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### THEY STILL BLUFF

The announcement that Premier Hazen will attend the coronation proceedings next summer, would seem to indicate pretty plainly that the local government has abandoned its idea of bringing on an election this winter. Even Mr. Hazen, who is not supposed to be especially blessed with political acumen, must have realized that a general provincial election before the coronation would mean that he would not attend the latter ceremony as the premier of New Brunswick. It is known, of course, that a short time ago the members of the government, with one exception, were in favor of appeal to the people. The opposition of the one effectually blocked the election scheme for a time and the coronation idea no doubt, made it easier for Mr. Hazen to bow again to the dictation of his strong-willed colleague. But deferring the election will be of little value to the cabinet. True, it will suffer them to hold office for a short time longer, but at the same time it will render certain an even larger majority when the battle takes place than would otherwise be polled for the Liberal candidates.

Signs that the government has wakened up to the fact that it has lost its grip on the people of the province have been provided by recent happenings. Mr. W. B. Dickson, M. P. P., of Albert, who has been singled out, somewhat remarkably, by Premier Hazen for distinction on more than one occasion, was put into the field to organize the Conservative forces. So far he has succeeded in forming a Conservative Club in Woodstock. To assist in the work of organization, Premier Hazen and Hon. Mr. Flemming are now to speak at several Conservative meetings. In St. John—the home of Hon. Mr. Maxwell and his bosom friend, Mr. Wilson—the premier and his colleague are to deliver their apologies for their official lives. Then up in Moncton, the home of Mr. F. W. Sumner, who was “turned down” by the government at the last session of the House, apparently because his interests clashed with the interests of Canadian Pacific Railway men, the two ministers are to speak next week. How Hon. Mr. Robinson must quake as he thinks of the denunciations which will be hurled forth at the wicked Grits on occasion of this latter meeting! Then here in Fredericton the Conservative Club is to hold a pow-wow on Wednesday evening, at which “some prominent provincial speakers will be present and address the gathering.” Where the lightning of Conservative speakers is next to strike remains to be seen.

No doubt Premier Hazen and Hon. Mr. Flemming will deliver the same old speeches. They will hark back to the days of the former administration and point out the mistakes it made and some which they claim it made. They will seek to avoid the fact that the old government has undergone its trial and has been condemned, and that it is the Hazen government which the people are weighing in the balance now. Of course they will magnify their own good deeds, and it will be surprising if Mr. Flemming in particular does not dilate upon what he seems to regard as the surpassing honesty of himself and his colleagues. One of the purposes of these speakers will be to induce such a state of mind in their hearers that revelations of the cabinet's blunderings and maladministration, which are sure to come at the next session of the Legislature, may not further lessen the people's distrust of the present ministers.

But, after all, fine speeches can fool a limited number of the people only. Mr. Hazen and Mr. Flemming and their friends are being judged by the people. The Mail is content to await that judgment, no matter how strenuous the efforts which Mr. Dickson and the premier and Mr. Flemming may make.

...The Gleaner—\$8,100 “on account” from the provincial treasury in 1909 under the “no tender” system—is shocked at what it describes as improper “vote catching devices” of Liberals in Quebec and it figuratively holds up its hands in holy horror at what it terms the “bribery of constituencies.” When one recalls the barefaced manner in which provincial monies were dissipated by the Hazen government in every constituency in New Brunswick in the fall of 1908 in the effort to elect federal Conservative candidates one would be astonished at such stuff as the Gleaner has printed were that matter to appear in any other paper but the hack organ here. Were it not for the serious side of the case presented by the fact that provincial money was squandered by local government for political purposes at the time referred to the Gleaner's simulated righteous indignation over alleged happenings in Quebec would be decidedly humorous. But think of any Hazen paper, and the Gleaner of all papers, condemning the “bribery of constituencies.” Apparently there is no danger of any early shortage in the supply of “brass.”

Coun. Howard Rogers of Douglas is to be warmly congratulated upon his election to the important office of Warden of the Municipal Council. He is a young man of industry and ability and has rendered good service during the three years he has occupied a seat at the Council board.

