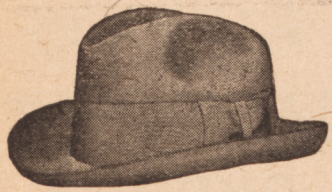


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columns of The Gleaner, charging him with receiving a cheque for one thousand dollars some time ago for service he was to render in the House. To the charge he gave a direct denial. He had got past expecting fair treatment from the Gleaner, but it was small politics because he was billed to speak at Marysville that a charge of that kind should be made against him, it was politics that the people of York and Marysville would not stand for. (Applause.)

Dr. Landry had said that the old government had spent \$139,000 on roads and bridges in 1907. If that were true where were the tumble down bridges and impassable roads. (Cheers) He believed that the people were getting sick and tired of the present government. (Applause.)

Mr. Hazen had promised honest collection of revenues, Dr. Landry had discussed the collection of stumpage and had said the old government had not collected all the stumpage because the present government was not able to.

STUMPAGE

The forest wealth of New Brunswick was being depleted by the increased cut on Crown Lands. The old government had protected the forests. The present government had decreased the size of the logs. If Dr. Landry believed that even the decreased standard was being lived up to by the lumbermen, he had only to go to the ponds and bays of Kent, his own county and find the contrary. If the regulations of the Crown Land Department were lived up to the mills in Kent would have to close as the Crown Lands had been so depleted there was no large timber on them. (Applause.) The present government had in a desire to make a show and to distribute public money among its friends, had taken away the safe-guards of the lumber lands.

FLEMMING'S SURPLUS

Discussing the so-called surplus of the Provincial Secretary Mr. Copp said that it had been obtained by carrying over unpaid accounts. While in opposition Mr. Flemming had held up his hands in horror at an increase in the provincial debt of \$130,000, this year there had been an increase of \$180,000. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Hazen had promised the building of bridges by public tender. The departmental reports did not show that the bridges were being all built that way.

THE AUDIT ACT

Mr. Copp, quoting from the Auditor General's report, gave some figures on bridge expenditure. The Auditor General, the government said could not make a mistake on account of the wonderful Audit Act. The latter was to stop overdraft and surplus accounts. That act, as a matter of fact, contained sections which entirely destroyed the intention of the act for as soon as the Auditor General refuses to permit over-expenditure three members of the government can over-rule his decision. Under the old system an order-in-council signed by six members of the government and by the Lieutenant Governor was necessary before there could be over-expenditure.

Messrs. Grimmer, Morrissey and Flemming as the Treasury Board were enabled to authorize over-expenditure in their own departments. The supposedly independent Auditor-General had to bow to their decision. Was that keeping the pledges of the Hazen party? On Thursday the people of York would have the opportunity of giving their opinion.

Mr. Copp proceeded to discuss roads and bridges. In Westmorland County the roads were not a whit better than in 1907 when the old government was in power. (Applause.)

BRIDGE ACCOUNTS

In 1909 according to the Auditor General's report it cost over \$26,000 for the fees of superintendents, etc., in 1910 it had cost \$24,000, a total of \$50,000 as he had said. Dr. Landry had attempted to make the audience believe the foremen sometimes worked on the bridges. The reports showed that A. W. Chapman, a barrister of Westmorland County had been paid over one hundred dollars for work as foreman on the Cemetery bridge at Dorchester. Who ever saw a lawyer taking his pick and shovel in hand and going on a bridge? (Laughter) Did Dr. Landry mean to say that Dr. Morehouse, the government candidate in this bye-election had worked on the bridge for inspecting which he had been paid? (Applause) Perhaps that was all right. The electors would have the opportunity to judge.

Mr. Copp then quoted figures showing that on Bull Creek Bridge 44 per cent. of the expenditure had been paid the superintendent and foreman. On the Mactaquac Bridge the expenditure to inspectors had been 77 per cent. On Pinder Mill Bridge the similar expenditure had been 182 per cent. of the cost of construction (Laughter.) Those were facts which

must appeal to the common sense of the community when the electors cast their ballots on Thursday. (Applause.)

