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COME HOME MR. HAZEN

The Mail is fully aware that Premier Hazen does not think highly of this journal of the home and that he is not prone to accept our well-meant advice. However, there are other newspapers of which Mr. Hazen does not think highly and there are very few people, unfortunately for him, whose advice the premier accepts; so The Mail does not feel especially lonely.

But in all kindness this journal would earnestly advise Premier Hazen to hasten homewards. Even a "spineless leader"—once again we thank The Conservative Chatham World, particular friend of Hon. John Morrissey, for this useful phrase—may be of some slight service in straightening out party tangles. Today we have the pretty spectacle of the acting premier completely out-generalled in the Valley Railway scheme and forced at last into that position which the Hazenites have so long sought to avoid, the position of having to accept the plan which for political reasons entirely the Conservatives desperately opposed despite the fact that in so doing they were standing in the light of the people of the St. John Valley. Today we have the pretty spectacle of the majority of the Hazen government falling in line with the forceful majority of the cabinet; Hon. Mr. Morrissey, whose newspaper openly opposed the position of the majority of the ministers in regard to this railway project. Today we have the pretty spectacle of Hon. Mr. Morrissey's own newspaper specifically declaring that the roads of the province are bad and that in many cases practically no work whatever has been done on them this year though other members of the government have been shouting forth that the roads are better than ever before, and that more work is done on them now than was done in the days of any other government. Today we have the pretty spectacle of members of the Hazen government radically disagreeing on the great question of reciprocity. Today we have the pretty spectacle of the bitter feeling between Messrs. Flemming, Grimmer, McLeod and Maxwell on the one hand and Mr. Morrissey on the other, growing rather more bitter instead of becoming less antagonistic, and a similar condition prevailing in respect to the quarrel between Messrs. McLeod and Maxwell, which broke out in that memorable Pokioik encounter during the York county by-election. Today we have the pretty spectacle of new difficulties in the Conservative ranks in St. John, where the storm broke out over the choice of the secretary of the party executive with the result that the tension between the Baxter and other wings of the "grand old party" has become greater than ever.

Premier Hazen is doubtless enjoying to the utmost his pleasant jaunt across the sea. At all events The Mail sincerely hopes that his trip is proving most enjoyable. But, oh, the awakening, the hours of worry, that await him here on his return. Internal dissensions in cabinet and party are to replace for him the garden parties and receptions and dinners of the present. Meanwhile, the Liberals of New Brunswick can view the situation with a complacency marred solely by impatience over the delay in the coming of that time when the people will have another opportunity of declaring their opinion of the Hazen record.

Brockville Recorder.—Hon. Mr. Lemieux, Canada's postmaster general, is one of the most eloquent orators in Canada. For a few days he has

been engaged speaking in several places in Quebec province, and has given very illuminating reasons for the venom shown by one Henri Bourassa. He has challenged Mr. Bourassa to contest any Quebec constituency with him, and in doing so has exposed the hypocrisy of his opponent. He has shown that Mr. Bourassa is a disappointed office-seeker, hence his antipathy to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Nationalist leader first asked for a place in the cabinet, for which he was not qualified; next he set covetous eyes on the deputy speakership, and, not coralling it, he turned his attention to the office of postmaster of Montreal. He failed in all his requests, and after a threat took up his present position. The people will appraise him at his true worth.

Toronto Star.—It was over a century and a quarter ago that Colonel Robert Morse conceived a vision of confederation somewhat as it was finally achieved. Reporting to Sir Guy Carleton on the defences of Nova Scotia, in 1784, he wrote as follows: "My mind has been strongly impressed with the idea of uniting these provinces to Canada to the advantage of both, since by establishing the same laws, and inducing a constant intercourse and mutual interest, a great country may yet be raised up in North America."

Regina Leader.—Never in the world's history did a people become disloyal by reason of being granted a greater measure of freedom. Disloyal thoughts have their birth in irksome restrictions and the imposition of unjust burdens. High tariff is a restrictive policy and imposes an unjust burden on the masses of the people for the benefit of a few. Reciprocity is a measure of tariff reduction and reduces customs taxation. It will make for an increase in loyalty among the people of Canada.

Toronto Globe.—The industriously-circulated misrepresentation that Canada is to be hampered in future fiscal legislation by the tariff relief agreement with the United States has deceived many and will continue to deceive many in Canada. There is to be no treaty. Canada's relief will extend to her purchases from the empire and many foreign countries, and she will be as free again to alter her fiscal policy the day after the change as she is now.

Toronto Star.—Hot weather cannot discourage the gas meter or cause it to loaf on its job. When the hot wave sizzles and scorches, also fries, bakes, roasts, broils the faithful meter, instead of getting red in the face and looking for a shady place in which to loiter, girds up its loins and goes to work all the faster under the impression that it is an electric fan.

An interview with Hon. Dr. Pugsley on the reciprocity question, published in another part of the issue, is well worthy of a careful perusal. As the minister points out the farmers and lumbermen of New Brunswick have all to gain and nothing to lose by the enactment of the reciprocity agreement with the great Republic.

Calgary Albertan (Liberal).—Every person should turn out and hear Mr. Borden discuss reciprocity tonight. It may be that Mr. Borden will discuss other subjects, but the reciprocity is what interests us most of all. We shall get the strongest there is against the pact at this meeting.

The Belleville Ontario.—Have you noticed that the anti-reciprocity journals are not now referring so frequently to the price of cheese on the American side? The secret of this sudden silence is that cheese is now worth a cent a pound more wholesale in New York than it is in Montreal.

