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A BUBBLE BURST.

A political party that is without standing or prestige in the country and with no immediate prospects of improvement in its condition, will very readily, nay greedily grasp at any little incident that might be construed into a ray of hope to illumine its darkened pathway.

The local opposition is in that unhappy, downcast condition. It recognizes the substantial confidence in which the government is held throughout the province, and the certainty of its re-endorsement at the hands of the people whenever an appeal is made, and like drowning men grasping at straws, Mr. Hazen and his political friends seize the most trivial things that seem to indicate dissatisfaction among the government supporters.

The opposition have magnified into undue proportions an alleged grievance of some of the government's friends in St. John, and have welcomed with outstretched arms the utterances of a professed religious newspaper that is controlled by opposition partisans in that city, and the most recent effort in the line of manufacturing hot stuff for the electors against the administration, is the representation of a northern legislator as having withdrawn his support from the government.

There may have been some basis for the reports of alleged differences among government supporters in St. John; there is absolutely no foundation for the report that Mr. Mott M P P, for Restigouche has intimated to Premier Tweedie and his colleagues that he can no longer support the administration.

The rumor of Mr. Mott's alleged disaffection first found a place in the columns of the opposition organ in this city, and was promptly swallowed by the St. John Globe which had heard the report before it was published here, but did no care to assume the responsibility of fathering it, and presenting it to the public first hand.

It seems that at the Caledonian celebration in Restigouche, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Mott were prominent guests, and their names were associated with the toast to the legislature. In his reply, the member for Restigouche as is usual at such gatherings, was quite eulogistic, and extended his compliments to the local opposition leader, who he said might some day be premier with the member for Restigouche supporting him, and that was the basis of the report that Mr. Mott had withdrawn his allegiance from the government. It is not usual for politicians at such convivial gatherings to announce seriously their political intentions, or to expound their public policy, and a little pleasantry from Mr. Mott intended to tickle the very susceptible vanity of the opposition leader, suddenly assumed the importance of a party split. Of course Mr. Mott never intended any such construction to be put upon his post prandial observations, but that did not matter to Mr. Hazen's political friends, so the public were treated to a Campbellton despatch in the local opposition organ, announcing in flaming headlines that Mr. Mott had split with the government. The report also reached the St. John Globe, and it made haste to wire its Fredericton representative that Mr. Mott was moving in the direction of this city with all possible speed, via the Canada Eastern, to declare to the Premier that henceforth the Restigouche member would be found in Mr. Hazen's ranks. The Globe wanted an interview with Mr. Mott, securing a political sensation of very large dimensions, but unfortunately that gentleman instead of coming to Fredericton, proceeded via the I. C. R. to

St. John, and the intended interview was not realized. The Globe might have had a talk with Mr. Mott at St. John, but by the time he reached that city, it had discovered that his alleged conversion was a myth, and what was to have been victuals and drink to the Globe, turned out to be quite an illustrious hoax.

The Sun, which would have very promptly seized on the incident as a source from which to produce political capital, was shrewd enough to recognize the fake, and no mention of the false report was found in its columns until today, that paper, however, admitting that it had no information on the subject except the reports to which we have referred.

The government has every reason to believe that Mr. Mott is now quite as firm in his allegiance to it as at any time during his political career, and the people who were deluded by the northern rumor are kicking themselves for being so foolishly credulous.

It is now understood Mr. Gilman will not make an extensive canvass of the county before the election. He will rely upon his "prestige," and the reputation as an orator established during the last session of Parliament.—Reporter. [And pray what has Mr. McLeod to rely on but his friend Pitts, whose "reputation as an orator," established in the legislature, was not of the kind to save him from defeat?]

Toronto Liberals are to give a reception to Hon Mr Mulock, who has returned to his duties as postmaster general after quite a long illness. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be present, and some import- speeches are anticipated, probably opening the bye-election campaign.

