



His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Tweedie will receive at the Queen hotel parlors on Wednesday, May 20, from four to six p.m.
R. S. BARKER,
Private Secretary.
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A SCATHING CRITICISM.

Hon. Mr. Robinson, leader of the opposition, in the legislature, more than delighted his friends, and confounded his political opponents by the forceful and exhaustive address which he delivered in the budget debate in reply to the Provincial Secretary.

He showed a strong mastery of the facts, both in defence of the late administration and in criticism of the present government, the dishonesty of many features of the budget speech and called attention to the evidence which Mr. Hazen and his colleagues have already given of their disregard for their pledges when in opposition.

Mr. Robinson was especially effective in dealing with the unfair methods the government have pursued with respect to the audit of the provincial accounts obtained by the late administration.

The recommendations which Messrs. Jenkins and Hardy made with respect to a desirable change in provincial book keeping were received after the late government was defeated, but were suppressed by the present government for purposes of their own. These recommendations cover the very reforms for which Mr. Hazen takes credit and which are incorporated in the new audit act, and yet they were withheld from the public while the government went masquerading in borrowed plumage, and invited the public to admire the wonderful reforming ability of Mr. Hazen and his associates.

Mr. Robinson's presentation of the assets of the province, which the Provincial Secretary in his effort to pile up the obligations of the government, completely ignored, was an effective feature of his excellent address, which should be carefully perused by every man who desires to take a fair view of provincial politics.

A GREAT TEMPEST.

Some years ago, when a gentleman not now in political life, but still occupying a prominent position in the public eye, was leading the opposition in the legislature with the late Hon. A. G. Blair at the head of the government, the former, who was noted for the great strength of his lungs and his ability to sustain a prolonged wind-storm, was making a point against the government of the day which he very much desired should reach the ears of the electors throughout the province.

In thunderous tones that awakened the echoes of the night, with wild gesticulations and other accompaniments of the noisy orator, this gentleman, turning to the reporters, rang out "I want this House to hear and I want this country to hear!" but he did not conclude the sentence.

Mr. Blair quietly interposed the suggestion that "if one of the pages would throw open a window the country would have no difficulty in hearing the honorable gentleman."

The same observation might have been made when Mr. McLeod was delivering his speech on the budget Monday evening.

The Solicitor General who had caused it to be generously advertised that he was to address the House, started in like a whirlwind, developed a dozen cyclones and ended in exhaustion.

There seemed to be neither form nor comeliness, arrangement, logic, information or argument in his speech, but mostly wild declamation and studied attack on gentlemen who were not present.

Mr. McLeod essayed to discuss financial matters and got inextricably mixed, and the chief features of his effort were his rather brutal assault on Hon. Dr. Pugsley and his apology for making unfounded charges against the government on the Victoria lands purchase.

On the latter subject he acknowledged that the legislation passed last session to make good the title to settlers on these lands was within the authority of the House and he did not dare repeat his campaign charge that such settlers could have no clear title to their purchases. This was the pith of the whole matter, and when Mr. McLeod made those admissions his whole case fell to the ground. He took great credit to himself for having discovered that a mortgage exists against the property of the New Brunswick Railways property in this province the corporation from which the Victoria lands were purchased, but he might as well have gloried in having found that the moon is full once a month, or that the sun rises in the east. The existence of the mortgage which has been on record for over thirty years was well known; it was talked of in the legislature last session, and the act passed at that time to make good the title in the lands to the prospective settlers was because of the mortgage on the property, but Mr. McLeod apparently when he made his charges in his Perth speech did not know of the act of last session, and had not discovered its existence until it was

pointed out to him in these columns.

Divested of its sound and fury, of its abuse and misstatements Mr. McLeod's maiden speech in the legislature left practically nothing to answer, and it would be a waste of time to follow him through the mess he made of it.

Mr. Hazen was visibly pained by the floundering of his colleague, and Mr. Pinder sought the seclusion of the speaker's room while the Solicitor General was giving his exhibition to the galleries.

