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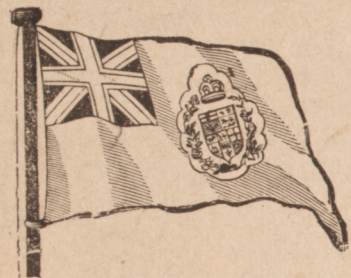
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LOCAL ELECTION

The Liberals of York have secured for the campaign the rooms in the Pitts Building, York Street, formerly occupied by the Fredericton Business College. Open every week day evening. All friends of the party are cordially invited to attend.

BURDEN AND VICTORY

The fight is on. Responding to the challenge thrown down by the Hazen government the Liberals of York have taken up the gage and every supporter of the party of progress in this constituency is ranged behind Mr. George F. Burden.

Yesterday's Liberal convention was a remarkable one. It was one of the most enthusiastic in the history of the county. On two days' notice a large, a representative body of electors gathered from all parts of the county. Unanimously Mr. Burden was chosen to carry the party standard and when the gathering broke up it was with determination that once again Mr. Burden should be a representative of the people in the Legislature where he did good service for the county and province for years.

The government forces expected the election to go by default. They realize the dissatisfaction with the Premier and the Solicitor General and their colleagues has spread throughout York in a way that is serious for them. They know that the Liberals of York are not only in the fight but that they are in the fight to win. They know that every Liberal vote will be polled for Mr. Burden and with them the votes of hundreds of the men of no pronounced party leanings and, more than that, the votes of the many Conservatives now thoroughly dissatisfied with the incompetence and maladministration of the present government. The Liberal chances are bright indeed.

Mr. Burden is well known to the people of York. He does not need the The Mail to vouch for him. He is a man of the people, a man of known integrity who cannot be persuaded to link up with any interests that do not work for the welfare of the people. He is a strong advocate of the construction of the Valley Railway—not as an electric line, not as a branch of the government's powerful monopolistic friend, the Canadian Pacific, but as a high grade competing line with through connections operated as a part of the People's Road, the Intercolonial. He believes in a road built in the people's interests and operated in the people's interests. Mr. Borden's attitude on this great question is clear cut, well defined.

Mr. Burden believes in honest, prudent administration of the provincial affairs. He stands for a progressive agriculture policy under a department administered not by a medical doctor but by a competent, trained man. He stands for fair treatment for all the laboring men of the county, not for the singling out of a few party workers for favors. He stands for a careful handling of the provincial funds and no increase of expenditure unless absolutely in the interest of the people of the province.

The people of York have behind them the people of York have been behind Mr. Borden before. They are

rallying behind him again. The government which has boasted in many parts of the province that it held York in the hollow of its hand; that it could do as it liked with York—this government is finding that the people of this county are independent people ready to commend a man or a government and as ready to condemn when condemnation is deserved. And if ever a government merited condemnation that government is the wasteful, over-expending, partisan cabinet temporarily in power in this province.

The fight is on. The Liberals and Burden and Victory. That's the rallying cry. The fighting spirit is spreading among all the Liberals of York. A short campaign but a successful one for Liberalism.

THE ANSWER

As was expected the Hazen papers are already busily declaring that the offer of the Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company to enter into a contract to build the desired Valley Railway is not bona fide. They charge that the gentleman who wrote to Premier Hazen on behalf of the company is not financially responsible and, of course, they declare that the offer is part of some unfair scheme of Hon. Mr. Pugsley. In passing, The Mail may say that this is only the one million seventy hundred and ninety-sixth time that the estimable Conservatives have made the awful discover that Mr. Pugsley is a bad, bad man.

But the answer to all this foolish stuff that for party purposes is now being dished up to the public by the Hazen organs is simply this: The Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company, in its letter to Premier Hazen declares its readiness to "give the necessary security for payment of the interest on the bonds, during construction of each section, until completed, and its operation assumed by the Intercolonial." That puts the matter in Premier Hazen's hands, so far as protecting the province from any action or lack of action on the part of the company concerned if the contract is entered into. The company will give the "necessary security" and Mr. Hazen can see that the security given is sufficient.

All this Hazen attempt to cover up the local government's absolute failure to bring about the construction of a road down the Valley and the other attempt to belittle the efforts of friends of the people to have that road built will be without success. The Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company has offered to enter into a contract to build a high class, competing road with through connections, a road which when completed will be operated as a part of the Intercolonial system; and the company offers to put up the necessary security for the carrying out of its contract if one is entered into by Mr. Hazen and his government.

That is the situation in a nutshell. Under such a contract the interests of the province would be safeguarded and the people would have a road which would meet all their needs satisfactorily. Premier Hazen may wriggle and twist as much as he likes. But the people must have that railway.

The political future of Mr. Hazen is of much less importance than the welfare of the Valley people, and that welfare will be immeasurably injured if in any way the Hazen government is able to side-track the Quebec and New Brunswick offer.

A TIME FOR CARE

Persons eager to see New Brunswick make proper progress must realize the grave necessity for prudence and economy in the administration of the provincial affairs. Steadily mounting expenditures in a province which cannot experience much increase in revenue are dangerous to the future. And public spirited, unselfish citizens will look beyond the immediate present and consider the welfare of the province in the years which are to come.

