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IN THE OLD RUTS.

Mr. Hazen and his supporters in the legislature when in opposition were much given to attacks on the late government for employing lawyers outside the administration to conduct legal business, which the Tory critics said should be performed by the attorney general and solicitor general, without extra cost to the province.

This canvass was used in the recent campaign in every constituency, and Tory stumpers took great delight in parading from the public accounts the various amounts which legal friends of the late government received for services.

Perhaps the criticism was in a measure justified, but it was not always possible for the regular law officers of the crown to attend to all the petty government business in the courts, and quite naturally they employed political supporters to do that class of work.

But we have a new regime now, an administration solemnly pledged to wipe out all old abuses, to give us pure and economical government, and we have a right to expect a redemption of their pledges in all respects.

Alas, however, for the pre-election promises of Mr. Hazen and his associates. After only a month in power they have dropped into the old ruts which they so strongly condemned, and we find that at the present term of the Supreme court, a lawyer, who is neither attorney general nor solicitor general, but a warm supporter of the government, conducting a case for Mr. Hazen, with doubtless generous fees in prospect.

The new premier, therefore, has thus early in his official career violated yet another pledge which he gave to the country, and has commenced to run up a bill for legal expenses which he said was unnecessary and dishonest in the late government, while the country has two highly salaried officers, whose duty it is to conduct the crown business in the courts whenever and wherever it may arise.

NO SIGN OF ECONOMY.

The Hazen government seems to have already forgotten its economy pledges, and is proceeding on lines that indicate largely increased calls on the public treasury.

In the matter of exhibition grants, for instance, it is announced that for this year \$5,000 has been pledged to St. John and \$2,500 to Sussex, and that Woodstock is also to get a grant, the amount not yet named, but probably the same as that given to Sussex.

These grants will total \$10,000, or just double the amount authorized by the statute for exhibition grants for one year.

Doubtless there are other exhibition associations yet to be heard from and as Mr. Hazen does not seem to have the backbone necessary to resist the attacks of his friends on the treasury, the grant for exhibitions this year may be treble the amount authorized by law.

This is not a very good beginning for a government which has attained power largely on the pledge to conduct the affairs of the province on a more economical basis than has been observed in the past.

A TORY MUD SLINGER.

Mr. Bennett, a Tory member of parliament, who is ever ready to make insinuations against the government on the merest gossip, did not get much encouragement from his party friends in his recent attack on the minister of public works in connection with dredging contracts. To air his views Mr. Bennett broke into a debate on immigration matters, moving the adjournment and drew from the Montreal Star, a Tory newspaper, the following comment:

"Clearly the delay caused by Mr. Bennett's debate was not welcome to those interested in the immigration debate. David Henderson Halton (Conservative) gave the first evidence by declining to second Mr. Bennett's resolution. Then Mr. Verelle, Independent, and Dr. Chisholm, Conservative, united in formally declaring their lack of sympathy with the intrusion of a small dredging matter, interfering with a subject of such

great importance as immigration."

Mr. Bennett is the champion mud slinger of parliament, but in the dredging discussion Dr. Pugsley showed that the Tory M. P.'s inferences and deductions from the gossip he had heard were entirely wide of the mark.

CURRENT COMMENT

Mr. Hazen has already created thirty-eight new Justices of the Peace. That seems scarcely enough, and it is hoped that the government will take early opportunity of appointing more.

The Governor General and Countess Grey returned this week from Bermuda, and went straight to Washington, where they were the guests of British Ambassador Bryce, and lunched at the White House with President Roosevelt.

Evidently there is considerable interest in the Chatham civic elections, twenty candidates having been nominated for the eight aldermanic seats. Scott Act enforcement is an element in the contest.

Winston Churchill is having a hot fight for re-election in Manchester. He has two opponents, a Conservative and Socialist, both men of considerable strength, and Mr. Redmond is marshalling the Nationalists against the new minister. But Churchill is a fighter, and will win if an aggressive campaign counts for anything.

In discussing the dredging business in parliament, Hon. John Haggart is reported in his criticism of Dr. Pugsley, as observing that "a new set of morals was established by the minister from New Brunswick." It is to be fondly hoped that no such code of morals will be introduced anywhere as were attributed during the Tory regime to a minister with whom Mr. Haggart is tolerably familiar.

Mr. Borden has not stood the strain of the long parliamentary session as well as Sir Wilfred Laurier, who has regularly in his place in the House while the Opposition Tory leader has been compelled to seek relief from his old enemy rheumatism at an American health resort. All of Mr. Borden's friends, and he has many of them in both political parties hope that he may soon be restored to health and vigor. He is needed in parliament where the leadership of men like Mr. Foster, Dr. Sproule and George W. Fowler brings their party into disrepute.

