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LOCAL BYE ELECTIONS.

Mr. Hazen wants to know the worst before he sits down to his Christmas dinner, and has called on the bye-elections in Carleton and Northumberland for December 1st, with nomination on Nov. 24.

The notice is short but the Liberals of the two constituencies will find the time sufficient to put strong candidates in the field, and thus give the electors an opportunity to express their disapproval of the Hazen methods of government so far disclosed.

One thing is peculiar. There is no mention of a probable vacancy in Albert. Is it understood that Mr. Hazen's friend Dickson is coming back to the legislature? It would seem that a concerted effort should be made in that constituency to induce Mr. Dickson to resign, so that he may have all his time to attend to his lumber business, which apparently requires a great deal of attention.

In Northumberland it is announced presumably on government authority, that Mr. Ernest Hutchison will be the Hazen candidate. There is no suggestion of a convention to nominate a man, perhaps for fear that Mr. Donald Morrison might press his claims. It is rather a cold turn down for Mr. Morrison, and in the house of his own friends.

Mr. Hazen took early opportunity of discouraging Mr. Morrison's ambition to get back to his old place in the Speaker's chair, by having it announced that Mr. Geo. J. Clarke will be given that position, and now the government hasten to head Mr. Morrison off from attempting to regain his seat in the legislature, by announcing Mr. Hutchison as the government candidate in the constituency.

The Chatham World in its last issue indicated that Mr. Morrison was the likely government candidate, and it was sure he could be elected, but it seems that Mr. Hazen and Mr. Morrissey have put their heads together and the late Hon. Donald is relegated to the rear—a dead issue. It's pretty tough, and an awful fall for the ex-Speaker, who expected a triumphant entry to parliament only a few weeks ago.

But the government will not have all to say, we fancy, in the selection of the Northumberland representative. There is a strong revulsion of feeling against the Hazen outfit in that constituency, as there is in all parts of the province, and if the Liberals secure the best available candidate they can easily defeat Mr. Hazen's man.

In Carleton Mr. Hazen finds things rather mixed, so a Tory convention is to be called for the selection of a candidate. Mr. Frank Smith's name is mentioned, but report has it that he would much prefer a public office, one at present acceptably filled by a Liberal, to risking another defeat at the polls. Then Mr. Hazen has Mr. Simms and Mr. George W. White on his hands, and the convention idea is probably intended as the best means of dispensing of their claims.

Mr. Smith is probably the strongest man the Tory party could put up, but the same Liberal forces that sent him to grass on Oct. 26, should be able to defeat him for the local seat, in which he "never would be missed."

CURRENT COMMENT.

An evangelist down at Sydney, N. S., has been lecturing on "A trip to Hell and back"—kind of midsummer excursion.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier evidently came through the election campaign in better shape physically than Mr. Borden. While Laurier is at Ottawa finishing his work, Borden is off to Hot Springs, Va., to recuperate.

The Kingston Standard, Conservative, expresses its satisfaction at the defeat of Messrs. Fowler and Lefurgey, while the Stratford Herald, Conservative, thinks it a pity that Mr. Foster was not among the slain.

A man named Carruthers of Kentville, N. S., charged with circulating copies of a disgraceful "Calgary" newspaper, containing personal attacks on Sir Frederick Borden, has been committed for trial in the supreme court.

Things political are on a teeter in Newfoundland. In the new legislature the Bond government will have 18 supporters and the opposition 18. Neither side can elect a Speaker unless it seduces a man from the enemy. Another appeal to the people would seem inevitable.

Judge McGillivray who had ordered a recount of the ballots cast in the North Cape Breton election, in which

D. D. McKenzie, Liberal, had only 17 majority, has revoked his order, on the ground of defective affidavits, used to secure it. An appeal is to be taken to the supreme court.

A Winnipeg despatch announces that the legislature of Alberta will be dissolved within the next few days and an election will be held in Alberta Dec. 15. Premier Rutherford has at present 23 members of a possible 25. The government holds all seats except High River and Rosebud.

