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THE TRANSCONTINENTAL.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, who is in Stanley trying to stem the tide of opposition running against him there, will be able to discover one of the causes that leads to the revolt against him in that locality. In his 1904 canvas of York, Mr. Crockett sneered at the bare possibility of the Transcontinental railway being constructed through New Brunswick.

He and his friends declared that the eastern section of the road, from Quebec to Moncton would never be built.

The government he said was only trying to fool the people.

Well four years have passed, and present conditions give the lie to Mr. Crockett's prophecies, his absolute declarations.

The Transcontinental railway—the eastern section of it as well as the middle and western sections, is a reality.

In New Brunswick alone, through which Mr. Crockett said the road would never be built, there are at present employed over 5,000 men building the road, and hundreds of thousands of dollars are being expended among the people in the construction of that great work.

The farmers and traders of Stanley will be able to point out to Mr. Crockett the benefits their parish is receiving from the building of the road.

There is no need of demonstrating to them the good it is already doing Stanley. They can feel it in their pockets, and Mr. Crockett will feel very simple indeed when confronted with actual proof of his deception of the people in 1904.

He knew then he was dealing in misrepresentation and falsehood, but to gain a temporary political advantage he sought to make the people believe that York county and New Brunswick would never see the Transcontinental railway.

The way to punish Mr. Crockett for his deception is to leave him at home this time, and we suspect that the electors of Stanley, when they recall his false declarations respecting the Transcontinental, will conclude that Mr. Crockett is not a safe political guide, but a mere political adventurer, who has no further claim on the confidence of this constituency.

PECULIAR

There are some things no fellow can understand, especially in politics, and here is one of them.

Solicitor General McLeod assured Mr. Nelson W. Brown all summer that he (McLeod) was making a great fight in the government to have Mr. Brown retained in his position as school inspector, and that he felt quite certain he could save the day.

Well, Mr. Brown was dismissed, even while Mr. McLeod was making his alleged struggle with his colleagues to save Mr. Brown.

Mr. McLeod, now when an election campaign is in progress, has taken the stump, and seeks to justify Mr. Brown's dismissal on the ground that he did not have the technical qualification required by the Board of Education.

Now what will strike the public as peculiar in this.

If Mr. McLeod could urge and defend before the government and board of education as he alleges he did, the retention of Mr. Brown, how is it that he is now able to assure the people gathered at Mr. Crockett's political meetings, that Mr. Brown was holding his inspectorate contrary to law.

We do not propose enlarging at the present time on the illogical position which Mr. McLeod assumed, either before the Board of Education or in his present campaign speeches with respect to his attitude towards Mr. Brown.

We simply submit the proposition to the Solicitor General and to the public, that if Mr. Brown's retention was capable of argument at the hands of Mr. McLeod it would seem that the same gentleman, to be logical, should now be able to condemn Mr. Brown's dismissal.

TORY OPPOSITION TO N. I. R.

The Tory party in parliament, led by Mr. Borden, fought for all their worth Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposition to construct the Transcontinental railway.

They held parliament up for weeks, proposing amendment after amendment to defeat the premier's great project of uniting the extreme east and extreme west of Canada with a new line of railway, which will prove such a great factor in Canada's development.

And the Tories are at the same game yet, and their organs are still

denouncing the government for constructing the section of the road through New Brunswick, which Mr. O. S. Crockett declared would never be built.

The Toronto News, chief Tory organ, characterizes the construction of the New Brunswick section as a "sheer, impudent waste of public money," and the Winnipeg Tribune quotes the denunciation with approval.

The News adds that it, "said the same thing four years ago in a hundred articles," and yet immediately afterward the whole Dominion endorsed the project by giving Sir Wilfrid Laurier his recent great majority in the House of Commons. As a matter of fact, the government did perfectly right in making the railway subservient to the development of New Brunswick as well as that of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. And yet Mr. Borden expects the people of New Brunswick to approve of his attitude on this question, and Mr. O. S. Crockett is appealing for votes in York in support of a leader and a party that did their best to kill the Transcontinental railway project.

A SCHEME THAT FAILED.

What has become of Mr. Hazen's Central railway inquiry. It's absolute failure to establish wrong-doing on the part of the Liberals, has warned Mr. Hazen and his Tory friends that they went too far in their effort to discredit Dr. Pugsley and some of his political associates. The testimony showed that every dollar expended on the road was properly accounted for, and Mr. Hazen has not dared to call to the witness stand Hon. Dr. Pugsley, a man whom the inquiry was chiefly directed.

Mr. Hazen and his Tory friends are devoutly wishing they had never started the inquiry.

It struck back at them with peculiar force.

It knocked the bottom out of all their slanders uttered to destroy their political opponents.

It was one of Mr. Hazen's political mistakes, and will take its place with the Harris Car Works destruction, and other episodes in Mr. Hazen's career, which he has led to regret and would fain blot out from the public memory.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"He's my Uncle Harry," quoth Premier Hazen, "and you must not fire him out."

A prominent merchant got in a large consignment of real tomatoes yesterday, and the circumstance gave rise to the report that the shipment was one of "choice tomatoes" for the Tory campaign committee.

Mr. Morrissey gave "Uncle Harry" notice that he was not needed in the public works department, but Premier Hazen said "No, my Uncle Harry shall stay and the people will pay the bills," and so it occurred that "Uncle Harry" is still drawing his \$75 a month in a department which Mr. Pinder declares is overmanned.

The Toronto News, the chief Tory organ, says: "Sir Wilfrid is always sure of a good reception. He is attractive, personally, he speaks with grace and polish, and he occupies the highest position in the gift of the country." Yes, Laurier is the man of the hour, the man to cheer and work for, the man to rule Canada for another five years.

Mr. Fielding is handling Canada's finances, and Mr. Foster wants the job. Do you electors of York desire the man who exploited the widows' and orphans' funds for his own personal benefit, to supplant the clean, honorable Mr. Fielding for the malodorous Mr. Foster? Do you really? If you do you will vote for Mr. O. S. Crockett, otherwise you will deposit your ballots for Mr. Nelson W. Brown.

A rather noisy Fredericton Tory who a few weeks ago was talking of 1000 majority for O. S. Crockett in York, has dropped his estimate to 300. Mr. Crockett's friends recognize the great strength and popularity of Mr. N. W. Brown's candidature, and have dropped their sneering. They are feeling too serious about it to joke these days, and they know that every hour adds to the force of the Liberal wave which is sweeping over this constituency.

Premier Roblin of Manitoba, complained at Toronto that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speeches were couched in language only fit for drawing-rooms and social occasions. The Premier might retaliate that Roblin's speeches are scarcely fit to be heard in any kind of society. They smart of the gutter, and have done much to injure his party. In the east, Borden keeps clear of Foster and Fowler on the stump, and he will do well for himself and his party if he cuts loose from Macbraker Roblin.

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