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THE LIBERAL VICTORIES.

The electors of Carleton and Northumberland have served notice on Mr. Hazen and his government to quit. The defeat of an administration in its first bye-elections is without precedent in this country, but that is what has happened to Mr. Hazen.

The Tory triumph of last March is turned into a victory for Mr. Hazen's opponents, and the local Premier is in sackcloth and ashes.

There is no mistaking the verdict. The change in public sentiment is most remarkable, and the same thing would happen in practically every constituency in the province were the opportunity offered.

Mr. Hazen has had his chance and has proved his absolute inability to lead a government and properly direct the affairs of this province.

He has blundered from the start, and the people of New Brunswick have not been slow to take his measure.

Even his own friends admit that he is a political failure, a politician who, while outwardly and superficially, a very brilliant, lacks the staying qualities, tact, judgment and ability of a successful leader and statesman.

The verdict against the government in Carleton and Northumberland is overwhelming.

In the former county but nine short months ago, Mr. Hazen's candidates were returned by 500 majority, but today that is wiped out, and a Liberal opposition majority of 137 is recorded.

In Northumberland in March last the Hazen candidates had some 1500 majority, but it is gone now, and in its place there is a Liberal opposition lead of between 100 and 200.

There is winking out of sight that the province has turned against the Hazen government, with its unfulfilled pledges, its treachery towards the Liberals who helped it into position, its stupid acts of administration and its lack of a definite policy.

Mr. Hazen can see the handwriting on the wall without his glasses.

It is an intimation that New Brunswick will not stand for Mr. Hazen's manipulation of his position to stab the Liberal party and conduct a government that fails to show the remotest appreciation of its duties and responsibilities.

It is a very audible and forceful hint that if Mr. Hazen is able to live the present term through as leader of the government, he and his colleagues will be summarily dismissed when the first opportunity offers.

Mr. Hazen should be making preparations to close his career as Premier of this province, and the career of his administration, because the people have shown unmistakably that he and the combination which he leads, have already lost the confidence of the country.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

It is quite clear that if the government's record had been discussed in Northumberland, with Mr. Burchill present in the constituency, the defeat of Mr. Hazen would have been much more emphatic.

However, Liberals have no cause to grumble at the splendid result achieved, and they are thankful for the excellent service rendered their cause by Hon. Mr. Morrissy, who in spite of the protests of his leader and colleagues in the administration, stood manfully to Mr. Burchill.

Mr. Morrissy, with the pluck and dash for which he is noted, went into the campaign for the Liberal candidate, absolutely disregarding the protests of his government associates, and came out of the contest with credit to himself and with the admiration of his Liberal friends.

Mr. Morrissy naturally resented interference from his leader. He knew what he wanted in his own constituency, and he got it, and he can settle with Mr. Hazen as he pleases.

The natural course for Mr. Hazen under the circumstances would be to demand Mr. Morrissy's resignation from the government, but there is not much prospect that he will take that course.

The Chief Commissioner is "master of the administration." He can dictate his own terms, for Mr. Hazen realizes that the government, already rickety, could not stand without the support of Mr. Morrissy and his friends.

The latter, however, can scarcely continue for any length of time in a government whose members are personally hostile to him, and have endeavored in every possible way to embarrass him and sap his independence.

Mr. Morrissy would find himself much more comfortable on the Liberal side of the legislature, and the course which he pursued in the Northumberland election logically will lead him to that position.

DID GREAT WORK.

The Herald hears from Liberal friends in Carleton county, that Mr. Nelson W. Brown did most effective work for Mr. Upham in the bye-election, which ended in such a glorious Liberal victory in that constituency, and that the assistance he was able to render on the stump, contributed in no small measure to the Liberal triumph.

Mr. Brown spoke at leading centres of the constituency from the start to the close of the contest, he was everywhere most heartily received, and created a splendid impression.

He dealt sledge hammer blows at Hazen and his foolish administration, and the local Premier must regret more than ever his heartless and unjustifiable dismissal of Mr. Brown from office.

Retribution has come swift and sure to the government, and it must be a source of intense satisfaction to Mr. Brown, as it is to his host of friends that he has been one of the principal agents in bringing about this victory in Carleton, which marks the beginning of the end to the man who so unjustly threw Mr. Brown from a position in the educational department, in which he was rendering splendid and effective service.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Hazen should resign.

It is a great tribute to Mr. Burchill that he is returned to the legislature while absent from the province.

LOST in Carleton, one dark colored Kiddy. Finder will please communicate with John Douglas Hazen, Union Club, St. John.

If Mr. Carvell, M. P., had been off his sick bed during the Carleton bye-election, Mr. Upham's majority would have been considerably larger.

It is said that Mr. Pinder received the news of Hazen's double defeat with an audible chuckle. The man who turned Mr. Pinder down has been turned down himself.

Mr. Hazen and Mr. Grimmer closed the Tory campaign with speeches at Woodstock Monday evening, and that town on the morrow proceeded to increase its Liberal majority of Oct. 26, by fifty per cent.

Rogersville is reported to be in revolt against Mr. Morrissy, and will help to swell Swim's magnificent total.—Chatham Commercial. (Returns from Rogersville: Burchill 158; Swim 32. Comment would be superfluous.)

Messrs. Burchill and Upham will be important accessions to the opposition fighting strength in the legislature. The former is a politician of wide experience, and both are gentlemen of excellent personal standing and ability.

"Whatever the result of the contest in Northumberland, Mr. Hazen should rid himself of disturbing elements. If he does not the people will know the reason why."—Moncton Times (Tory). (That's a demand for Mr. Morrissy's scalp.)

Solicitor General McLeod and Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., went up to Carleton to instruct the electors to vote for Mr. Owens, and he was defeated. Mr. Nelson W. Brown gave able assistance to Mr. Upham, and has the satisfaction of seeing that gentleman returned by a handsome majority.

Heartly congratulations to Hon. C. W. Robinson on the great victories for his party in the bye-elections. Mr. Burchill was nominated at a convention at which Mr. Robinson was present and spoke, and the premier then threw himself with great fervor into the Carleton campaign, stumping the constituency every night during its progress.

Hazen to Fleming.—"Seems to me you have made a mess of things in Carleton. What explanation have you to make?" Fleming to Hazen—"Those d— spindle legged Kentucky race horses put the finishing touches on us. It's awful to have to endure the victorious shouts of the d— Tories. Upham's election has knocked la grippe clear out of Carvell. When are we going to resign?"

Morrissy to Hazen—"I have much pleasure in presenting you with a Liberal opposition M. P. P., for Northumberland. Your Tory candidate was not in the Swim. Now will you let us alone?" Hazen to Morrissy—"I would demand your resignation instant but cannot get along without you. Is there no way out of this d— mess? I feel I am a goner."

Prov. Sec'y. Fleming is an object of commiseration. The man who has been travelling around with a chip on his shoulder, exhibiting insolence to his opponents and slandering them without stint, could not carry his man in the bye-election in his own constituency after winning there a few months ago by 500 majority. Mr. Fleming does not think so much of himself and his political prestige today as he did yesterday. Carleton is sliding from his control.

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