



His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Tweedie will receive at the Queen hotel parlors on Wednesday, May 13, from four to six p.m.
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SOME GOOD ADVICE.

Mr. Hazen is getting some good advice from one of his newspaper friends.

The Woodstock Press, which is the personal organ of the Provincial Secretary, beseeches Mr. Hazen to follow the example of the late government in the construction of useful public works.

It especially mentions the St. John Valley railway and close, with the reminder to Mr. Hazen that "the country would appreciate the action of the government if it would follow up the effort made by the late administration in this and other public works."

What a pity the Press could not have been honest enough to express this appreciation of the late government during its lifetime, instead of waiting until it was laid away in its grave.

Before Mr. Hazen came into power he and his supporters abused the late government for increasing the public debt by the construction of public works, including permanent bridges, and repairing the Central Railway to prevent it being cast into the junk heap, but now the people who did the grumbling and spread the slanders are urging Mr. Hazen to follow the example of the late government, no matter if the public debt is increased.

And Mr. Hazen will have to do it. And Mr. Provincial Secretary Fleming will have to find the money—borrow it as best he can just the same as the late government was compelled to do to meet the demands of the people for necessary public works.

Do you suppose for instance that Mr. Fleming will abandon the idea of erecting a steel bridge at Bath, in his constituency, an enterprise planned by the late government just because it cannot be built out of current revenue?

No, Mr. Fleming will borrow the money to do it and he will borrow to erect other bridges and other necessary public works all over the province, and the public debt will be increased just the same as it had been before the Provincial Secretary was heard of in public life.

And if does not do it but he and his government will go, for the people know pretty well what they want in the way of facilities for their own convenience and the development of the country. Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hazen may not like the blunt but friendly advice of their Woodstock organ "to follow up the effort made by the late administration" in the matter of constructing public works? but it is good counsel and appreciative of a government that was unfairly condemned and slanderously attacked throughout the country.

RUMBLINGS OF DISCONTENT.

Mr. Hazen is wearing a weary, jaded look these days, and is not in the best of shape to sit for the photograph which the Moncton Times so earnestly desires, that the country may get a better impression of the premier's personal appearance, which in its normal condition is indeed pleasing to the eye.

Mr. Hazen is troubled and worried over certain developments in the ranks of his supporters both within and without the legislature.

The cry for office and patronage, and the threats of disappointed place seekers is distressing the premier and his associates in the government. Some serious mistakes have been made already in dealing out positions and they started when Mr. Hazen selected his cabinet.

The back slap that Mr. Hazen gave Mr. Clarke, the brainiest man in his party, and one of the most popular, was unwarranted, and it is no wonder that the member for Charlotte and his friends resented the ill-treatment meted out to him, and was not seen in his place in the legislature since the opening until today.

Mr. Speaker Morrison, although

placated in a measure by the bestowal of the position he now occupies, turns green with envy when he ranges his optics on the front government benches, and sees Mr. Morrissey occupying the seat and drawing the salary which Mr. Morrison believes should have been his, and no amount of cajolery will convince the eminent Mr. Pinder that Mr. McLeod should have the seat in the cabinet which he (Pinder) coveted, and was promised up to the very eve of the government's formation.

Outside the legislature the feeling that Mr. Hazen is not equal to the task of wisely governing the country, is rapidly developing, as is the resentment of those who hoped to land somewhere in the land of emolument after having fought valiantly to seal the present premier in power.

Mistakes have been made in public appointments which have gone to men with little claim on public offices and less ability to fill them.

The dismissal of an old and faithful official like Mr. George Miles, without cause, and the appointment of a rank outsider to be caretaker of the Fredericton bridge, the nasty turn-down of Mr. Thorburn and other matters of a like nature, have aroused among the faithful in this constituency a feeling that poor judgment was dictated to the government in the disposal of its patronage in York.

Men who have toiled long and earnestly in the cause of the present government do not understand why their claims should be ignored, while the Blisses, the Jonahs, the Guthries and the Chappells are hoisted into positions.

The government is attempting to reap political advantage from alleged weak spots in the late administration but that will not last beyond the present year, and then the Hazen government will have to stand on its record rather than on the mistakes of its predecessors.

Is Mr. Hazen equal to safely piloting the government along its difficult pathway, is the question many of his friends are asking at the present moment, and they are in doubt as to the outcome. The Premier has slim support from his colleagues in the cabinet, perhaps with one single exception. They are men of only ordinary ability, lack experience and the whole combination is one that is likely to invite disaster, and deserve it before it has passed even a reasonable time in office.

