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THEIR NEW POLICY.

At last we have in tangible form the platform of the opposition in the legislature, the great public policy on which they will next appeal to the country.

Mr. Hazen has stated it in unequivocal terms, and although it has come with awful suddenness, with startling unexpectedness, it is calculated to arouse the country to an intensity of interest never before witnessed since the threatened Fenian invasion of '66.

Mr. Hazen, no doubt after full deliberation and a full opposition caucus at which there was a complete interchange of views, announces that a bounty should be given to any and all persons killing the oimble wild cat, and on this policy the opposition is prepared to stand or fall, to die if necessary, so long as the wild cats are also destroyed.

The struggle for responsible government, the agitation for confederation, railway subsidizing, wheat bonusing and all other great public questions that have interested this country in the past fifty years are entirely cast in the shade by the opposition's brand new policy of wild cat slaying. There have been many wildcat schemes in this province, but Mr. Hazen's outranks and outstrips them all.

In the next election Mr. Hazen, Mr. Flemming and all the other opposition orators will electrify the country on their wild cat policy, and the leading issue of the campaign will be "are ye or are ye not agin the wild cats?"

The country will heartily congratulate Mr. Hazen and his supporters in the legislature on having evolved such a magnificent public policy, and no doubt their names will go down to posterity with those of Wilnot and Fisher, Tilley and Mitchell, Blair, Emmerson and Tweedie as the originators of and patentees of a movement pregnant with such great possibilities for this province.

It seems that many good things come out of Sunbury. In former years a respected representative of that constituency, achieved distinction as minister of bear bounties, and now we have Mr. Hazen after the wild cats. Bravo, Presto, B-I-L-O-O-D—the blood of the festive wild cat, is the triumphant rallying cry of Mr. Hazen's friends, who anticipate that the new opposition policy will drive the government in shame and disgrace from the treasury benches.

Mr. Hazen's speech on the budget otherwise was not startling. It was well delivered. Mr. Hazen is always ready and eloquent of speech, but his criticisms of the government have often been uttered in a similar way. He tried to say some rather bitter things against the Premier, but 'tis not the opposition leader's way to be nasty, and so his sarcastic thrusts were not taken seriously. However, to sweeten up the appearance of Mr. Hazen's speech, we have introduced in our report today a very excellent picture of that worthy, genial gentleman, and would you for a moment suppose, after gazing on his classic, pleasing features and expression that he is the man starting in relentless pursuit of the wild cat?

THE COUNCIL AND SEWERAGE.

The Herald, without hesitation and with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction commends the city council for its bold and decisive action on the question of sewerage.

The council has decided to ask the legislature to eliminate from the act giving Fredericton authority to construct a sewerage system, the section authorizing a popular vote on the question, and, if this is done, the civic government will be left to go forward with the enterprise as soon as the nature of the system to be introduced has been decided.

There have been plebiscites on the sewerage question, and the proposition has been voted down, but by comparatively small majorities. On the last vote, three years ago, one of the arguments against proceeding with the work was inability of the council as then constituted to grapple with so large a subject, and this canvass caught a good many rate-payers who were really in favor of sewerage.

No such argument holds good now. The city has a good council, including practical business men, and if they do not feel like giving the time

and attention to the project which it will demand, let provision be made for entrusting the prosecution of the work to a commission to be appointed by the council or the government. The legislature will be doing Fredericton a great service if it gives the council the authority sought. It is not worth while advancing arguments in favor of sewerage. Every intelligent man, woman and child admits the necessity for it, and if the council secures the desired legislation let it go ahead with the enterprise, and if the mayor and aldermen carry it to a successful issue they will deserve to have their names emblazoned on tablets of stone in the city hall.

UNNECESSARY ALARM.

Hon. Mr. Power, a Halifax Senator, is fearful lest the closing on the Imperial dockyard in that city, the absence of Imperial troops and the withdrawal of the warships, will weaken the tie that binds Canada to the empire. We doubt it, and think the Senator is unnecessarily alarmed. The Imperial tie is not dependent on the presence of regiments and fleets, but on the sentiment and pride which Canadians have for British traditions, history and institutions. Admiral Fisher has a fleet which he says could reach Canada in five days after war was declared, and as for troops for the Halifax and Esquimaux garrisons, Canada is recruiting our own countrymen for the service.

The Senator is unnecessarily alarming, but as business is rather slack in the Red Chamber at Ottawa which recently has exhaustively discussed the great question of railway passes, perhaps there was some justification for the Halifax gentleman's pessimistic speeches.

Dispatches from Chicago note the fact that after one of the candidates for the mayoralty had addressed the men in the car works on the issues of the campaign, the boiler exploded killing one man and injuring others. This should be a warning to politicians who give vent to too much hot air. Fancy what a calamity it would be if our parliament buildings went up in splinters as a result of opposition oratory.

Mr. Tweeddale's excellent speech in the budget debate, will repay careful perusal. The member for Victoria is an intelligent, thinking and practical man, and discusses public matters with calmness and wisdom. His speech is a complete and conclusive answer to many of the opposition's criticisms against the government.

The Toronto Globe, which opposed the educational clauses of the autonomy bill as originally introduced, now declares that "from the standpoint of a practical and just educational policy for the new provinces the present clauses will meet the views of all reasonable and unprejudiced people, Protestant and Catholic."

Bourassa, Blain, Solicitor General Lemieux and McCarthy, of Calgary, were the speakers in the autonomy bill debate yesterday at Ottawa, and considerable acrimony was aroused.

