

Hazen Government Denounced At Great Liberal Meeting at Elgin

Hon. C. W. Robinson, Dr. McAlister, M. P., J. T. Hawke, Hon. C. J. Osman, and S. S. Ryan the Speakers--How the Revenues of the Provinces Have been Squandered Under Hazen's Misrule--People all Over the Province Crying Out For a Change.

Elgin, Oct. 6--The political meeting here last night was one of the greatest ever held, in Albert County, two thousand persons being in attendance. The Hazen government was roundly denounced and the hearty applause which greeted the different speakers leaves no room for doubt as to the sentiment of the people of this fine old county. The men who represent this constituency in the Legislature will go down and out just as soon as the electors get the opportunity they are now so anxiously waiting for.

DR. McALISTER, M. P.

Dr. McAlister, M. P. was the first speaker and his appearance was the signal for great applause, and his speech of three-quarters of an hour was listened to with much attention. In it he not only referred to many important matters that had been considered since his election in the federal parliament, but he also touched briefly upon the broken promises of Premier Hazen and his administration. Before beginning his speech he paid a warm tribute to Hon. H. R. Emmerson, whom he said he had invited to be present, but who was unable, because of an engagement in his own county that had been made some time before. Albert County, he said, had the very best of reasons for thinking well of Hon. H. R. Emmerson, who had represented them so long and so ably in the halls of parliament.

There were many who might ask what was the particular reason for the magnificent meeting that he was addressing, and at the outset he particularly wished them to understand that there was no special reason for the gathering, except that he felt the time of the annual fair would be a most appropriate opportunity for him to redeem a promise he had made to the people of Elgin soon after he was elected, that at the very earliest opportunity he would call them together and address them. During the campaign of the election in 1908 he had not found an opportunity of being able to say something to the people while they were gathered together for their annual holiday, and he had also invited Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the opposition, to speak to them, as well as their former representatives, Messrs. Osman and Ryan.

Before he took up those federal issues upon which he wished to speak, he had before him, somewhat accident ally, a copy of the platform issued by the present Premier Hazen when he was appealing to the people in March, 1908.

(a) That if returned to power they would put all public works to tender and award the contract for the same to the lowest tenderer.

(b) That they would conduct and carry on a government free from all party lines, political bias and prejudices.

(c) That they would repeal the present highway act and enact a new law in its place, which should vest the management of the roads and the appointment of all officials absolutely in the county councils.

(d) That they would have a survey and a valuation of our crown lands made so that this valuable asset might be conserved.

(e) That they would inaugurate and establish a new agricultural and immigration policy, giving particular attention to the promotion of the settling of our own lands by our own people.

(f) That they would improve the quality and reduce the price of our school books, so that our people would not be robbed of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

(g) That they would extend and encourage local and rural schools so that every parent could have an opportunity to give a child an elementary education.

(h) That they would increase the provincial allowance to school teachers.

He did not, however, intend to trespass upon ground that properly belonged to Hon. Mr. Robinson and other speakers who might follow him.

He proposed to talk to them for a little while upon the branch line policy of the Dominion Government, and he wished them to bear in mind that in speaking on that important subject at this time he was not doing so for the sake of votes because so far as he knew there was no election in sight, but simply because he realized that each and every one of them in Elgin were particularly interested in this most important question. Very briefly he reviewed the history of branch line absorption, and in doing so he gave full credit to Hon. H. R. Emmerson for the very important part he had played in that movement. So far as he himself was concerned he had done everything in his power since he was elected to advance the taking over of the branch lines by the Dominion Government.

Passing from this question he compared the prosperity of the people today with their condition fifteen years ago, and while he wished to be fair and not take all the credit to good Liberal government still there was no doubt that the working out of providence in giving Canada such tremendous prosperity had been largely and materially assisted by the wise and prudent administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER

Hon. C. W. Robinson, who followed Dr. McAlister, was greeted with very hearty applause. At the outset he complimented the people upon the fact that they had had such a successful holiday and good time, and he joined sincerely with Dr. McAlister in congratulating them upon their prosperity and the very happiness seen from their good looking faces.



