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SOURING ON THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Hazen and his government have already disappointed many of their friends who worked vigorously to put the present administration into power, and there are murmurings of discontent in many Tory quarters. The new highway act is a source of great disappointment in the rural districts of the province, with doubled tax on the people, who were led to believe, that the taxpayers would be relieved of some of their financial burdens rather than having increased rates levied on them.

It was part of the gospel preached by the distinguished Mr. Pinder that the late government unloaded financial burdens on the municipalities, which should have been discharged by the provincial treasury, and other supporters of Mr. Hazen, throughout the province thundered in the same direction.

The expense of sustaining pauper lunatics at the provincial hospital was one matter against which the Tories in the municipal councils kicked, and some of the counties have failed to meet their obligations in this respect, but the Hazen government not only continues the system of imposing the expense on the municipalities, but has delegated the solicitor general to compel the defaulting councils to make good what they owe.

It was also urged by Mr. Hazen's friends when in opposition that the municipalities should not be compelled to shoulder the heavy expense involved in the administration of the public health laws, but the present government continues the practice of its predecessor in that regard.

Then some of Mr. Hazen's supporters are charging the government with breach of faith in not carrying out the solemn undertakings of the former government, and the Chatham World, a Tory newspaper, furnishes a specific instance of the kind. It says that "a letter from Premier Hazen to the secretary of the Miramichi agricultural exhibition association, says the exhibition grant this year has been reduced to \$3,000. The late government promised \$4,000, with an additional thousand if necessary to pay expenses, and the association will press for the carrying out of this engagement. Good faith demands that the financial engagements of the late government be kept. Some better excuses than scarcity of funds is required for repudiating any of the financial obligations of the province."

The World is also after the government on its duplicity in misrepresenting the real condition of the provincial debt, and evidently does not believe the figures presented to the legislature by the provincial secretary in his budget speech. On this head the World says: "Premier Hazen and Provincial Secretary Fleming are in Montreal, looking after money to pay the \$1,450,000 temporary loan that comes due in August. We hope they will not be confronted with Mr. Fleming's budget speech estimate of the provincial debt—an estimate that added the doubtful contingency of bonds for a proposed Valley railway to the actual liabilities of the province, making them about \$10,000,000 instead of \$5,000,000 or so."

These extracts are not from some wicked Tory newspapers, but from the columns of a journal that did all it could to land Mr. Hazen and his friends in power, and they indicate the restlessness and dissatisfaction already arising among our Tory friends at the course pursued by the new administration. The World also condemned the government for discontinuing a steamship subsidy in Northumberland, because, as was stated, the men who owned the steamer happened to be opponents of the government, and it is announced that through pressure brought by the business men of the Miramichi, the subsidy is to be restored.

There are other matters which are arousing dissatisfaction with the government, notably Mr. Hazen's failure to keep his pledge respecting the cutting of the price of school books in two. The public recognize that the reduction of 40 per cent in readers and scribbles is but a small portion of what was solemnly promised, that the great bulk of the text books used in the schools remain as before, and that the alleged saving will be fully overcome by the commission and expense which the government will be compelled to pay in the distribution of the books to the various school districts of the province.

GIBSON HAPPENINGS.

June 12. Mr. J. Grant was the guest of Mrs. J. Howard one day last week. Miss Katie Nelson is visiting Mrs. J. MacManus.

An accident, which fortunately did not have any fatal results occurred a few nights ago. In some unaccountable way Mrs. Brewer, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Brown, chanced to fall, and the lighted lamp which she was carrying, broke, setting fire to the furniture in the room. Help soon arrived and the fire was put out before any serious damage was done.

Misses A. DeLong, E. Brown and B. Kaye of Fredericton, were the guests of Miss May Minnie on Sunday.

Messrs. Louis Sterling and Roy

Flowers have recently opened ice cream parlors at St. Mary's. They are doing a rushing business.

Mr. Roy Dunphy is receiving the hearty congratulations of his friends on the arrival at his home a few days ago of a little son.

Mrs. Turner, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Boyer, spent last week with friends in Fredericton.

Miss Charters of Marysville, was the guest of Miss Sylvan Love on Sunday.

Miss Nellie Cameron of Florida, is spending her summer vacation with friends in this place. Dame rumor says she will figure quite prominently in an interesting event to take place in the near future.

