

PROV. GEN. ELECTION POLLING, Saturday, February 28

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DAILY HERALD.

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AN ILLUSIVE HOPE.

The Sun, as usual with it before an election contest, is endeavoring to extract sunbeams from cucumbers.

It takes hope of the situation in York from the fact that on nomination day, the government candidates urged their friends to vigorous organization and work at the polls, and calls this an exhibition of panic.

The Sun need not be enthused at the alleged alarm of the government party in York. No man on the opposition ticket has any expectation of winning, nor have any of their friends. Only yesterday one of Mr. McLeod's hottest partisans made a bet that the highest man on the opposition ticket would not be more than 300 votes below the lowest government candidate. This does not look much like opposition hope in York.

It would be a great mistake for any candidate, however confident of election, to neglect to warn his friends against inactivity. The government candidates are not only looking for victory, but they and their friends desire as large a majority as possible. To achieve this there must be earnest, organized, systematic effort until the close of the poll. The government's friends are in this election to win, and win they will, but boasting will not do it, and they do not boast. They are working as if the result depended on each individual effort. The Sun however must not draw the inference that any such thing as panic exists in the government ranks in York. If it is searching for that feeling it will find abundance of panic among Mr. Hazen's friends in Sunbury and elsewhere.

WANTED TO BE A GENERAL.

In a recent speech at St. John, the Minister of Railways, in discussing the attempt of Senator Ellis to dominate the Liberal party in New Brunswick, intimated that it is unusual for a subordinate in the ranks to issue orders to the army; that duty is generally left to the general or commander-in-chief. Mr. Blair left the inference to be drawn that the Senator does not rank above a corporal, and the Globe editor is evidently much incensed at the modest place accorded him. The Senator has no such moderate view of his importance in the Liberal army. He fancies he is a general of division, or some such superior officer, and he gives vent to his chagrin—his annoyance at the minister, in a column article.

There was a time some six or more years ago when the corporal thought sure he would be promoted to a generalship, and he has been captious and critical ever since he was passed over and the high office bestowed on Mr. Blair. It was a keen disappointment to the Globe editor, followed by another when Mr. Snowball was appointed governor.

And yet there are a great many people who think the editor has received sufficient rewards for his party service. When the Liberals were in power from 1873 to 1879 he was made postmaster of St. John, afterwards his party elected him to the legislature, then to the House of Com-

mons. He is now a Senator for life, and one of his sons, only a few months ago, received a lucrative appointment from Mr. Blair. [These are substantial rewards to the Globe editor, who is also able to command for his newspaper some \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year for government printing, the whole constituting a pretty good layout for a corporal, and one for which he should feel some measure of gratitude. But that does not seem to be the nature of the gentleman, and instead of assisting his political friends and benefactors in this election, he is trying to cut their throats.

MR. HAZEN'S APPEAL.

Mr. Hazen will not do so small a thing as to appeal to St. John or Sunbury on the lines of Mr. Tweedie's appeal in Northumberland. He will not ask either of these counties to support him in order that the premiership may be restored to a St. John resident or a Sunbury representative. That would be too petty a business for a public man who deserves to be a leader.—Sun.

Ab, but that is just what Mr. Hazen did at Burton on nomination day. He appealed to the county to elect him so that he might bring the premiership to Sunbury. Mr. Hazen declared on that occasion that he was so certain of success, so sure that the government would be defeated that he expected to be called to the premiership immediately after the election, and then Sunbury would enjoy a great distinction.

The Sun declares this is a petty kind of business, and it may be, but it is its friend and patron, Mr. Hazen, who is making the appeal. The electors of Sunbury will not be caught by such chaff. There is absolutely no prospect of the government's defeat, and Mr. Hazen has about as much chance of securing the premiership as he has of being called to the cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Hazen will not even be a member of the next legislature, and if the electors of Sunbury want a potent voice in government councils for the next five years, they will elect Messrs. Harrison and Peake.

HALF OF IT GONE.

There is nobody who realizes more clearly than Mr. Hazen himself that defeat is staring him in the face in Sunbury.

The Herald is not merely repeating what it hears from government sources, that the opposition leader will be defeated on Saturday, but it is stating what is conceded by Mr. Hazen's own friends—moderate men who know how to size up the situation.