President W M Jarvis, of the St John Board of Trade, a Conservative, and a supporter of Mr. Foster against the Minister of Railways in St. John, is credited with the observation that St. John now receives more support at Ottawa than formerly.

There is a suspected case of smallpox at St. Mary's. The young man came from St. John, and surely this should be sufficient reason for the Board of Health to place a physician on all trains arriving from that city, as a precautionary measure.

They had a local bye-election in West Huron, Ontario, yesterday, to fill the seat vacated by the unseating of Hon. Mr. Garrow, Liberal, who was re-elected by a majority of nearly 300.

Lord Stratheona's condition continues critical. He is 82 years old, and great anxiety is felt regarding his case.

ANDOVER.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Dec. 4.—Thanksgiving passed very pleasantly, just enough snow for good sleighing, with pleasant weather made out door life inviting.

On the evening of the 28th ult, a public thanksgiving service was held in Beveridge's Hall, and was largely attended. Those who sat on the platform and took part in the different subjects were, Senator Baird and S. P. Waite, (commerce) Wm Veszev and Chas Elliott, (education), Rev J S Gregg, (temperance), James Porter, M P P, (finance), George Baxter and Rev J D Campbell, (agriculture), Dr. F Welling, (medicine), Rev S B Hellick, (morale), Thomas Lawson, M P P, (jurisprudence), Rev W R Demming's, (religion). The subjects were dealt with in an instructive and interesting way, showing as they proceeded by comparison the many things for thankfulness this year. During the service hymns were sung by the congregation. Great credit should be given the promoters of this suitable way of holding a Thanksgiving service.

Rev Harry Rice, of Hartland, Rev. M. L. Gregg, Tracey Mills, and Miss Carrie Kilburn, spent Thanksgiving at the Methodist parsonage.

John Anderson, ex-M. P. P. for York Co., spent Thanksgiving with his daughters Mrs. Harry Tibbitts and Mrs. Wm. Currie. The worthy gentleman celebrated his eightieth birthday Monday with his children and grand-children. Mrs. Anderson who has been spending a few weeks here also will return with her husband.

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sandwiches and cake, which were served after the programme. Those who took part were: Misses Baxter and Kilburn, 1st and 2nd violin, Fred Hoyt, pianist. Miss Carrie Kilburn rendered several solos in her pleasing way, Mrs. Gregg a solo and Miss Alice Everett a recitation. The chairman, Benj. Kilburn, proposed several toasts which brought forth responses from a number of gentlemen present. The proceeds which amounted to upwards of \$24 go towards the Parsonage Aid Fund.

Charles Beckwith, who has been spending the Fall months with his sister, Mrs. Pickett, of Hilland Dale, returned to his western home Monday.

H. H. Pickett, barrister-at-law, of St. John, spent Thanksgiving with his mother at Hillandale.

Mr C Giberson, of Bath, spent Friday and Saturday here.

Miss Bull, of Woodstock, who has been visiting relatives here returned home Monday.

Mrs (Dr) Bruce, of Truro, is visiting her mother Mrs. Stratton.

TEMPLE.

(Special Correspondence to the H. Herald.)

Dec. 2.—The ice formed a bridge across the river last week.

Thanksgiving day passed off quietly this year.

Allan Ritchie, who has been sick for the last week, is able to be around again.

Miss Katie Mack, of Skiff Lake, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John McAllister.

Most of the men around here are busily engaged in hauling the lumber out on the banks of the river.

A pie sale which was held in the school house on the evening of Nov. 16 proved a success, the money realized was \$14.50. It is for school purposes.

The school is progressing splendidly under Miss Manual. We are all pleased to hear that she is to remain another term.

Loran Manual, of Hawkshaw, spent Sunday (Nov. 17) with friends in this vicinity.

A concert and Xmas tree is to be held in the church here Xmas eve. All are cordially invited. The programme will be made up of music, dialogues, recitations, etc.

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