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THE PEOPLE OF YORK CAN GET THE ST. JOHN VALLEY RAILWAY IF THEY STAND FIRM

HAZEN STOCK IN YORK TAKING A BAD SLUMP

Friends of the Government Realize That They are up Against a Tough Proposition--Many Conservatives are Rallying to the Support of Mr. Burden and His Election by a Rousing Majority Seems Certain--Hazenites Becoming Frantic.

The opponents of the government are certainly putting up a whirlwind campaign in York and already have the Hazenites on the run. The heeled and office holders, who ten days ago laughed at the idea of opposition to Dr. Morehouse have suddenly changed their tune. They now realize that they are up against the most serious kind of a proposition. They have become aware of the fact that the opponents of the government have brought on a political storm which threatens to engulf the medical bridge inspector who is carrying the government standard.

Solicitor General McLeod who assured Premier Hazen and his supporters in the legislature that Dr. Morehouse would have a walk over, has found it necessary to abandon his legislative duties altogether. He is going through the country making frantic appeals to his supporters to stand by him and endeavoring by all sorts of promises to whip them into line. He realizes that the tide is running against the Hazen administration and that the defeat of Dr. Morehouse would mean the end of Hazen rule in the province. He is certainly on the anxious seat at the present time.

Mr. Pinder on the other hand seems remarkably cool. He is looking after his legislative duties and is quite content to allow the Solicitor General to do the worrying. Mr. Pinder lays all the blame for the troubles of the party in York at the door of the Solicitor General and he would inwardly rejoice if his colleague were given a set back.

The government meeting yesterday afternoon was largely in the nature of a frost. A building one-third the size would easily have held the audience which assembled to hear Hon. Mr. Flemming and Dr. Morehouse.

The enthusiasm manifested during the progress of the speech making was confined chiefly to government office holders.

The Liberal rally at the committee rooms in the Pitts building was well attended and great enthusiasm was shown. Candidate Burden was present and was given a grand ovation. He made a good, practical address, which provoked great applause.

Good fighting speeches were delivered by Messrs. Copp and Lowell, M. P.'s.

Mr. Carvell, M. P., dropped in late in the afternoon and was accorded a grand reception. As he was booked to speak in the Opera House in the evening, he only spoke a few minutes.

The Opposition had a programme of meetings arranged for the coming week, which will pretty well cover the country.

Mr. Carvell, M. P., accompanied by Mr. Burden, started up river this morning. They will hold meetings every afternoon and evening at points along the valley, at which the railway question, the burning issue of the campaign, in that section, will be fully threshed out.

The friends of the Opposition in the city are rapidly perfecting their organization, and are confident of rolling up an old time majority. The committee rooms are open every evening and friends of the party are always welcome.

Mr. J. King Kelly of St. John, county secretary for the Municipality of St. John City and County, is in the city in connection with legislation before the House of Assembly. He is at the Barker House.

Mr. C. H. Carson of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. Edward Bates of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.

Electors Can Compel Premier Hazen to Allow High Class Road to be Built and Operated by Intercolonial--F. B. Carvell's Great Speech in Opera House on Railway Question--Hon. Mr. Robinson Exposes Hazen Extravagance Magnificent Meeting in Burden's Interests

The mass meeting at the Opera House last evening in the interests of Mr. George F. Burden, was beyond a doubt one of the most successful political gatherings ever held in this city. The custom of engaging a brass band to work up enthusiasm and assist in drawing a crowd was not resorted to on this occasion. The independent electors of the city and vicinity assembled of their own accord, and packed the Opera House to its fullest capacity. It was a thoughtful, intelligent and representative audience and they followed the remarks of the several speakers with the greatest interest.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, the able representative of the County of Carleton in the House of Commons was the principal speaker, and confined his remarks almost entirely to the Valley Railway issue. He went into the question very fully, and made a crushing exposure of the shilly-shallying policy of the Hazen government. He was cheered to the echo when he announced his willingness to meet either Premier Hazen, Hon. Mr. Flemming or Hon. Mr. McLeod on any platform in the county during the campaign and discuss this question with them. Mr. Carvell's great speech undoubtedly won many votes for Mr. Burden.

Hon. Mr. Robinson, the leader of the Opposition, was given a splendid reception, which attests his strong hold upon the affections of the people of Fredericton. Although he was obliged to curtail his remarks on account of the lateness of the hour, he managed to get in a few sledge-hammer blows at the extravagant Hazen government.