The Solicitor General, before he can hope to succeed in legislative debate, will have to drop his bold self-assertiveness, his lofty mannerisms, his noise and wild gesticulations, he will have to better master his subject as well as himself, and then the House, if he has anything worth saying, will be disposed to listen more patiently than it did Monday evening.

As a campaign deliverance in one of the back districts his speech might pass muster, but as an address before a well informed deliberative body it was a failure in delivery, form and substance.

The late Hon. Joseph Howe once described Sir Charles Tupper, who in his prime, was noted for his vociferous deliveries during which he consumed vast quantities of water, as "a windmill run by water." Mr. McLeod in his maiden speech grew hot physically as well as mentally and made very frequent calls on the water supply.

In his future legislative efforts he should strive to keep cool, get a better grasp of his matter, stick more closely to facts, avoid personal abuse of opponents, and speak to the House rather than to the galleries, and in time he may be able to convince the public that he is sincere, that he has knowledge of public affairs, and that he is able to appreciate the difference between noisy declamation and sound and convincing argument.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Tories are still blocking supply in parliament and are rapidly digging their own political graves.

The budget debate in the legislature closed rather abruptly Monday evening when Mr. McLeod had concluded. The House went into supply without however, passing any of the items.

It's very brave, no doubt, attacking a gentleman who is over 500 miles away, and that was the courageous course which Mr. McLeod adopted towards Hon. Dr. Pugsley in the Legislature. It is another case of the poodle barking at the mastiff.

Lieut-Governor Bulyea of Alberta is at Gagetown visiting his old home and will come to Fredericton next week to receive the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of New Brunswick, from which His Honor graduated in 1878.

In his speech in the budget debate Solicitor General McLeod sneeringly referred to Hon. C. W. Robinson as "a lawyer who had never seen the inside of a law court." It is true that the opposition leader has never had much practice in the police court.

Rev. Dr. Barclay, who is among the visitors in the city today and was given special attention by Governor Tweedie, is pastor of St. Paul's, the wealthiest and leading Presbyterian church of Montreal and of Canada.

Mr. Hazen declares there is no truth in the statement that the government will submit the question of prohibition to a plebiscite, and herein is again seen the hand of his forlorn colleague.

Miss Martin, Toronto's only lady lawyer, who is described as of good family and personally very attractive, is a candidate for the Ontario legislature in East Toronto, opposing Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education.

Over in the Municipality of Yarmouth automobiles are not permitted to run on the country roads between 12 o'clock Friday night and 12 o'clock Sunday night, a very absurd regulation not creditable to the municipal legislators of that county.

Mr. Hazen has forgotten all about the pressing demand for increase in the teachers' salaries which was one of his pre-election pledges. He told the legislature Monday that the government could do nothing in that direction this year.

Mr. Hazen's legislation is being roughly handled. The St. John Board of Trade is after his Workmen's Compensation Act, and the rural districts are up in arms against the double tax of the new highway bill.

Funny Thing About Jersey.

The policeman who usually guards the Broadway and Dey street corner, but who is now off on sick leave as a result of trying to stop a runaway horse, was in a reminiscent mood.

"All sorts of people pass the corner," he said. "One day I missed a German porter who was in the habit of stopping to speak to me every day. A few days later he reappeared, and I asked him where he had been."

"Over in Jersey," he replied.

"What part of Jersey?" I asked.

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The last time he visited the House of Commons, Sir Henry told Mr. Redmond that it was his intention himself to wind up the approaching home rule debate. The next day the Premier was stricken with the illness that eventually proved fatal. The debate was fixed for February 17, and as Mr. Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, also was indisposed, Mr. Redmond asked Mr. Asquith, as acting leader in the House, to postpone the debate. Mr. Asquith declined but Sir Henry, hearing of this, sent word that unless the debate was postponed he had made up his mind whatever the cost to leave his bed and go to the House of Commons and participate in the discussion. Thereupon, Mr. Redmond says, Mr. Asquith yielded and postponed the debate until March 30.

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