### INTERESTING LECTURE ON BIRDS BY S. J. DARCUS

The January meeting of the Fredericton Natural History Society was held last evening in the Normal School, and was largely attended by members and visitors. Mr. S. J. Darcus was the lecturer, and he had for his subject, “The Birds of Europe and America.”

Mr. Darcus is a young gentleman who came to Canada from Ireland six years ago—three of which were spent in Ontario, and the last three in New Brunswick, in the neighborhood of Fredericton. He came to Canada with an extensive knowledge of the birds of his native land, and indeed of Europe, and has since apparently made himself acquainted with the birds of this side. His lecture consisted largely of a contrast of the bird life on the opposite sides of the Atlantic; and he used the society's reflectoscope to throw upon a screen photographs of birds and bird's nests which he had taken in his studies.

He told the audience that North America showed a greater variety of bird life than Europe; about 700 species to 400; but that birds were more plentiful in Great Britain in the winter than in this country, as the greater degree of cold here compelled them to migrate to a greater extent. He contrasted many species at home and here pointing out interesting resemblances and differences. The differences in water birds were slight compared to those in land birds. In reference to woodpeckers, there were he said eight species about Fredericton, and more in North America than in Europe; but that in Ireland they were like the snakes, non-existent—a striking fact considering that they were found only a few miles away in Wales.

He said that the British robin was not the equal of our bird in size or beauty, that our robin was a thrush, while the British robin was a warbler, about the size of a chickadee. He thought that hawks were pursued as enemies too reluctantly, the sins of one or two species being attributed erroneously to the whole family. The real sinners were the goshawk and the sharp-shinned hawk, the others being useful to the farmer.

At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Foster and seconded by Mr. Inch was tendered to the lecturer.

### JOINT MEETING TONIGHT.

There will be a joint meeting this evening at eight o'clock of the Administration of Justice Committees of the City and County Councils, to adjust accounts. The meeting will be held in the Mayor's Office at the City Hall.

### THE UNIQUE.

The program of pictures at the Unique last night made a decided hit especially the Western Selig, “The Rustlers.” Four other excellent subjects were also shown. The same program tonight.—d.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy, of Newcastle, is in the city.

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## KINGS CO. LIBERALS IN FIGHTING TRIM

**Will Hold Convention on February 15th to Nominate Candidates For the Local Legislature—Dr. McAllister, M. P. May Retire From Politics.**

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 16.—At the invitation of Dr. McAllister, M. P., the Liberal parish chairman of Kings County and the officials of the Kings County Liberal Association met him in Hampton yesterday for the purpose of discussing matters on interest to the party. Chief among these was the proposition to conduct provincial elections in the future strictly upon party lines and the passage of a resolution to that effect. This course was one of the features of this most successful meeting.

Mr. McAllister surprised his friends by declaring that he was more enamored with his profession than with politics and by the suggestion that he would be quite willing to give way to some other good Liberal. He was not encouraged in this course by the remarks of those present, although he must have felt much pleased at the complimentary references to him as a representative.

Though the weather was below zero every parish in the county save one responded to Dr. McAllister's invitation and the earnest enthusiasm shown indicated beyond any doubt the feeling of the Liberals of Kings County against the present local administration.

The representatives were unanimously in favor of an early convention to nominate Liberal candidates in opposition to the local government and arranged that parish meetings should be held throughout the county on or between the dates Jan. 23 and 30 to select delegates to a Liberal convention to be held at Hampton, Wednesday, Feb. 15.

### ADVOCATES PARTY LINES

Following up the suggestions outlined by Dr. McAllister in his address the following resolution, moved by E. S. Carter, of Rothesay parish, and seconded by Coun. Frank Freeze of Cardwell, was unanimously carried.