There seems no good reason why Mr. George Miles, who has been the efficient caretaker of the Fredericton highway bridge should be dismissed from his position. So far as we have heard, there is no charge of partisanship against him, and nobody is prepared to say that he has not faithfully discharged his duty. The only ground for the attempt to dislodge Mr. Miles from his position is that some other fellow wants it, but the government cannot justify his removal on that basis. It is true that Mr. Miles is a Liberal, but that should not be to his discredit with the chief commissioner of public works, in whose department Mr. Miles is employed.

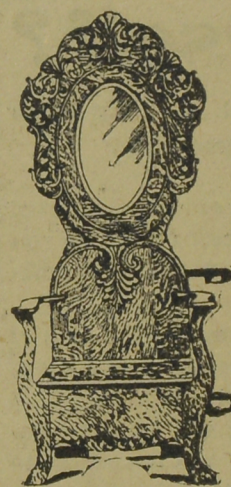
Hurried Dinners.

It is a mistake to eat quickly. Mastication performed in haste must be imperfect even with the best of teeth and due admixture of salivary secretion with the food cannot take place. When a huge mass of inadequately crushed muscular fibre, or undivided solid material of any description, is thrown into the stomach, it acts as a mechanical irritant and sets up a condition in the mucous membrane lining of that organ which greatly impedes, if it does not altogether prevent, the process of digestion. When the practice of eating quickly and filling the stomach with unprepared food is habitual, the digestive organ is rendered incapable of performing its proper functions. Either a much larger quantity of food than would be necessary under natural conditions is required, or the system suffers from lack of nourishment. Just as a man may go on for years with defective teeth, imperfectly masticating his food, and wondering why he suffers from indigestion; so a man may habitually live under an affliction of hurried dinners, and endure the consequent loss of health, without knowing why he is not well, or how easily the cause of his illness might be remedied.

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

VOTE FOR LICENSE.

to the Editor of the Herald:

Sir: The writer of the Scott Act letter headed "Facts For Thinking Citizens" no doubt thinks he has made a masterful stroke by the publication of his epistle in the papers of Wednesday. Unfortunately for him this letter instead of being a benefit to the cause he advocates only shows his own ignorance of the law. The object of his letter is to show that the License Law takes the control of the Licenses altogether out of the hands of the citizens. He says "It takes the control or management out of the hands of our citizens and places it in the hands of officials appointed by the Provincial government, and who are responsible only to the government and not to the citizens of Fredericton." He then states that the Board of License Commissioners and the inspectors are to be appointed by the government and he asks pathetically, but not wisely, "Where on earth do the citizens of Fredericton come in?" We will tell this ignorant person where the citizens of Fredericton come in by referring him to the 21st Section of the Liquor License Act. It is as follows: "If on or before the last day of January in any year a petition of one quarter of the ratepayers in any ward or parish in such city, town or parish is presented to the mayor of any city or town, or warden of any other municipality in districts of which, under this chapter, licenses may be granted, praying in such ward or parish in such city, town or

other municipality, on the question of whether or not having in view the quiet of the neighborhood and other circumstances, it is expedient that licenses shall be granted in such ward or parish, it shall be the duty of the council of such city, town or other municipality to have a vote taken as early as reasonably may be of the ratepayers of such ward or parish upon the said question. If a majority of the ratepayers on such vote being taken, declare against the granting of such license, no liquor licenses shall be granted in such ward or parish, either on the 1st of May next ensuing or until such decisions may be reversed."

This section would seem to show that the citizens of Fredericton may "come in" pretty strongly after the License Law is adopted for the residents of any ward by a majority vote may prevent any license being issued in their ward. The city of St. John, although under the License system illustrates this fact. The two Carleton wards, Guys and Brooks, have no licensed taverns, and never have had since the new License Law came into force. The residents of Carleton were usually termed Algerines, being a very religious people, will not tolerate any taverns on the west side but when they feel dry they go over to the east side and to Scott Act writers to read and study the Liquor License Act before they undertake to expound it. There never was and never can be a stricter or law than it is or one that more favors the cause of temperance.

Europe's Armies.
The armies of Europe, including Great Britain, number on a war footing 24,450,000 men.

The Venturesome Squirrel.

I have often wondered what passes through the minds of small creatures when they find themselves in strange places. This occurred to me very forcibly one day when I stood for half an hour watching the antics of a gray squirrel that had tried to cross a road on a two-inch cable and whose progress was not only blocked by the huge travelling steel bucket used to carry earth from an excavation to wagons, but whose life was threatened repeatedly when it got in the bucket's way. It was compelled to run at top speed every time the bucket came toward it, but the moment the latter began to spend the cable the squirrel, as cocky as ever, scrambled along behind.

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