In the election of 1899, the figures of which we publish elsewhere, Mr. Hazen had a majority of only eight over Mr. Harrison, the highest government candidate. Of this number one half was received from the non resident vote. There is no such vote in this election, so that the opposition leader is already deprived of one half his majority.

But there has been a great change in the complexion of the electorate since 1899, and the change is against Mr. Hazen. The Herald can name at least half a dozen men in one parish, prominent men who were Hazen workers in 1899 who are against him now, and similar conditions exist in other parishes. There is indeed a general revolt in Mr. Hazen's own party, and no effort that he may make will save him from defeat on Saturday.

The government forces in Sunbury are well organized, they are full of spirit and hope, they have popular candidates, and have excellent prospects for defeating both Mr. Hazen and Mr. Glasier.

STAND BY THE TICKET.

Mr. McLeod's friends are trying to improve his fortunes at the Fredericton polls by alleging that he is a good fellow, one of the boys—and other canvasses of that character. We have said nothing particularly against Mr. McLeod or his friends in this campaign, nor do we intend to descend to personal canvasses,

but is Mr. McLeod any "better fellow" than Mr. Whitehead or Mr. Allen, the two city candidates on the government ticket? Is Mr. McLeod likely to ever command more respect in this community than is extended to Mr. Whitehead or Mr. Allen? Has he the elements in him to constitute as industrious and energetic and influential a representative as Mr. Whitehead, or is he ever likely to reach the influential position, which is unanimously accorded to Mr. Allen in the legislature?

The opposition have no hope of succeeding with their ticket; they do not expect that any member of it will come within measurable distance of election, but they are making a beseeching appeal to friends of the government to give Mr. McLeod a vote. The true friends of the government will not so temporize with the opposition. If they want to sustain the government let them vote the straight ticket, every man on it. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Borden are just as much entitled to the votes of the electors of Fredericton favorable to the government as Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Allen. All these gentlemen were nominated by the government convention, and they are prepared to stand or fall together.

"The good fellow" argument should have no place in the contest. We are all good fellows, but we are not all fit to represent this county in the legislature.

Advices from Premier Tweedie regarding the situation in Northumberland, are to the effect that the whole government ticket is safe in that constituency, and the Premier shows his confidence in the result by going to the assistance of his friends in another constituency. Mr. Hazen is not so sure of his election, and he is making a house to house canvas in Sunbury, while his friends in other constituencies are denied his assistance.

Mr. W. C. Silver, one of the leading dry goods merchants of Halifax, is dead, at the advanced age of 89 years. He was a gentleman universally respected. One of his daughters is the wife of Rev. Dr. Morton, a noted Presbyterian missionary, and mother of Rev. Mr. Morton, Presbyterian clergyman at St. Stephen.

The opposition ticket in St. John, composed of two alleged labor candidates, have imported Mr. H. A. Powell from Westmorland to assist them in the campaign. Mr. Powell is a nice party to talk politics to laboring men. Was it not this same Mr. Powell who in the west sneeringly referred to the laboring men employed on the I. C. R. as "the scum of the earth?"

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GENTLEMEN:

One of the largest, most enthusiastic and most representative conventions ever held in this County having unanimously nominated us to be the standard bearers of the party favouring the Government led by the Hon. Mr. Tweedie, we respectfully solicit your support in the election that is to be held on the twenty-eighth of this present month.

At the last general election in the Province this County gave unqualified approval to the policy of the Local Administration, and as that policy since that time has been most faithfully adhered to and successfully developed, it is difficult to surmise what reasons our opponents can present to the electors to induce them to change the views they so unmistakably expressed only four years ago.

The generous and well-directed efforts of the Government in aid of our agricultural interests, the assistance they have given towards the promotion of the mining industries of the Province, their careful and judicious management of the crown lands, their economical and prudent administration of our finances, and, under the most adverse circumstances, the impartial and able manner in which they have maintained and improved the roads and bridges of the Province, are so well known and at times have been so candidly admitted, even by their opponents on the floors of the Legislature, that these topics are no longer within the realms of controversy, but are to be considered as part of the uncontested public history of the country.

As the time between this and polling day is but short, there are many of you upon whom we shall not be able to call, but as in this contest we appeal to you for support entirely upon the public record of the Government and of ourselves, the impossibility of presenting our views to all of you in person is less to be deplored than if we were representing any narrow or sectarian views.

Your obedient servants,

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