The rumblings of discontent are already apparent in the party, and its early disintegration and destruction both in the House and in the country would create little surprise among those who are keeping in touch with the situation.

A SCHEME THAT FAILED.

The effort of his Tory enemies to brand Hon. Dr. Pugsley as an embezzler of public funds, has signally failed. It has been represented that the Minister of Public Works owed the provincial government a large amount of money when the late government was defeated, and that after the elections, he hurriedly returned the amount to the treasury in an effort to cover up the transaction. The records, however show that the province is really in debt to Dr. Pugsley for legitimate services performed by that gentleman when he was attorney general and that the money alleged to be overdrawn by him on an open account which had not been adjusted for some years was paid back before the provincial elections were held and before his party had gone out of power.

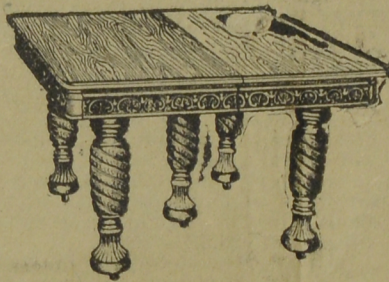
No man who knows Dr. Pugsley believes in his heart that the Minister of Public Works would appropriate to himself one dollar that did not honestly belong to him, that he had not honestly earned, and if there was delay in adjusting the account which he had with the government it was not only the fault of the minister most intimately concerned. The province of New Brunswick is indeed a debtor to Dr. Pugsley for the splendid service he gave in securing the adjustment of extensive claims which the provincial government had on the federal treasury. The securing of an extra subsidy of \$136,000 was one of the achievements for which Dr. Pugsley is largely credited and it was bitterly opposed by those who are now seeking to hoodwink that gentleman from public life.

Time and again in the legislature and on platform throughout the country Dr. Pugsley has successfully defended himself against the slanders of his enemies, who have utterly failed to destroy the confidence reposed in him as a gentleman who has the best interests of his native land at heart and has labored earnestly for its progress and prosperity.

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responsibility of asserting personal dishonesty on the part of Dr. Pugsley; that his dealings with the local government were with the view of pocketing funds which did not properly belong to him.

If there is such a man in the legislature or out of it, let him have the courage to get on his legs and make the charge open and above board, instead of harboring the slanders of the gutter snipe politicians—the men who exist on the carrion of public life.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Telegraph seems not to have observed Hon. Mr. Grimmer's announcement in the legislature that he had promoted Mr. T. G. Loggie to the position of deputy surveyor general.

The Tories who are obstructing the business of parliament by opposition to the elections bill, forget the days of the partisan revising barristers, who made and unmade voters at the direction of the Tory government.

The decision of the University Senate to confer honorary degrees on Governor Bulyea of Alberta, Chief Justice Wetmore of Saskatchewan, and Premiers Hazen, will meet with public approbation. All three gentlemen are distinguished graduates of the University who have achieved places of distinction.

Mr. Smith, M. P. P., at the public accounts committee declared his opposition to public men giving public offices to their brothers. How about brothers-in-law and nephews, Mr.

Smith? There is Mr. Glasier for instance, who has induced Mr. Hazen to supply the former's needy brother-in-law with a job, and Dr. McInerney, who ran his nephew into office the first week the new government was in power.

The Imperial House of Commons, by a vote of 201 to 7, has repealed the Irish Coercion act of 1887. Chief Secretary for Ireland Birrell strongly supported the repeal, declaring the coercion act to be unconstitutional and intolerable. He maintained that Ireland, as a whole, was law-abiding, although in parts there is a spirit of lawlessness, which he deplored. He said that any attempt to govern Ireland by coercion would be political insanity.

A young woman who happened to be out on the street in London early one morning noticed that the reflected light gave the sun the appearance of being in the west.

Not knowing with certainty the points of the compass, she asked a policeman which direction was west. He pointed to the place from which the sunlight seemed to stream.

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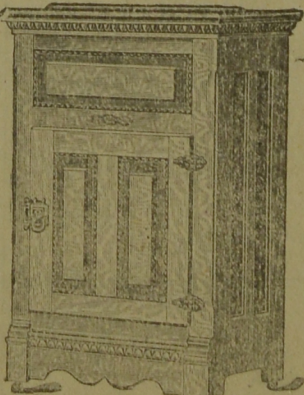
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