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WHERE TALK WAS CHEAP

The Tory "Smoker" and reception to the County Councillors, on Wednesday evening, even if we accept The Gleaner's report of what occurred as accurate, seems to have been a decidedly tame affair. The Solicitor General was on hand, and his "spread eagle eloquence" seems to have filled in a goodly portion of the program. He was surrounded by a body of Local Government office holders, several of whom took a prominent part in the proceedings, notwithstanding the very solemn warning issued by Premier Hazen in the Legislature several years ago, that officials of his government must refrain from meddling in party politics. (Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P. P., and Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. P. P., and even Mr. John A. Young, M. P. P., were among the absentees and so far as can be learned from The Gleaner's report, none of them even took the trouble to send regrets.

Mr. A. D. Thomas, who sorts out school books for the Hazen government and is sometimes called the "Minister of Education," was on hand and it is needless to say, made a speech. He congratulated Warden Rogers, (who was not present, by the way), on his appointment, and also congratulated the county upon having such an able and efficient official as Secretary Treasurer Bliss. As usual, Mr. Thomas closed with a patriotic reference, etc.

Mr. F. P. Robinson, in the discharge of his duties as secretary of the public utilities commission, delighted the gathering with a "comic song, which provoked great laughter." This was certainly very kind and thoughtful of Mr. Robinson and no doubt he fully earned the applause which his effort received.

The Solicitor General came on next and seems to have been the star attraction of the evening. As usual, the report of his speech did not consume a great deal of space in The Gleaner, so it is to be presumed he said a whole lot which the Tory organ, in the interests of the party, found it necessary to suppress. He talked about the finances of York County and went on to say that it was coming to be recognized more thoroughly every day by the people that the Hazen government is carrying on its pre-election promises. Those who have all along been under the impression that the Solicitor General was not gifted with any marked sense of humor must now revise their opinion of him. He certainly made the most humorous speech of the evening and it must surely have provoked applause and laughter from the spectators. If it did not do so, the Solicitor General must have been addressing a remarkably dense and undiscerning audience.

After cracking his little joke, the Solicitor General went on to say that this government — this government that went into power pledged to economy — was actually spending double as much on bridges as was spent by the old government. He might have gone on and told the audience that the economical Hazen government was spending more than its predecessors in all of the departments, but he wisely avoided going into the subject at any length.

In the course of his remarks, the visionary Solicitor General was able to see "that the signs of the times from the Atlantic to the Pacific pointed to the Conservative party coming into its own at an early day." There are many people who think that the Conservative party came to its own in 1896 when, after eighteen years of mis-rule, it was kicked out of office by an indignant electorate.

The verdict was repeated, and emphasized at three subsequent general elections, and all indications go to show that the Tory party has still fore it a long term of opposition.

It is pleasing to note that the Solicitor General had the courage to refer to the St. John Valley Railway project although he really said nothing new on the subject. A few months ago the Solicitor General thought an electric railway was good enough for the St. John Valley, but it is apparent that a change has since come over the spirit of his dreams. Now he says, or rather reiterates, what Mr. Slipp, M. P. P., told the Board of Trade a short time ago, that "the near future would see the start of actual construction work and that the St. John Valley would soon have a railway which would form a part of the great transcontinental system, and would make connections at the Quebec bridge." It is quite noticeable in this regard that he forgot to tell the audience that the St. John Valley Railway bill — introduced in the Legislature by Premier Hazen — proposed to guarantee the bonds of a railway starting at Andover and it was only after a strenuous protest from the opposition that this clause was struck out and "from any point in Victoria County" inserted in its stead. It was certainly not the intention of the Hazen government at that time to make the Valley road a part of a trunk line, connecting with the Quebec bridge. Was it the collapse of the electric trolley scheme that is responsible for this change of front? It looks very much like it.

Mr. Thomas Robinson, M. P. P., in response to a call from the chair, made a few remarks, but regretted his inability to favor the gathering with the "requested song." As Mr. Robinson is said to be slated for a "throw-down," at the next election, he probably feels that it would be unwise for him at the present time, to sing the praises of the Hazen government. At any rate he displayed a willingness to let the secretary of the public utilities commission do the singing.

We are further told by The Gleaner's report that recitations by ...r. F. P. Robinson and Mr. A. D. Thomas, (\$600 and \$700 per year respectively), and slight of hand tricks by Mr. Solomon Kerner, amused the gathering, and about 10.30 o'clock refreshments were served.