AGRICULTURE.

Mr. Copp turned to the Agricultural Department, saying that when he criticised the department he did not criticize the man. Hon. Dr. Landry was the man to superintend a sanatorium or handle a small-pox epidemic. His profession however, did not qualify him to be head of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Copp said that Dr. Landry had boasted of the importation of Kentucky horses. He understood that those horses were failures. In fact, there was a man not far from Marysville who had found he had been gold-bricked with a horse, Garry Herrman, and was making a claim against the government. (Laughter.) Mr. Gibson—"He's the inspector of Durham Bridge now."

The old government deserved a little credit in agricultural development as it had first outlined a policy and had appointed the first Commissioner of Agriculture. The old administration had given about 4 per cent. of the total revenue to agriculture. The present government had given less, in fact the old government during its last years had given more than had the Hazen government.

EDUCATION.

Education received attention from Mr. Copp, who claimed that when the increased revenue was taken into consideration, the old government gave more to the schools than did the present administration.

HIGHWAYS.

The highways, said Mr. Copp, were the public works which came closest to the farmers. The latter were a most important class, in fact it would be better if there were fewer doctors and lawyers in the legislature and more farmers and business men. (Applause.) The Hazen government had promised to give the municipal councils control of the highways. The attempt to do so had proved a farce. Highway boards had been constituted of two councillors and a secretary-treasurer appointed by the government. The latter still clung to the control of the money in order to have patronage. The old highway act had defeated the old government. The present highway act would cause the downfall of the Hazen government. (Applause.)

BROKEN PLEDGES

Mr. Hazen had promised a survey of Crown Lands. It had not been made. Dr. Landry had referred to the school-book question not at as great length as had been expected. He claimed a 40 per cent decrease in the price. Mr. Flemming bought the books in Toronto from the same firm that had sold them before. The books came to Fredericton and were shipped out to vendors who in Westmorland county had to have the approval of the defeated candidates. The people paid the whole sale price of the books and they paid the retail price too. The loss on the handling of the books was also paid by the public. In fact the whole system was a delusion and a sham. That could be remembered in the future when the loss on school books was figured up.

FIGHT FOR LIFE

The bye-election meant little to the two parties at the present. The government had a big majority which would not be materially affected. The members of the Opposition would be materially increased by the addition of one member however. The result of the election would show the trend of public opinion however. The government had lost bye-elections in Carleton, St. John and in Northumberland and were in mortal fear of losing another in York. (Cheers) Had such a spectacle ever been seen as that of every member of the government being out stumping the county which they claimed to hold in the hollow of their hands? They were fighting for their very lives. (Applause) The very door keepers at the House had been sent out on the stump.

The provincial secretary was held up as a heaven-born financier. That was a reflection on the Creator. (Laughter.) James Kidd Flemming had no claim on any such title. Dr. Landry had alluded to the payment of interest on loans by the old government. He had not said that it was the Bank of Montreal that had control of the finances of the provinces. It and not the provincial secretary was selling the bonds.

Mr. Copp then referred to Mr. Burden, the Opposition candidate, whom he characterized as an efficient though quiet representative, who had had experience in the House. Dr. Landry he believed had gone out of his way to attack Mr. Burden because he had not tried to get an extension of the Central Railway from

Minto to Gibson. Such a statement was evidently the result of lack of acquaintance with facts.

Amid cheers Mr. Copp referred to the magnificent work done by Alexander Gibson, sr., for New Brunswick, York and Marysville and expressed his pleasure at seeing the name of that gentleman on the nomination papers of George F. Burden. In conclusion Mr. Copp urged the electors to vote for Burden Thursday.

Dr. Landry in the quarter of an hour allowed for rebuttal devoted his attention principally to the affairs of his own department. He also touched upon the Central Railway.