Dr. Pugsley spoke most effectively last night in the budget debate, and this afternoon is concluding his speech which will appear at length in tomorrow's Herald.

ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

Annie Webster Thomas, as violinist, gave that deep pleasure that finished skill and a beautiful self can alone give through that finest of musical creations, the violin. She played with the ease of long acquaintance with her instrument, and Leonard's "Fantaisie Brillante" was beautifully played by her, each varied part giving broad scope to the violin. Mrs. Thomas, in her last number, was encored twice, the second number, slow, graceful song-music and variations, being of such consummate art in seeming imitation of all the woodland birds, that enthusiasm eagerly called her back the third time to play a composition of surpassing delicacy and sweetness—Savannah, Ga. Paper—She will sing at the Fredericton Opera House next Saturday evening.—d.

Persons interested in new carpets should see the social English Brussels at 75 cts. a yard, which is on sale this week at Edgecombe's carpet department.—d.

Financial Ability.

"So young Smith has come into a fortune. Do you think he has the making of a financier?"

"Undoubtedly. Several of them. And I'd like to be one of the bunch."

Whistling Women.

"It's a peculiar fact," remarked the observing youth, "that only one woman in a thousand can whistle."

"Nothing peculiar about that," rejoined the man with the absent hair. "As long as a woman can talk she doesn't care to whistle."

A BOY'S CONFESSION.

Upon the river I can skate
The whole day with my brother,
But, oh it wearies me to go
An errand for my mother.

My rabbit hutch I fix for hours,
With boards and some old tool;
But it just tires me most to death
To do my work at school.

I guess a riddle in a trice;
My sums seem very hazy;
My mother says I'm languid now,
My father says I'm lazy.

I like to dodge the kindling wood,
And snives and silly chores;
I'd rather help the grocer's man
Leave parcels at folks' doors.

I hate to shovel snow at home,
But like it when I'm hired;
Somehow the things I want to do
They never make me tired.
—Katherine A. Clarke.

SOME LEGAL JONES.

Amusing and Illuminating Sayings of Sir Albert Rolit and Obiter Dicta.

Sir Albert Rolit lectured recently in the Law Society's Hall on "The Solicitor as Advocate," and introduced many amusing and illuminating sayings, legal and otherwise.

Sir Albert quoted Douglas Jerrold to settle the question: Is law an art or a science? "It is an art—one of the black arts." Other quotations were: "Law and equity are two things which God has joined together and man has put asunder." "Good advocacy consists in boldly asserting and plausibly maintaining your case."

There was the story of the solicitor who advertised his practice for sale, and added: "N. B.—Clients rich and obstinate." Of course, Mr. Justice Maule could not be left out. When a prisoner was asked whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him, he replied: "I wish God may strike me dead if I stole the ducks." Maule waited a minute, and then said: "Prisoner, as Providence has not interfered, I must. Three months' hard labor."

As for the law student, Sir Albert said he was in favor of the fusion of, or, at any rate, a very easy transition between both branches of the law. He advocated a very wide curriculum. "Learn everything you can," he said, "for you never know when it may be useful." Sir Albert thought the facilities for legal training, especially in advocacy, in this country, were not nearly so good as they were in other countries. Solicitors had many opportunities to practise advocacy in chambers, in the county courts, and in bankruptcy, in courts of record, at the police courts, and in other places.

Here are a few more of Sir Albert's obiter dicta:

"Cross-examination does not mean examining crossly."

"Wind your way into the confidence of a witness and persuade him to tell the truth, which he had not intended to do."

"Caligula hung up his laws so high on the lamp post that the people could not read them. We bury our laws so deep that people cannot find them."

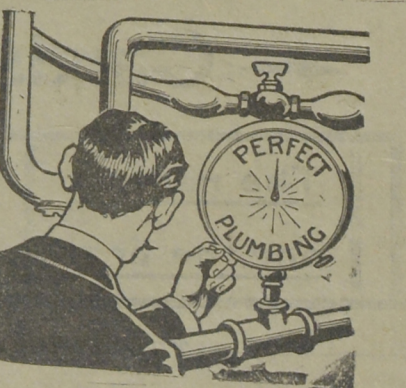
"The objections to a code far outweigh its advantages."

"A Mayor, on taking his seat on the bench for the first time, informed the bar that, during his year of office he would spare no effort to be neither partial nor impartial."

"The true object of advocacy is not victory, but truth."

Famous Divorce Judge Retires.

Right Hon. Sir Francis Henry Jeune, P. C., K. C. E., who recently resigned his office of Judge Advocate General, says The London Times, is the son of the late Right Rev. Francis Jeune, Bishop of Peterborough, was born in 1843, and was educated at Harrow and Balliol College, Oxford, where he was a scholar. After a distinguished academic career he became a fellow of Hertford College in 1874. He was called to the bar by the Inner Temple in 1868, and the brilliant promise of his university career soon began to be fulfilled. He served on the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Patronage in 1874, and was a member of the Sandwich Election Enquiry in 1880. As an ecclesiastical lawyer Sir Francis Jeune was well known, and he was chancellor of several dioceses. He was junior counsel for the claimant in the Tishborne case. In 1888 he took silk. In 1891 he became a bencher of the Inner Temple, and in the same year he was appointed a judge of the probate, divorce and admiralty division, on the promotion of the late Sir James Hannen to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary. On the death in 1892 of the late Sir Charles Butt, who was at that time President of the Probate Division, Sir Francis Jeune was appointed to succeed him as president, and in the same year he was appointed Judge Advocate General. For his services in the latter capacity he was created K.C.B. in 1897.



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