It was certainly very fitting that Engrossing Clerk Lewis H. Bliss should have been selected to re-open the flood-gates of oratory after the refreshments had been disposed of. We are told that he made "an address which received much applause," but The Gleaner did not deem it worth while giving a waiting word the benefit of even a summary of his remarks.

Other speakers included a school teacher from Gibson, Andy Humble and Joseph Thorburn, of Stanley, the two last named "nobly" responding to the call made upon them. There was also a "stirring address" by Mr. Percy Guthrie (clerk of the County Court and engrossing clerk) and the grand climax came in the shape of "two rousing songs from Mr. F. P. Robinson."

The program, as carried out by office holders of the Hazen government, was both elevating and amusing. The patriotic spirit manifested by these gentlemen in turning out on a bitterly cold night and lending their assistance to the advancement of a worthy cause, was most commendable, and ought to ensure for each and every one of them a substantial increase of salary at an early date.

The secretary of the Hazen governments public utilities commission seems to have played the comedy role at the Tory gathering here on Wednesday evening.

UPPER, MAGAGUADAVIC

Jan. 16.—The weather for the past few days has been quite cold and today it is regular zero weather.

Our school has commenced again under the management of Mr. Lawson, Grand Manan.

Mrs. George Hood spent the first of the New Year visiting friends in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McMullin's baby has been quite sick.

Mrs. Wm. Wilson is quite poorly now.

Mrs. David Mullin and baby is spending the winter with her mother. Mrs. Hamilton entertained a few of her friends to a birthday party last week.

Mr. Dell McCutcheon is laid up with a cut foot at present. Mr. Amos Hood has gone to Fredericton.

WARDEN'S DINNER HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION

About Seventy Persons Guests of Warden Rogers at York Hotel Last Night—Several Interesting Speeches Delivered.

The annual Warden's Dinner tendered by Warden Rogers at the York Hotel last night was attended by about seventy county councillors, county and city officials and citizens and was a most successful function. Warden Rogers was the recipient of many congratulations from friends not only on his election to the first office in the county of York, but also on the success of his official dinner. The latter was served in the excellent manner for which the York Hotel is noted.

Warden Rogers presided with Hon. H. F. McLeod on his right and Judge Wilson on his left. The vice-chairs were occupied by Ex-Warden McMullen, who had Police Magistrate Marsh on his right and Mayor Thomas on his left and by Ex-Warden Timmins who had County Secretary Bliss on his right and Ex-Warden McNally on his left. Coun. Sterling acted as toast-master.

LETTERS OF REGRET

Just before the speech-making began Coun. Sterling read letters of regret from Premier Hazen, Mr. Justice Barry and Mr. Fred P. Robinson.

TOAST LIST

Warden Rogers proposed The King, the toast being responded to with the National Anthem.

Ex-Warden McMullen proposed the health of the Governor General.

Ex-Warden Timmins proposed the health of the Lieutenant Governor.

Both toasts were responded to with "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Coun. Sterling proposed "Our Parliamentary Institutions." In proposing the toast he thanked the Warden for the entertainment of the evening.

With the toast he connected the name of Hon. H. F. McLeod.

HON. H. F. McLEOD

Replying to the toast the Solicitor General congratulated Warden Rogers on his election to the office he now occupies. Canada, he thought had freer political institutions than

any country in the world. Life tenure of office in the case of judges was a most admirable institution. Hon. Mr. McLeod also touched upon the question of representation at Ottawa as it concerned New Brunswick. Mr. Lewis H. Bliss proposed "The Learned Professions" coupling with the toast the names of Judge Wilson, Police Magistrate Marsh and Dr. H. V. B. Bridges.

JUDGE WILSON

Judge Wilson in a brief address made facetious reference to the ex-wardens present, mentioning particularly Ex-Warden Scott, "Dean of Wardens." The Judge also paid a compliment to Douglas, the warden's native parish. Speaking on the subject he said that New Brunswick should be proud of its Supreme Court Bench.

COL. J. L. MARSH

Col. Marsh replying to the toast congratulated Warden Rogers on his election. He also made reference to the first meeting of the York County Council which he had attended.

DR. H. V. B. BRIDGES

Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, principal of the Provincial Normal School, speaking to the toast referred to the educational institutions of Fredericton and to the great benefit they had been to the province.

Dr. Bridges then favored the gathering with a song, "The River Dee."

Hon. H. F. McLeod proposed "York County" to which several councillors responded. Among the number were included Warden Rogers and Councillors Timmins, P. Graham, Hunter, Colter, Fawcett, Noble, C. W. Pond, and Smith.