A pleasing incident of the meeting was the presentation of a beautiful bouquet of pink carnations to Mr. Carvell by a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Estey.

Mr. J. D. Phinney, K.C., presided over the gathering.

Among those seated on the platform with him were: Ald. Edward Moore, Alexander Gibson Jr., Donald Fraser, Sr., A. B. Copp, M. P., James Burgess, M.P.P., R. T. Mack, Dr. Moore, I. R. Golding, Moses Mitchell, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, M. P., S. B. Hatheway, E. A. Barry, J. F. Tweeddale, M. P., N. W. Brown, C. W. Hall, Patrick Farrell, James, Holland, F. B. Carvell, M.P., R. J. Hughes, George E. Howie, S. R. Legere, M. P., Ald. W. E. Farrell, J. F. VanBuskirk, Hon. C. W. Robinson, M. P., C. F. Chestnut, J. H. Hawthorn, F. H. Peters, Dr. R.H. McGrath, W. J. Osborne, A.A. Sterling, Coun. A. Sterling and Ald. A. B. Kitchen.

CHAIRMAN PHINNEY

In calling the gathering to order expressed pleasure at the large attendance. He referred to the nomination of Mr. Burden one week ago, and to the success with which he was meeting in his canvass of the county. He referred to the feverish haste shown by the government in bringing on the election and in this connection remarked that it was strange that they should now want a joint meeting when they tried their best to choke off discussion. He referred to the Valley Railway issue as one of the most important questions ever placed before the people of York. It had been intimated in the government press that the election of Mr. Burden might stop the railway. He hoped the people would take no stock in a threat of that kind. Mr. Hazen's sun would soon set below the political horizon never to rise again if he tried to carry out such a threat. The Chairman in introducing Mr. Carvell referred to him as one of the fighting men of the Liberal party at Ottawa, and he felt sure that if the Liberal party remained in power the time would come when he would be advanced to a higher position. (Applause)

RECEIVED OVATION.

Mr. Carvell, when he arose to speak received an ovation from the audience and was presented with a bouquet by little Miss Estey. He remarked that it was very seldom that he had bouquets thrown at him. It was not the first occasion on which



MR. F. B. CARVELL, M. P.

he had delivered an address in Fredericton and felt that he was in sympathy with the people of York as far as their political wants were concerned. Fault had been found with him for taking part in the campaign. When his constituents found fault with such an action on his part he would consider his conduct objectionable.

He had not taken part in a recent bye-election in St. John because he thought no great national issues were at stake, and as far as the present bye-election was concerned, he felt sure that the Liberal party would win whether he were present or not. (Applause.)

He had no intention of mentioning all the shortcomings of the present government. It was not because they were not numerous, however. Take the bridges for instance. The Auditor General's report, which certainly must be true if anything coming from this government could be true, showed what an enormous proportion of money was being given to bridge-superintendents as fees. He knew of ordinary culverts which when constructed enabled superintendents to draw ten or twenty dollars in fees.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

He was there, said Mr. Carvell, to discuss the Valley Railway. It was not a new topic. Many were present who could remember when construction was actually begun between Fredericton and Springhill. That effort had been abandoned on account of lack of capital. Then came the National Transcontinental. It was ancient history now. He had tried to bring that railway down the valley. He had failed. He then turned his attention elsewhere.

More recently the present project came up and he was bound to say that the man who first broached the subject to him was Mr. J. J. F. Winslow of Fredericton. (Applause) He it was who suggested

AN IMPORTANT MOVE

In the House on Wednesday the following resolution was moved by Hon. Mr. Robinson, the Opposition leader, seconded by Mr. Copp:

"This House desires to take this early opportunity of expressing its opinion that the ratification of the Reciprocity agreement, now before Parliament, would greatly promote the prosperity of the people of this province."

And further resolved, THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE IN THE BRITISH PREFERENCE TO 50 PER CENT. OF THE GENERAL TARIFF."

that the line be operated by the I.C.R. Mr. Carvell said he had not been favorably impressed with the proposal and had said so at that time.

CHALLENGE TO FLEMMING.

Mr. Carvell then sketched subsequent efforts to bring something tangible out of the proposal and told of pilgrimages made by delegations to Premier Hazen. He was not afraid to meet his friend, Hon. Mr. Flemming, on this subject. Mr. Flemming could find him at any time at all. (Applause.)