Edmonton Bulletin.—One opposition member of the Saskatchewan legislature now says he is sorry he voted for the reciprocity resolution with Mr. Haultain and his fellow Conservative members. He will have another regret coming after a while.

The retirement of Lord Strathcona from the post of High Commissioner to England will be generally regretted by all Canadians. He had held the office for fifteen years and has rendered splendid service.

Ottawa Free Press.—One way to stopping any all-night, all-week ses-

WARDEN ROGERS PRESENTED WITH A GOLD HEADED CANE

Pleasing Incident at Thursday Night's Meeting of the Municipal Council--N. B. Union of Municipalities Comes in for Adverse Criticism--Some Councillors Unable to See Any Benefits From the Organization--Extra Grant to the Hospital Asked For.

Last night's session of the York County Council was marked by a very pleasant event, the presentation to the Warden Mr. Howard Rogers, of a gold-headed cane engraved with a suitable inscription as a token of the appreciation felt by the other members of the council on account of the efficient and courteous manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. The presentation was made by Coun. Sterling and the Warden made a reply suitable to the occasion.

The Council deferred action on an application for an increase in the grant to the Victoria Public Hospital until today. Delegates to the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities were appointed.

MARYSVILLE CLAIM

The Council resumed business at 8 p.m. Secretary Treasurer Bliss reported that the joint committee on the Marysville claim to overassessments had put much vim and work on its business. A meeting had been held in the afternoon and adjournment was made until the following day when it was probable that a report could be made to the Council. It was through no negligence on the part of the counties representatives that there had been delay. At the next municipal election two representatives of the town of Marysville would be elected and it would not be fair to them to have the claim unsettled. It was the desire of the committee that the matter be settled. He could assure the councillors that a report of some kind would be on hand tomorrow.

HOSPITAL GRANT

The Warden read a communication from the trustees of the Victoria Public Hospital in which an appeal was made for an increased grant. The communication was from the president Mr. A. H. Fitz-Randolph and mention was made of the improvements to the hospital already under way and those needed.

Coun. McMullin said that he was not prepared at the last session of the Council before an election. He moved that the consideration of the matter be deferred until the January meeting.

Coun. Essensa seconded by Coun. Colter moved that consideration be deferred until the next session.

Coun. McMullin withdrew his motion and the other was carried the Victoria Hospital grant being made the first item on the order of business for the morning session.

REVISION OF BY-LAWS.

Coun. Timmins asked if anything had been done toward the revision of the municipal by-laws.

The secretary treasurer replied that he had made some progress but on account of the Marysville claim the work was not as far advanced as it otherwise would have been. He had intended to send to each councillor copies of the by-laws affecting their parishes so that they could report on the matter and decide what alterations, if any, should be made.

sions on reciprocity in parliament in July would be to turn a horde of summer resort mosquitoes loose in the Commons chamber.

Attorney General McLean is soon to retire from the Nova Scotia government and remove to Montreal, where he will practice his profession.

UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES.

Coun. Fred Pond asked if any delegation was to be appointed to attend the Union of Municipalities.

Coun. Sterling said the meeting of the Union would be held in Newcastle this year and several important matters would be before it. It was probable that an effort would be made to change the system of taxation in vogue throughout the province. The question of granting public franchises would also be considered and was a most important one. Indirectly the municipality of York would obtain benefit from the Union and the selection of delegates was an important one.

Mr. Bliss made some remarks along the same line.

COUN. PAT. GRAHAM DISAGREES

Coun. Patrick Graham expressed the opinion that the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities was of absolutely no benefit to the County of York and merely afforded an opportunity for several members of the council to take a trip to the annual meeting. He noticed that it had cost the county \$350.00 to send delegates to the last meeting.

It was decided on the motion of Coun. Smith, seconded by Coun. Reynolds, that the council elect delegates to the Union of Municipalities.

Coun. McMullin said the Union had come to stay and York County should decide whether or not it should continue its membership.

Coun. Robert Graham said that representation on the Union was not a paying thing and yet cost the ratepayers money.

Coun. Essensa said that he had been impressed with the value of the Union even although direct results were not very apparent.

Coun. Morrison thought the representation at the Union should not be as great as it is.

Coun. Reynolds was of the opinion that future returns would be received from the Union.

Coun. Thompson favored sticking to the Union.

Coun. Fawcett moved that three representatives, including the warden, be appointed, the president of the Union, Coun. Sterling, to be exclusive of that number.

The county's representatives to the meeting of the Union of Municipalities will be Warden Rogers, Coun. Sterling, Coun. Hunter, Coun. McMullin and Secretary Treasurer Bliss.

PRESENTATION TO WARDEN.

Coun. Sterling, just before adjournment, made an address in which he expressed the appreciation of the Warden's occupancy of office and the manner in which he had performed his duties. It was the wish of the councillors to present a little token of esteem to him as an appreciation of his efforts.

Coun. Grant produced a handsome gold-headed cane suitably engraved, which was presented to the warden by Coun. Sterling.

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Board of Trade Meeting

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held in the City County Chamber on Monday evening, July 10th, at eight o'clock.

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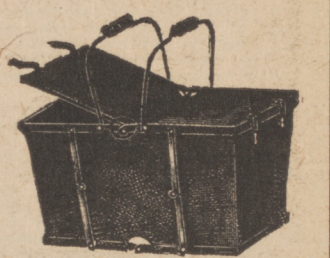
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