual, bulk large on the sessional programme. These will include the question of the government's policy in regard to the construction and operation of the Hudson Bay Railway, the deepening of the Welland Canal, the carrying out of the government's policy of constructing a thirty-five feet channel in the St. Lawrence up to Montreal, and provision for the proposed international tribunal for control of railway rates on international traffic.

The tariff situation and promises trade negotiations with the United States will undoubtedly be a brief matter for consideration.

In regard to the tariff question, it is of course, difficult to forecast as yet with any authority the result of the present movement for better trade relations with the States or for a lowering of the tariff in accordance with the demands from Western Canada. These matters have to be carefully considered by the government.

CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The dominion conference on public health, held under the auspices of the federal conservation commission, concluded this afternoon with the passing of a number of important recommendations for consideration of the federal and provincial government.

The conference which was attended by the leading health officials of the dominion, recommended the establishment of a federal council of health to deal with the larger questions of disease prevention, involving co-operative federal and provincial action. In connection with this federal bureau it was recommended that federal laboratory be established to carry on general experimental work, manufacture serum and anti-toxins and general supplies needed for such a national bureau of research and education.

On the question of tuberculosis, the conference urged that both the federal and provincial governments should more liberally encourage the establishment of sanatoria, especially for the poorer classes and that the educational campaign against the white plague should be assisted by larger grants from the public treasury.

VICTIM OF ROBBERY
SAID TO BELONG HERE

Montreal, Oct. 13.—William Bentley thirty-five years of age, of Fredericton, N. B., was robbed of \$90 and a steamship ticket for Liverpool by hold-up men on Youville square last night.

Bentley had bought his passage to Liverpool as a third class passenger on the Allan liner Victorian, which sails from port tomorrow, and he was on his way to the steamer when passing through the square he was pounced upon by a gang of toughs, one of whom pointed a revolver at his head while others rifled his pockets, robbing him of his transportation ticket and \$90, leaving only \$2 in his possession.

Information was given to the Allan Company officials and to the police, and one of the company's detectives found a youth offering to sell the ticket on the wharf. He was taken into the Allan's office, where he stated that a drunken man had given him the ticket. The lad stoutly denied that he had been concerned in the robbery, and when Bentley came forward he said the boy's statement in this respect was true, for he was not among the crowd that set upon him last night.

Bentley seemed satisfied to recover his steamship ticket, and refused to prosecute the youth who had it in his possession.

(Bentley is supposed to be an English farm laborer who has been working in this vicinity for some time past.)

GEM.

The Gem has secured a fine lot of pictures for tonight. Two dramas and a comedy with a fine travel picture. Will make a good show.—d.

DR. JOSE MADRIZ IN
MORE PEACEFUL PURSUIT

Santa Cruz, Mexico, Oct. 13.—Dr. Jose Madriz, who was recently defeated by Estrada in the Nicaraguan revolution has arrived here from Amapala Honduras. He is accompanied by his wife, and will go to Mexico City, where it is said he will practice law.

EX-GOVERNOR OF KANSAS
DIED THIS MORNING

Wichita, Kas., Oct. 13.—W. F. Stanley, former Governor of Kansas, died at his home here today of hardening of the arteries, from which he suffered for fifteen years. He was born in Hardin County, Ohio, in 1843 and was elected Governor of Kansas in 1898 and re-elected in 1900. He was a republican.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
TO BE DISCUSSED

Washington, Oct. 13.—The International Humane Conference in session here, having completed its discussion of the treatment of children, will today take up consideration of the problem concerning cruelty to animals. Vivisection, it is said, will be inserted in the proceedings.

Dusty Dennis—"Dis great poet says dat love is afood."
Billy Coalgate—"Does, eh? Funny we don't see any of it on de free-lunch counters."

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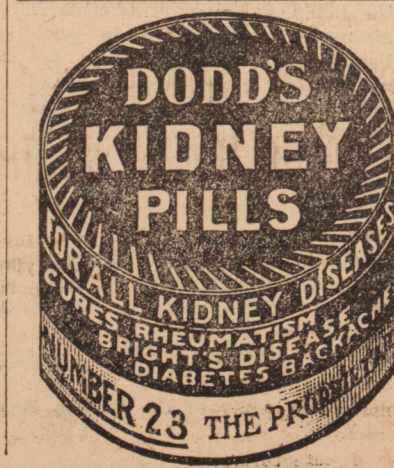
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HEAVY RAIN FALL
AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA

Kingston, Ja., Oct. 13.—Heavy rains have fallen here since Monday, and considerable damage has been done. The fall amounted to nine inches during the last twenty-four hours the thoroughfares are flooded and the railway and street car service is interrupted. The telegraph wires are down between important centres. It is feared that a squall accompanying the rain will have a bad effect on the banana crop, but so far no serious damage of this sort has been reported.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 13.—Henry Hammond Gallison, who was the first American artist to have a painting placed in the National Museum of Italy, and whose works have been exhibited in many of the famous galleries of Europe, is dead at his home here of apoplexy, after a long illness. He was 60 years old.



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