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OPPOSITION STUMPERS

Mr. Hazen and his barnstorming aggregation made their appearance at Port Elgin, in Westmorland County, Thursday night, and, judging from the report of their speeches published in the Telegraph, the new Tory organ, which makes the absurd claim of being independent, the opposition leader and his lieutenants made statements on provincial politics as far from the facts as even the mendacious Tory newspapers are able to get.

Mr. Hazen, for instance, in criticizing the financial affairs of the province, quoted the press interview with Premier Robinson, the truth of which that gentleman has absolutely repudiated, and proceeded to make the foolish statement that the public credit is so bad that the government is unable to borrow money for its legitimate purposes. Mr. Hazen knows that such a condition does not exist, and he would not dare to make such a statement in the legislature, where he could be promptly cornered and successfully contradicted.

Discussing the Central Railway, Mr. Hazen said the government would be called upon to take over the road and assume the whole financial liability, but he concealed from his audience the fact that when the government had an opportunity to sell the railway at a good figure, he refused to agree to the proposition and recorded his vote against it.

Mr. Hazen also attacked the Highway Act, and said that if he were in power he would repeal the law, but he would do nothing of the kind. When the measure was before the legislature Mr. Hazen and his party voted for the principle involved and their chief objections were to some details, and even these have been removed by subsequent amendments in the act. The Highway Act is proving its usefulness. It has not yet had a fair show, but no government, whether led by Mr. Hazen or Mr. Anybody Else, will dare to repeal the law. Mr. Hazen's cheap talk about giving the municipalities control of the road expenditures is made for the purpose of catching votes, but the people will not be deceived by such political clap-trap.

And Mr. Morrissey was at the Port Elgin meeting and got off his little speech on the lumber question. He says the stumpage matter is a burning one. It must have been awfully hot last winter for in the legislature Mr. Morrissey sat like a dummy for seven long weeks, never opening his mouth on the stumpage or any other question, proving his uselessness as a representative.

Mr. Morrissey also trotted out the stale statement that he is a Liberal, but no consistent member of that party will be found supporting Mr. Hazen and his band of Tory office seekers. When Mr. Morrissey was needed by his Liberal friends in the last federal election, in Northumberland; when they were making their successful effort to redeem the constituency from Toryism, where was the brave Mr. Morrissey—that great Liberal, who is striving to put the Tory party in power in this province.

Was he at Mr. Loggie's back, battling for the Liberal candidate and Liberal principles? No, he was sulking in his tent because the nomination was not

given to one John Morrissey, who has now made his bed among the Tories, and will have to lie with them. Nobody is now deceived by Mr. Morrissey's declaration of being a Liberal. A man is known by the company he keeps, and Mr. Morrissey's leader and director is Mr. Hazen, a Tory of the Tories.

And then there was Mr. Geo. V. MacInerney at the Port Elgin meeting, who said there was great necessity for a change in the administration. Mr. MacInerney is great for changes. He has changed his politics from Liberal to Independent, finally appearing as a full-fledged Tory—and was dumped by Kent when he made his last stand for the commons, and defeated in St. John when he sought to enter the legislature.

Mr. Hazen will not be encouraged by his reception in Westmorland. The people will no doubt flock to hear him for he is practically unknown in that constituency, but they have not read the newspapers and observed the opposition leader's course in the legislature without being able to reach the conclusion, that he has proved a great failure as a politician and party leader, and that he would be a most undesirable person to lead a government.

Westmorland is not likely to turn down Premier Robinson for Mr. Hazen, and while the opposition stump speeches may serve to amuse the farmers of "the noble county" while they are waiting for sunshine to cure their hay, Mr. Hazen and his fellow barnstormers will make no permanent impression on the constituency, which is Liberal, overwhelmingly, and will continue true to its present allegiance.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Some of our crack cricketers lost their nerve when face to face with the lusty Yankee bowlers.

The opposition stumbers at Port Elgin, Westmorland, must have thought they were addressing an audience of lobsters.

Springhill miners, to the number of 1,600, are out on strike, and the conciliation board despairs of prompt settlement of the difficulty.

More sunshine is needed for the farmers who have commenced to harvest their hay crop. They find the conditions very unfavorable.

So Edison's father was a Nova Scotian. Thought he must have inherited his brains from some point in the Maritime Provinces, where we grow great men.

The Woodstock Sentinel has succeeded in extracting from its Tory contemporary, the Press, the confession that Mr. B. F. Smith, M. P. P., is one of its stockholders, a fact that accounts for the Press enthusiasm over Mr. Smith's political and personal fortunes, and its suppression of the material facts elicited against Mr. Smith in the trial of the log stealing case.

The roaring, incredulous laugh with which the announcement of Telegraph and Times political independence was received in St. John, is said to have been heard far up the Kennebecasis Nerepis and St. John river valleys, and was echoed from the Boar's Head, the Devil's Back, Red Head and Partridge Island. Nothing quite so ridiculously funny and absurd had been heard in St. John for half a century.

Governor Folk, of Missouri said the other day of a proposed law: "This law, I fear, would bear too hard on certain classes. To some people it would be a cruelty. Thus it is like the luminous paint story."

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Special attention is drawn to the fact that there will be no extension of time this year.
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