Mr. Carvell told also of the refusal of Hon. Mr. Flemming when in Ottawa with a delegation to consent to the building of a line farther north than Centreville and also of the incident of Mr. Flemming's ride in Sir Wm. Van Hoof's private car from Fredericton Junction to Ottawa. He would not say that Mr. Flemming's journey in that private car had anything to do with his refusal to consent to building farther north than Centreville because the railway would compete with the C. P. R., an existing line. (Laughter.)

Mr. Carvell said that the local government had been asked to define the type of road if proposed to build but no reply had been given. Hon. Mr. Flemming had promised a Woodstock delegation that legislation on the matter would be enacted. There was a long wait for it.

Mr. Carvell then read a letter from Hon. Mr. Pugsley to Mr. J. J. F. Winslow concerning the character of the line which would be built to be operated by the I. C. R. A payment of 40 p. c. gross earnings to the province was proposed. Such a proposal implied that the character of the road must be high.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley also stated that if his proposals were not satisfactory he would gladly hear a proposal from the provincial government. No reply to that letter was received by Dr. Pugsley.

SIR WILFRID'S STATEMENT

In January, 1910, Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated definitely that the I. C. R. would operate the Valley Railway if it were up to the standard. Then the howl went up that Carvell and Pugsley had killed the Valley Railway because they had demanded an impossible standard.

The railway, according to Mr. Hazen's legislation, was an impossibility. However, it was not difficult to find a route with four-tenths grades for the Valley Railway, but if the line, as Mr. Hazen wanted it, was to go via Lakeville and Centreville, low grades could not be obtained. Such a line would be tremendously expensive. Previous surveys showed that.

When the Conservative press howled about the impossible standard proposed by Carvell and Pugsley, he had decided to put Mr. Hazen in a position in which he would have to build the line or drop it all together. (Applause.)

Mr. C. F. Chestnut was asked to go to Ottawa and he proposed that Mr. Hazen be asked to enact legislation making the standard subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the I. C. R. agreeing to take over the line and operate it. Such a letter was written to Mr. Hazen on February 14th, 1910, informing him that the Minister of Public Works had consented to allow the provincial government to set the standard. (Applause)

UNRECOGNIZED INIQUITY

Holding in his hand the copy of the provincial legislation on the Valley Railway he said that few, except lawyers, were aware of the iniquity in some of its sections. (Cheers) He was ready to meet any member of the Hazen government on this subject. (Hear! Hear!) He would also say that he would spend the rest of the campaign along the Valley Railway. (Cheers) He would be pleased to take Mr. Hazen or Mr. Flemming or Mr. McLeod, and discuss jointly the iniquities of the act. (Applause.) He would take pleasure in showing the public what an aggregation of fakers the Hazen government was. (Cheers and laughter.)

THE WEATHER
Maritime—Fresh to strong
northwesterly and northerly
winds fair and cold

WILL CRUSH THE REVOLT

Report That President Diaz May Take the Field in Mexico

Thinks it Would Have a Good Moral Effect on the Army--Insurrecto Forces Active.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, March 24.—In a final effort to crush out sedition and prevent the necessity of American intervention in Mexico, President Diaz may take the field in person at the head of the federal army within thirty days, if his health permits. This report was received in Washington today from Mexico City.

Accompanying this intelligence is a statement from the Mexican president that the revolt will be effectually crushed out in a short time. With Diaz in the field the duties of the national executive at the Mexican capital would logically resolve upon the shoulders of Vice-President Corral, although under the exigencies of the situation, they would probably be assumed by Minister Limantour.

Although President Diaz is infirm from age, his dominant spirit still glows as strong as ever and he confidently believes the moral effect of his presence in the field would be as great as the presence of an army. The Wadaro faction have set May 4th as the date when the insurrecto forces will march into the Mexican capital.

Rumors that Wall Street interests are backing the revolutionists are not credited. Meanwhile the situation in Chihuahua has received a graver element in the proclamation from General Madero that he will give no quarter in the future to officials of the Mexican government.

Mr. D. G. Lingley chamberlain of the city of St. John is in the city in connection with the legislation affecting the city.

THE SURVEY

Mr. Carvell took up the legislation section by section. The first dealt with the survey. With that he had no fault to find. He must say that Mr. Maxwell, the man who had made the survey although hampered and hindered by politics had done his best. He had been compelled to make the line longer than it should be and to climb hills that need not be climbed. The speaker went on to say that if the report of Mr. Maxwell was what had been expected it would not have been held back until a bye-election occurred in York.