RALLY AT OPPOSITION COMMITTEE ROOMS

Hon. John P. Burchill paid a visit to the Opposition committee rooms last evening and in response to a call delivered a vigorous address, which provoked hearty applause. In the course of his address he took occasion to refer to some remarks made by his colleague, Hon. John Morrissey in his speech at the Opera House on Tuesday evening. He said that one of the speakers at the Opera House had referred to him (Burchill) as a member of the boodle brigade of the North Shore lumber lords. "Well," said Hon. Mr. Burchill "the gentleman who called me that supported me at the bye-election in Northumberland when I was a candidate for the House of Assembly and was elected. I was absent from home at the time but was nominated at a Liberal convention and consented to run as a Liberal. He supported me, stumped the county on my behalf and evidently thought that though I was a member of the so-called boodle brigade I was fit to represent the County of Northumberland in the Legislature."

Continuing the speaker said that at the Opera House it had been stated that he (Burchill) had not cast a Liberal vote in twenty-five years. All he had to say in reply to that was that he was the president of the Northumberland Liberal Association and the Liberals of his county would scarcely elect a man to that office who was not a member of that party.

Hon. Mr. Burchill then devoted some attention to the charge that under the old administration lumbermen escaped the payment of stumpage. "As a matter of fact," he said "I have not paid one more cent in proportion to the quantity cut, since Mr. Hazen's advent to power than I paid the old government. We do not complain of paying what is right and fair in the matter of stumpage, but we do complain of the system inaugurated by the present administration."

The speaker mentioned several instances where the operators had been over-scaled, mentioning one case where an official sent over north from Fredericton had been compelled to reduce the estimate of the scaler by thousands of pieces. "They boast," continued Mr. Burchill, "of the large amount they have collected in stumpage, but I want to tell them that they haven't got it all yet."

A voice—they are not so sharp with their own friends.

Hon. Mr. Burchill continuing denounced the action of the Surveyor General for handing to the public press figures showing the lumber cut and amount of stumpage collected. Information of this kind had a tendency to influence the lumber market and was most unfair to the lumbermen.

Hon. Mr. Burchill deplored the fact that such large quantities of dressed wood were being shipped from this province to the United States, and thought it the duty of the government to take some steps to have it manufactured in this province.

Regarding the increased revenue from stumpage Mr. Burchill declared unhesitatingly that it was not due to improved methods of collection but to the fact that more lumber is being cut from Crown Lands today than ever before.

Hon. Mr. Burchill in concluding his vigorous speech ably defended the lumber operators of the North Shore from the charge that they were robbing the country. He hoped that the people of the southern part of the province would disabuse their minds of any such idea.

MR. LOWELL

Mr. James Lowell the fighting member for St. John county in response to calls from the audience made a brief speech which aroused great enthusiasm. He said that he had been told that the Liberal party was dead in York, but he had certainly not seen much evidence of it during the present campaign. They had put up a great fight and he believed that if they stood by their guns on polling day that they would win a great victory. They would have to look out for the C. P. R. and keep an eye on the Drummond people. He had noticed that York county was not without its great "I am's" who labored under the belief that Liberals had no rights and therefore should not have placed a

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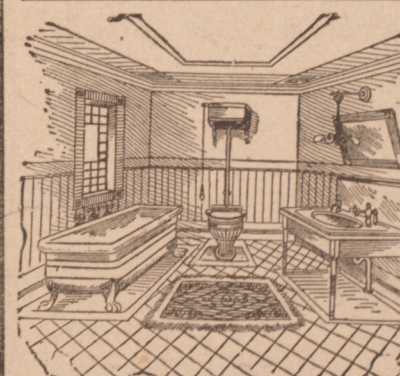
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Mr. Lowell warmly praised Mr. Burden the Opposition candidate and

told of the great work he had accomplished for Fredericton at the time the Sewerage Bill was before the Legislature. The present premier had done his best to impose thousands of dollars of expense on the city of Fredericton but his efforts had been thwarted by Mr. Burden. In this connection it was worthy of note that Hon. Mr. McLeod was mayor of Fredericton at the time and though he made an attempt to lobby the bill through the House, (Continued on page four.)