Mr. Barry Allen favored the gathering with several readings.

Coun. Grant proposed "The City of Fredericton" to which Mayor Thomas responded.

"Our Guests" was proposed by County Secretary Bliss, and was responded to by Sheriff Howe and Dr. Robertson.

COUNTY NOT PREPARED

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local government could be induced to support and encourage local industries, the representation problem could be partially solved.

Coun. Thompson was of the opinion that, as New Brunswick had no opportunity to extend her boundaries, her representation should be fixed.

Councillors Sterling, Fawcett and McMullen were appointed to consider the matter.

On the motion of Coun. Hunter, seconded by Coun. Fawcett, permission was given the York & Charlotte Telephone Company to erect poles along the highways of the county.

Coun. Reynolds was informed that the matter of increasing the license fees for pedlars would be brought to the attention of the provincial legislature at the next session.

COUNTY COURT STENOGRAPHER.

Mr. P. A. Guthrie was heard by the Council in reference to the appointment of a stenographer for the York County Court. Mr. Guthrie pointed out that it would be greatly to the benefit of all concerned to have a stenographer to record the evidence, instead of having the judge do it as heretofore. He claimed that the employment of a stenographer would shorten the sessions with a saving to the country.

Secretary Bliss said he agreed entirely with Mr. Guthrie. He thought it would be advisable to have the regulations governing stenographic reports in the Supreme Court extended to include county courts.

On the motion of Coun. Timmins, seconded by Coun. Sterling, it was decided to appoint a committee to wait on the provincial government in connection with the matter.

BURASSA CONFERS

WITH HIS FOLLOWERS

Quebec, Jan. 19.—Mr. Henri Bourassa, lately returned from Europe, arrived in the city Tuesday, and immediately held a conference with Messrs. F. D. Monk, Armand Lavergne and others of his following. It is thought that they were planning ways and means of making their influence felt in the present session of the Legislature. As a matter of fact Messrs. Bourassa, Lavergne, Prevost, Monk and company have practically exhausted their store of scandals and government crimes, and are at their wits' end to know what fresh calamities to lay at the door of the provincial government. The recent defeat of the Nationalist candidate at St. John's has somewhat dampened the ardor of the leaders of this strange party, and the return of Mr. Bourassa has been eagerly looked for. The progressive policy, regarding education, good roads and colonization work, outlined by Sir Lomer Gouin, leaves the self-constituted Nationalist party without a reason for existence. Many claim that it is now on the decline.

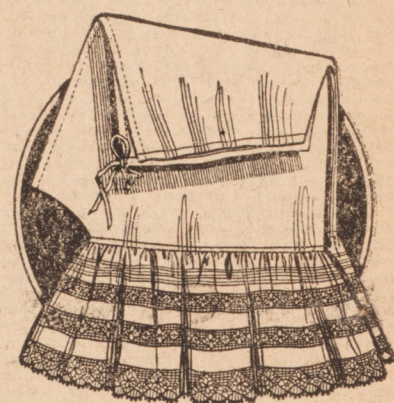
"So" said Columbus, as he stood for the first time upon the shores of San Salvador and gazed about him—"so this is America is it?"

"Well, your Honor," said King Rumpelstiltskin, with an apologetic smile, "I must be honest with you. To tell the truth this is only a suburb; but, between you and me, when we get gas and running water in here we'll have Bensonhurst and the others skinned a mile."

For some unknown reason the Turnpike Trust neglects to ask the city for the earth.

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ISSUE NEW STOCK

New York, Jan. 19.—Interests in this city closely identified with the Canadian Pacific say that they have not received even an intimation that the directors contemplate issuing another block of common stock. They doubt that such action will be taken, and base their opinion upon the understanding that the management has not decided upon a large amount of development work for the present year.

It is admitted, however, that in the past the board has made provision long in advance for the money needed to carry out work of this kind, and that consequently it may be possible that a stock issue will be announced within the next month or two.

Attention is also called to the fact that, in recent years, issues of common stock have been made about every other year on the average.

The last was in 1909, and for \$30,000,000, which was subscribed for by the stockholders at 125. Up to that time the common stock had been offered to the shareholders at par.

The last instalment of the \$30,000,000 was paid in September, 1910.

Canadian Pacific still has in its treasury \$20,000,000 stock authorized. The present outstanding stock amounts to \$180,000,000; consequently, if the balance now in the treasury were to be offered, or \$18,000,000 of it, it would be at the rate of one in ten for the stock now outstanding.

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