The legislation compelled the line to go through Lakeville and Centreville where it was impossible to get a four-tenths grade and yet required by another section that the road have a four-tenths grade. Such clauses did not look as if the Hazen government was not a little inconsistent. (Continued on page three.)

TO DISARM ITALIANS

Chief of Police Campeau Starts a Round Up in Montreal

Many Serious Crimes Have Lately Been Committed in the Italian Quarter of the City.

(Canadian Press.)

Montreal, Que., March 24.—Following a remarkable series of crimes in the Italian quarter Chief of Police Campeau and Chief Provincial Detective McCaskill this morning, commenced a round-up of all the Italians in the city for the purpose of disarming them. In the streets, bars and cheap lodging houses special officers are to call on all Italians who they find, to give up their arms.

The latest Italian tragedy came last evening only a few hours after the sentencing to the death penalty of an Italian, Francesco Creola, for the murder of a compatriot several months ago. Covered with blood and frightfully hacked about the head and body with a knife, and Antonio Balcuccio was found lying on a street in the Italian quarter. He was hurried to the hospital but during a few moments consciousness last night refused to tell the police who his assailant was, or how he came by his wounds. Today he is unconscious and will likely die. It is suspected, that a local Italian society was mixed up in the affair. Several threatening letters have been received lately by prominent Italians and the police traced them to members of this society.

TORONTO TORIES AND RECIPROCITY

Toronto, Ont., March 24.—Conservatives are endeavoring to organize a meeting at St. George's Hall next Thursday night for the purpose of formulating a petition to Earl Grey, asking him to dissolve parliament and force an election rather than allow the reciprocity agreement to pass the House.

AN EIGHT YEAR OLD SOMNAMBULIST

Perth, Ont., March 24.—Robbie Smith, the 8 year old son of James Smith, Lanark township, got up in his sleep about 2.30 the other morning, placed a chair to the kitchen window and effected his exit from the house by breaking the window pane. He walked about two miles in his bare feet with only a night shirt on, and in this condition reached the home of John McKittrick, where he knocked at the door and was admitted.

Provincial Finances

EXPENDITURES

1907—\$969,000
1908—1,042,196
1909—1,255,381
1910—1,317,875

ROBINSON RULE

HAZEN RULE

NET DEBT

1907—\$3,570,897
1908—3,999,775
1909—4,217,266
1910—4,402,547

ROBINSON RULE

HAZEN RULE

Increase in Expenditures under Hazen rule, \$348,875.

Increase in Debt under Hazen rule, over \$800,000.

Does this kind of Economy pay?

Liberal Opposition Meetings

FRIDAY

McADAM—Speakers—Hon. F. J. Sweeney, Hon. W. P. Jones and others.

TEMPERANCE VALE—Speakers—J. D. Phinney and others.

HARVEY—Speakers—A. B. Copp, M. P. P. and others.

MOUTH OF KESWICK—Speakers—J. F. Tweeddale, M. P. P., and S. B. Hatheway.

BEAR ISLAND—Speaker—Geo. W. Upham, M. P. P. and others.

SATURDAY

MEDUCTIC—Speakers—F. B. Carvell, M. P., and others.

MYSHRALL SETT—Speakers—J. P. Bryne, M. P. P., and H. F. S. Paisley.

POKIOK—Speakers—George W. Upham, M. P. P. and the candidate, George F. Burden.

UPPER MAGAGUADAVIC—Speakers—S. B. Hatheway and others.

MONDAY

CROSS CREEK—Speakers—Hon. C. W. Robinson and N. W. Brown.

MAGUNDY—Speakers—S. B. Hatheway and others.

TUESDAY

BURT'S CORNER—Speakers—Hon. C. W. Robinson and others.

UPPER PRINCE WILLIAM—S. B. Hatheway and others.

FOSTERVILLE—Speakers—A. M. Bentley, M. P. P. and E. H. Allen.

MENUTT'S MILLS—Speakers—Dr. D. R. Moore and others.

CENTRAL HAINESVILLE (Afternoon)—Speakers—Geo. F. Burden and others.

UPPER HAINESVILLE (Evening)—Speakers—George F. Burden and others.

WEDNESDAY

SMITHFIELD—Speakers—S. B. Hatheway and others.