Whereas, experience has shown us, electors of Kings County, that in provincial election campaigns the issues between us and our opponents were not as clearly defined as they are between federal Liberals and Conservatives; and

Whereas, in the last provincial campaign this was strongly urged by Mr. Hazen and his associates as a reason why Liberals should give him their support; and

Whereas, replying upon his pledges of fair play to all parties many Liberals were induced to give him so-called coalition party a trial; and

Whereas, upon Mr. Hazen's return to power his administration was conducted strictly upon Conservative lines and Liberal office holders throughout the province were dismissed without reason and Conservatives appointed in their stead; and

Whereas, Mr. Hazen, the leader of the so-called coalition government, in the federal campaign months later took a most active part in opposition to the Liberal administration, an example which was followed by every one of his supporters in the house, he and they giving not only their personal work and support, but also all possible assistance, as well, from the patronage and resources of the provincial government departments, to carry New Brunswick for the Conservative party;

Resolved, that the time has arrived when Liberals shall stand united as Liberals and support only those who are Liberals in provincial and federal politics and further

Resolved, that we welcome the suggestion of our federal Liberal member, Dr. McAllister, and of our leaders Hon. Wm. Pugsley and Hon. Clifford Robinson, and strongly urge upon the Liberals of Kings County, when assembled in convention that they approve of the plan to conduct our provincial elections upon clearly defined issues as between Liberals and Conservatives.

It was further resolved that the parish meetings for the election of Liberal delegates should be held on or between Jan. 23 and 30, and that the convention at Hampton to select three candidates in opposition to the present local government should be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

After arranging for some matters of minor importance the meeting adjourned.

## T. C. L. KETCHUM NEW MAYOR OF WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 16.—The annual town election was held today. Only three of last year's council offered for re-election, two of them for mayor and the third, E. L. Hagerman, unsuccessfully striving for re-election as alderman. The successful ticket, with the exception of Mair and Gibson, were former members of the board. Jones and Dibblee were former members of the legislature, and Bailey is an ex-warden of the county. The vote follows:

For Mayor—T. C. L. Ketchum, 331; Isaiah W. Fisher, 194.  
For Aldermen—E. W. Mair, 394; James W. Gallagher, 282; J. T. A. Dibblee, 355; Hon. W. P. Jones, 346; Geo. W. Gibson, 331; A. G. Bailey, 327; Jas. Carr, 271; E. L. Hagerman, 242; A. S. Benn, 114.

Mr. H. L. Mitchell, of Joggins Mines, is in the city.

Mr. H. M. Dewitt of Waterville, Carleton, Co., is in the city for a few days.

## NINE YEAR OLD BOY CAUSES BROTHER'S DEATH

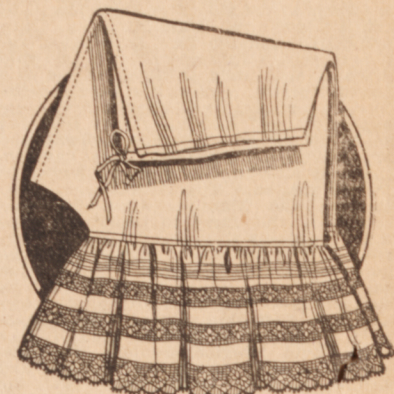
Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 17.—While a nine year old lad was playing with a revolver, the weapon exploded and the bullet crashed into the skull of E. Stringer, a baby brother, causing instant death.

## DR. GEORGE JOHNSON HAS PASSED AWAY

(Special to the Mail)  
Halifax, Jan. 17.—Dr. George Johnson, for many years Dominion statistician, and a former well known journalist, died this morning at his home in Grand Pre. He was in his 75th year, deceased began his journalistic career in Halifax and afterwards edited the Toronto Mail. He was at one time Renner's agent in Canada.

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## NEGRO FIEND GIVEN A STIFF SENTENCE

(Canadian Press)

Boston, Mass., Jan. 17.—Sentence of not more than eight nor less than six years was imposed last yesterday on James H. Taylor, a negro, who was found guilty in the supreme court early in the day of violating the white slave law in his alleged mistreatment of his white wife, who came here from Amherst, N. S. She was found chained to the wall with her body a mass of bruises by officers searching for cocaine.

After arranging for some matters of minor importance the meeting adjourned.

## BANK OF COMMERCE OFFICAL PROMOTED

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 17.—John Aird Superintendent of the Central Western branches of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will in May become assistant general manager of the bank, with offices at Toronto. Vere C. Brown, at present chief inspector, will succeed to the Winnipeg superintendency.

## A NEW DIRECTOR FOR CONFEDERATION LIFE

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 17.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Confederation Life Association, Joseph Henderson, inspector of Toronto, was elected a director.

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