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MR. HAZEN'S POSITION

Mr. Hazen makes vehement denial of the report that he intends abandoning provincial politics to take another try in the federal arena, but of course that was expected.

Mr. Hazen says that he had no communication with Mr. Borden on the subject but that counts for little. Matters of that kind are often arranged by intermediaries, and this may have been true in Mr. Hazen's case.

The local opposition leader is convinced that the rumor of his intended change is published to influence Liberals against supporting him in the provincial field, but he need not worry on that account.

The Liberal party of New Brunswick not any considerable portion of its members cannot be brought to see that it would be a good thing to dismiss Hon. C. W. Robinson, one of themselves from the government leadership, and instal in his place Mr. Douglas Hazen, an active and implacable enemy of their party.

Mr. Hazen's accession to power in this province would mean a straight Tory government, and Liberal New Brunswick is not prepared to administer such a slap in the face to their provincial and federal leaders as that.

In the elections of 1899, under the direction of Mr. Foster, Mr. Hazen and his party went to the polls, seeking straight Tory support. The Moncton Tory convention declared for a cleavage of local parties on strict party lines, and Mr. Foster and Mr. Hazen and Dr. Stockton thought the Tory party in this province was strong enough to carry the local opposition into power, but they were overwhelmingly mercifully beaten.

In the contest of 1903 Mr. Hazen tried another tack. He pleaded for Liberal support—no federal issues—and he met another stinging defeat.

Now he is on with the same game. He wants Liberals to unite with Tories to put a Tory government in power in Fredericton with himself at the head, and then he could quietly withdraw and contest a constituency for the federal parliament in answer to the call of Mr. Borden for a cleaner man than Mr. Fowler, as the Tory leader in this province.

The scheme is a pretty one—quite astute from Mr. Hazen's standpoint, but it will not work.

Mr. Hazen may deceive himself into the belief that he can fool the Liberals of this province, but he never made a greater mistake.

IMMIGRATION TO N. B.

Premier Robinson, and the government of which he is the head, is taking an active interest in the question of immigration to New Brunswick, and in another column outlines a scheme by which the administration proposes to settle vacant crown lands in this province.

The government proposes to co-operate with the Salvation Army, which is annually bringing out many thousands of settlers to Canada, and the result, it is hoped will be eminently satisfactory.

The Premier has discussed the scheme with General Booth and Col. Lamb, of the Army and have reached an understanding that will commend itself to the people of New Brunswick.

The plan will involve the establishment of an immigration bureau in charge of competent men, who will co-operate with the Army, assist in locating the new settlers, and the government propose making them loans, to be repaid in a stated time, until they can secure a foothold in their new homes.

New Brunswick has suffered severely in the past, and is suffering still from the exodus of her stalwart sons to the west. Evidently the lure of fortune there attracts them from their native province, and no government proposal would prevent the migration. To fill the vacancies thus created, to settle the crown lands fit for cultivation, and to provide farm and other domestic help for the province is the object of the government's proposal, and it is to be hoped that the project will meet with the success it deserves.

BRIBING A PROVINCE

Mr. Borden has evidently despaired of getting into power by Tory bribery of individual constituencies with the reptile fund raised for that purpose, and has entered upon a wholesale scheme of corruption to strengthen his support in parliament. In his British Columbia speeches he has declared that if given authority, he will reopen the provincial subsidy question with a view to increasing British Columbia's annual allowances from the federal treasury.

This is nothing more or less than an attempt to bribe the Pacific Coast province into support of the Tory party, and is unworthy of a political party leader.

Mr. Borden has reached desperate straits in his effort to gain power at Ottawa. Convinced that the sentiment of the country is against him and his party, satisfied that the Canadian people are not prepared to hand over the government of the country to a lot of incompetent politicians, including a group of land speculators, the Tory leader is prepared to bribe the people with their own money to gain his end, and his British Columbia proposition is a startling evidence of it.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

Mr. Hazen's newspapers should reach an agreement as to the date of the provincial elections. The local organ says they are to be held this fall, and even fixes the exact date, November 12, but the Woodstock Press declares the contest is not likely to take place before next June. All this is very confusing to the public and it is up to Premier Robinson to relieve the uncertainty and distress that haunts the Tory sanctums.

Without violating any confidence, The Herald hazards the prediction that the elections will be held very soon after the legislature is dissolved and on a day that will witness another smashing of Tory pretensions in New Brunswick.

IGNORING THE CHALLENGE

The Tory leader has not yet made any reply to the direct and compromising charge which Hon. Dr. Pugsley has preferred against the Tory party with respect to the enormous corruption fund which they raised for the last federal election.

Dr. Pugsley is clear and explicit in his charge and he challenges investigation.

"In one circle alone," declares the Minister of Public Works, "of Mr. Borden's close political friends and party managers, a corruption fund of at least half a million dollars had been raised, and of that fund one-twentieth, or twenty-five thousand dollars, had been sent to and used in one constituency in New Brunswick alone for the purpose of corrupting the electors there in a vain effort to secure the election of a Conservative candidate."

In the meantime Mr. Borden is talking political purity, while his friends are understood to be raising another corruption fund for the next campaign.

CURRENT COMMENT

Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Brodeur sailed from Liverpool for Canada on Friday last.

The city authorities are understood to have compromised with Hyde and Webster, in the dispute over the amount due the firm for sewerage pipe, which the city refused to accept, because it was not up to specification.

Mr. Borden says the British-Japanese treaty which, besides encouraging trade between the two countries permits the citizens of each to enter the other without molestation, should be abrogated. Yet when it was before the Dominion parliament only last January, the Tory leader gave his consent to its adoption. Mr. Borden as adopted his new line in British Columbia, where he is trying to make political capital for his party.

The Berlin Tageblatt, one of the most prominent and influential German newspapers, in discussing Canada as a field for the exploitation of German trade, declares that "Germans must rid themselves of the idea that Canada is merely a British colony, destined to be swallowed up by the United States. Far from it. A new great power has arisen in the world, rich in resources which are open to all without favor."

The formation of Canadian clubs is making rapid progress throughout the country. New Brunswick has two of these useful organizations, at St. John and Moncton, the latter organized this week with a large membership. It seems that such a society would find ample support and a useful field for operation in Fredericton. There is plenty of material in this city for the formation of a strong club, and it is time action was taken to that end.

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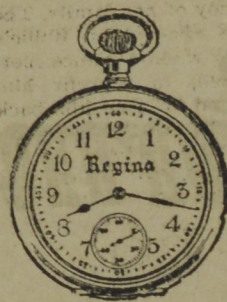
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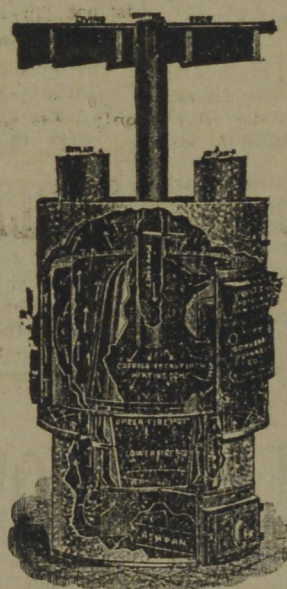
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