Mr. Ernest Hutchison, whose name is mentioned as the probable government candidate in the Northumberland local bye-election, was a member of the Fraser government from 1878 to 1882, when he was defeated at the polls. The vote in that contest stood, Adams, 1856; Park, 1707; Gillespie, 1076; Burchill, 893, elected; and Hutchison, 864, and Troy, 415, defeated.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, in view of the results of Judge Cassels' investigation of the department, has promptly suspended twenty-three officials accused of grafting. Most of the suspended officials are said to be appointees of the Tory government. The Minister will doubtless insist on a complete clean up, and the country will expect that no guilty man be spared.

Up at Sarnia, Ontario, a young Liberal was engaged to marry the daughter of a Tory, but just before the recent election the old girl jacked up and declared that no Liberal should wed his daughter. That was done, of course, to scare the young fellow into the Tory camp, but he was too good a girl for that. He went to the polls and voted for Laurier and prosperity, and was promptly ordered from the home of his best girl. "The wedding was off," announced the girl's father, but he was mistaken. The girl was as gritty personally as her lover was politically, and the two stole away to another town and were married, and now the still old Tory father has a good Liberal son-in-law, of whom no doubt in time he will be proud.

SUSSEX LIQUOR CASE.

Canada Express Company charged with violating Scott Act.

SUSSEX, N. B., Nov. 11.—Two cases of unusual interest came before the police court here yesterday.

On Oct. 20, Scott Act constables made a seizure of supposed liquor from the office of the Canadian Express company at Sussex and Apohaqui stations, and in each case took away two boxes.

Mr. Sherwood, of Sussex, and Mr. Morrison of Apohaqui, agents for the Express company, were summoned to appear in court, charged with violating the Temperance Act in keeping liquor for delivery.

Mr. Sherwood's case was heard first. The two boxes seized from his office were addressed to private individuals, who appeared on the stand and swore that the goods addressed to them were for their own private use and not for sale. The evidence in this case is all in, and it only remains for the counsel to address the court.

The case against Mr. Morrison, agent at Apohaqui, was next argued. The two boxes that were seized there were taken from the platform immediately after the arrival of the Sussex train, Oct. 20th. The agent forbid the constable from taking these boxes until he produced his warrant, which the constable did. Mr. Morrison then raised no objection. These boxes were addressed to Fred Fenwick, who appeared in court and swore that these goods were not for him, and that he had not ordered any, nor was expecting anything in the liquor line.

H. C. Creighton, superintendent of the Atlantic Division for the Canadian Express company, was the last witness. He explained to the court the nature of the company's bill of lading and waybills, which accompanied express goods. He said that the receiving agent would not know what the contents of express packages were, except in case of perishable goods, the forwarding agent or express teamsters who gathered packages and gave receipts would know the contents only. He also said his company had not to his knowledge violated the act nor was it the wish of the company to do so. The case was then adjourned until Tuesday next, at 9 o'clock.

The defense will call more witnesses on Tuesday. A. A. Wilson, of St. John, and J. Arthur Freeze, of Sussex, prosecuted, and Hon. H. A. McKeown, of St. John, defended in the interests of the express agents and company.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. William Rosborough is at work today making some needed repairs to the granite steps and platform in front of the parliament building. The wooden sidewalk has been fished out of its summer quarters in the basement, and is being placed in position on the driveway. Messrs. Arthur Gallagher and Alfred Sheldon are doing most of the work.

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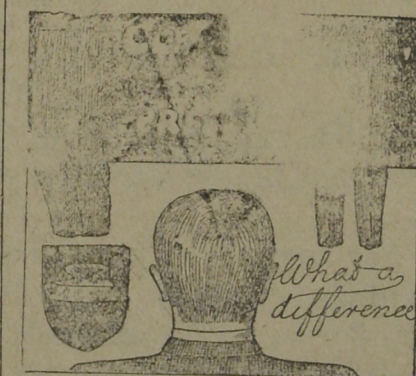
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