The Mail commends to the people of York at this time the moderate speech delivered in the House yesterday by Hon. Mr. Burchill, the independent member for Northumberland. Mr. Burchill brought out facts which indicate the danger of present methods to the future of New Brunswick. Is it wise to allow this government to continue its course unrebuked? This is a question which the people of York should consider carefully in the light of the statements made by Mr. Burchill and other members of the House.

ON WHAT WILL THE APPEAL BE MADE NOW?

Will the Government Forces Appeal to the People on the Grounds Set Out?—Some Pertinent Questions For the People of York to Consider?—Look Them Over Now.

In the campaign which is now on in this county a host of government supporters will pour through the various districts appealing for votes for Dr. Moorehouse, the medical man who was made an inspector of bridges last year over the head of scores of competent artisans in the Conservative ranks in York. On what grounds can these gentlemen appeal to the electors for support for Premier Hazen?

Dare they ask for support for Dr. Moorehouse on the ground of Premier Hazen's obstructive attitude toward the Valley Railway project—an attitude which has been to endeavor in every way possible to hamper the efforts of true friends of the Valley people to have this road built?

Dare they appeal on the ground of Premier Hazen's attitude toward the offer of the Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company to construct a high class competing road with trunk line connections to be operated as a part of the Intercolonial? This offer Premier Hazen kept in his pocket for a month without taking aggressive action to accept the offer and thus give the people of the Valley a road which will compete with the government's friends, the C. P. R.

Dare they ask for support for Dr. Moorehouse on the ground that over \$105,000 of the people's money was spent by the government last year without the consent of the Legislature, and in point-blank defiance of the Auditor General's protests? Or on the ground that by Hon. Mr. Flemming's own admission last year the government added more than \$180,000 to the debt of the province?

Dare they ignore the fact, of which every elector has had unfortunate personal evidence, that the highway taxes have been nearly doubled under the Hazen-McLeod rule?

Dare they ignore the fact that these ministers who took office with pledges of economy have themselves voted two of their number increases of salary and that the executive government is thus costing the people \$800 more a year than formerly on this account alone?

Dare they ignore the fact that in the fall of 1908 the Hazen government wasted, utterly wasted, thousands of dollars in useless road work in the desperate effort to help certain political candidates for Ottawa friendly to the administration?

With Mr. Burden elected, the government will still have a majority in the House but the declaration of the people of this most important county that greater care should be exercised in controlling the expenditures of the people's money would be beneficial; it would help to ensure the making of efforts to protect the interests of the province at a time when there is growing need for prudent handling of provincial affairs.

Dr. O. E. Moorehouse the doctor-inspector-candidate, is reported in the \$20-a-day Gleaner to have declared that he would "wipe his opponents completely off the slate." But he can't wipe off the slate that \$96.22 for bridge inspection and, as a matter of fact, Dr. Moorehouse will find that it is much easier to boast of what he will do than it will be to fulfill his desires.

APPOINTED SHERIFF'S CLERK.

Mr. J. W. McCready, city clerk, has been appointed sheriff's clerk to assist in the conduct of the coming bye-election in this county.

Dare they ignore the fact that under the government whose leader had declared the office of Solicitor General to be utterly useless Hon. Mr. McLeod, Solicitor General, has received thousands of dollars in three short years?

Dare they ignore the fact that the government has entirely disregarded its pledge to put up all public works at tender and instead has resorted to a system of following the days' work plan whereby thousands and thousands of dollars of the people's money are annually injudiciously expended, practically wasted?

Dare they ignore the fact that during the past two years the Hazen organ in this city has cost the people of the province twenty dollars a day for every single day of that time?

Dare they ignore the fact that the government in 1909 paid bills from the people's treasury which the government's own officials had marked "Exorbitant" and "Excessive"?

Dare they ignore the fact that in this county last year, as in all the counties of the province, friends of the government were paid as bridge inspectors and superintendents and foremen hundreds of dollars more in proportion, than were paid the laboring men of the province who actually carried on the public works?

Dare they ignore the fact that in the past two years the salary of the Assistant Auditor General, a political associate and appointee of the Solicitor General, has had his salary increased each year by one hundred dollars while work was found for other members of that gentleman's family in the public services?

Dare they ignore the fact that the government has as its Commissioner of Agriculture a medical doctor?

Dare they ignore the fact that every year since the government took office hundreds of dollars have been paid from the people's treasury to lawyer-friends of the administration for services in connection with the legal affairs of the province through the Attorney General, when in opposition, said all such work should be done by the Attorney General and the Solicitor General?

Dare they ignore the fact, proven by the records, that for the paltry sum of five cents a ton in royalty the government has given to a powerful Upper Canadian corporation exclusive rights in connection with iron deposits in Gloucester belonging to the people of the province?

A POINT TO BE CONSIDERED.

In 1910 the government had a revenue 39 per cent. greater than in 1907.
For Agriculture the government spent but 14 per cent. more than in 1907.

DRIVING ACCIDENT

Rev. Thos. Stebbings had one of his knees severely injured in a driving accident yesterday. He was driving to Kingsley when his sleigh was upset and he was thrown out and dragged some distance. It was necessary to cut the harness before the sleigh could be righted and the horse cleared from the wreck.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day was generally observed by the "wearing of the green." Mr. J. J. McCaffrey of the Queen Hotel distributed bunches of Shamrocks among the guests of the hotel. Tonight the Irish play "Garryowen," will be put on at the Opera House by local amateurs under the auspices of the A. O. H.

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