It is also rumored that a popular young gentleman, who used to reside at Lower St. Mary's, but who now lives at Plaster Rock, is to lead to the altar this fall one of the fair ladies also residing in that vicinity. Their many friends of this place wish them much happiness.

With the hot weather and millions of hungry mosquitoes, we find it almost impossible to find any enjoyment in life at the present time.

Preparations are being made for our public school closing, to which all are invited to attend.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Moncton is to have a free postal delivery.

The final returns of the Ontario provincial elections place the government's majority in the new legislature at 66.

The St. Hyacinth returning officer has given his casting vote for Mr. Bourassa's opponent and declared the latter elected.

Mr. E. J. B. Pense, editor of the Kingston Whig, and that city's representative in the last Ontario legislature, was among the defeated candidates in the recent local elections in that province. Mr. Pense, who is a Liberal, is a brother of Mrs. Gordon, wife of Col. W. D. Gordon, a former commandant of the R. C. R. in this city.

The men who engage in netting salmon along the St. John river, and who have hitherto been restricted by vexatious regulations imposed by the Tory government, will appreciate the successful efforts made by Mr. W. T. Whitehead and Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., to throw the business open more widely, and to confer on the people privileges which they have not hitherto possessed, as explained in Thursday's issue of the Herald.

Hon. E. M. Farrell, speaker of the Nova Scotia assembly, who made a brief visit to Fredericton recently, and received a most favorable impression of this city, is a native of Newcastle, Northumberland county, and is 54 years old. He represents the county of Queens in the Nova Scotia Assembly, is the editor and proprietor of the Liverpool Advance, and has been in political life since 1897.

The St. John Times publishes a cartoon representing the solicitor general at his desk wielding an enormous goose quill pen, and it is presumed it is intended to show Mr. McLeod actually at work writing the first chapters of his legal text book on "Acquittals." The cartoonist who makes the sketches which are appearing in the Times, was in Fredericton during the last legislative session, and seems to have caught quite a number of the politicians in his scheme. His tariff was \$15 per man, but he is understood to have made reductions for a job lot of cartoons.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

June 11—Fishing parties this season seem to be very popular and according to reports those who go generally have good luck and return with a good mess of the speckled beauties.

This week Messrs. Hughie Harrison and Edgie Holmes made a very successful trip to Arnold's Brook and caught about twelve dozen.

Dr. Fisher and Fred Yoemans returned today from a two days outing and as both men are old time fishermen they were very successful. They were also generous with their friends and many in Marysville were thankful yesterday for their mess of nice fat trout.

Mr. John Hanson fished the Newham this week and as usual made a great haul.

Messrs. F. M. Merritt and William Manzer are talking of taking a trip early next week.

Miss Lillian Pickard, St. John is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hatt.

Mr. John Gibson, son of Mayor Gibson is away working at engineering on the Transcontinental Railway near Stanley, having secured the position after the closing of the college.

Mrs. William Cotton and family arrived in Marysville last night, where they expect to reside in the future.

Mamma, is the old black hen going to be sent away for the summer? No, Tommy; but why do you ask? Well, I heard papa tell the new governess that he would take her out riding when he sent the old hen away for the summer.

Did you feel nervous when Jack proposed to you? Rather, I was afraid we might be interrupted.

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A lady asked her gardener if he had read the book she had given him at Christmas. "I never reads," said the gardener in pure Kentish. She began to point out the beauties of literature. "It's like this," said the gardener, leaning on his spade: "You reads a bit, and then you thinks a bit, and then you gets a terrible headache."—London Chronicle.

A Friendly Jab.

The Finneece—Yes, Percy placed it on my finger last night. Isn't it a beauty? Her Dearest Friend—Yes, but in about a fortnight you'll find it will make a funny black mark on your finger. It did on mine.

Reformed.

Mrs. Dearborn—Do you believe in marrying a man to reform him? Mrs. Wabash—Sure! I married my first husband to reform him. "What was wrong with him?" "He was a bachelor." "Oh, I see how you reformed him." "Not only that; I understand he's had three other wives since I left him."

When running brass rods through window curtains put an old glove finger over the end that is being pushed through the hem. Unless this is done the material is apt to tear.

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