HON. C. W. ROBINSON, M. P. P. He was not going to make them a down right political speech, at least that had been his intention when he came there, but meeting so many old friends and receiving so many assurances that there had been a great change in public opinion in the County of Albert since the provincial election of 1908, he was compelled, as it were, to make some observations that might be interesting and in keeping with the occasion.

It was the right of the people to change their politics, he never denied that, and from what he had heard he was convinced that very many of those who had changed their politics in 1908, were quite willing and ready to change them again when the next

lection was held. He had been reminded by Dr. McAlister of some of the broken pledges of Premier Hazen and that one in particular that came to his mind at the moment was in regard to the putting up of every work to public tender. He did not need to ask them in Albert county if this had been done. How many of the public works in that constituency had been put up to public tender?

A voice--"None."

That is a sample of the way the Hazen government were carrying out their promises.

They had promised through their present provincial secretary, Hon. Mr. Flemming, that the habits of extravagance and waste which they said were practised by the old government would be none away with entirely. That gentleman (Mr. Flemming), had gone from one end of the province to the other in his suave and eloquent fashion and denounced the previous government for its lavish expenditures and extravagances, and yet, said Mr. Robinson, the old government got along very well upon an income which varied from \$600,000 to \$900,000; they contrived to keep their expenditure within those limits, and yet, while doing this the present provincial secretary, Flemming, denounced them for their extravagant methods.

ELECTORS DISSATISFIED

How was it now the present government led by Mr. Hazen had a very much increased income, amounting to almost, if not quite, one and a quarter millions of dollars, and yet they spent it all? They gave no more money to roads, they gave no more money to schools, and yet with such a largely increased income they had nothing additional to show for their lavish expenditures.

Is that the kind of government you want?

Cries of "No, No." As a part of this increased revenue continued Mr. Robinson, there was the sum of \$130,000, which had been obtained from the province of New Brunswick from the Liberal government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, largely through the efforts of the old provincial administration. That amount the present government were receiving much more from them because, and the people had a right to expect much more from them because of their increased ability to pay.

THE ROADS

He referred briefly to the fact that the people of the province had felt sore because, under the highway act as brought in by the old government, the privilege of statute labor had been taken away from them. It was his intention, had he continued in power, to restore the privilege of statute labor, but the supporters of Mr. Hazen's party had gone further and ad promised more. They said there would be better roads and no more taxation, and the very first thing they did was to increase the taxation from twelve to twenty cents on the hundred, and the poll tax from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents.

Under the former administration, all the cash that was paid in by the people of the parishes was handed over to the county secretary, and as that money was not available until the succeeding year, the first year the act was in force there was really no

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money from the people to expend upon the roads. That, of course, affected their condition. But when the old government went out of power in the spring of 1908, there was in the hands of the county secretaries throughout the province, between sixty and seventy thousand dollars which had been paid into them by the people the year before. So that the present Hazen government had not only that money, but they also had the receipts from the increased taxation in polls and upon property throughout the whole of the province. They really had nearly three times as much money to expend upon the roads in one year as the old government ever had.

WORSE THAN EVER

With all these available resources, there was no reason whatever why in many districts of New Brunswick there should not only be good roads, but boulevards. Did they have even good roads? No, the roads were in as bad, if not worse, condition than ever.

Under the present highway act there was a provision that in sparsely settled districts the government might expend sums of money through special commissioners, and when an enquiry was made in the house of assembly last year as to how many districts had been thus treated, the answer was "Two."

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed, "Tender for Warehouses, St. John Harbour, N. B." will be received at this office until 4:00 p.m., on Monday, October 24, 1910 for the construction of Warehouse No. 7 and the extension of Warehouse No. 6.

Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the offices of J. K. Scammell, Esq., District Engineer, St. John, N.B., and Geoffrey Stead, Esq., District Engineer Chatham, N.B.

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R. C. DESROCHERS
Secretary,
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, September 23, 1910.

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p. c.), of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tenderer be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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