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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Morrissy has passed two days in the company of his colleagues without Mr. Hazen asking him to resign, and there is little probability of the Premier seeking to disturb the Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Hazen has been designated by one of his newspaper organs as "weak kneed," and by another as "a leader who does not lead," so that there is little expectation that he will grapple with the peculiar situation in which he finds himself—sitting at the council board with a colleague who has just returned from assisting in the election of an opposition candidate.

Mr. Morrissy knows that his leader dare not dismiss him unless threatened with danger from another direction, but it is evident that the Chief Commissioner has active enemies who are doing what they can to oust him from the government.

Just how long Mr. Morrissy will stand for this, and just how long Mr. Hazen will be able to resist the pressure being brought to bear upon him, is problematical.

There are political leaders who would not hesitate a moment to ask for the resignation of a minister who had run counter to their wishes on a public question, but Mr. Hazen is not of that description.

When the late Mr. Tarte kicked over the traces, Sir Wilfrid Laurier promptly intimated to him that his presence was no longer desired in the federal cabinet, and Mr. Tarte's offence was mild from a party standpoint compared with what Mr. Morrissy has done to the government of which he is a member.

Sir Wilfrid, however, was strong enough to get along without his rebellious colleague, but Mr. Hazen realizes that without Mr. Morrissy his government would go to pieces.

The Chief Commissioner therefore will remain in his position until he is good and ready to step out, so far as Mr. Hazen is concerned, but it is just possible the conspirators who are after Mr. Morrissy's scalp, may be able to force the "weak kneed" Premier's hand, and they are earnestly working to that end.

In the meantime the country regards with amused amazement the spectacle of the Chief Commissioner and the leaders of the conspiracy sitting around the same council table, at the head of which is a Premier who dare not enforce obedience in his own official family.

A CAVALRY PARADE.

It is said that Mr. Hazen, who is very fond of pomp and display, is especially anxious for Col. Clinch to get his spindle legged Kentucky race horses here in time for the opening of the legislature. It is Mr. Hazen's idea if he is still Premier to be escorted from the Barker house to the parliament buildings by Col. Clinch's cavalry, and selections are already being made of those who will mount the animals. Col. Clinch himself, it is claimed, will ride Hoopstick by Fiddlesticks, and will have as adjutants Col. Duncan Thomas and Col. Chappelle, and inducements are being held out to Col. Pinder to take a position in the troop. There is said to be one balky horse in the lot, and the Solicitor General, the Surveyor General and the Hon. Robert Maxwell are endeavoring to prevail on Hon. Mr. Morrissy to occupy that animal with the hope that he may ride to a fall.

The spindle leggers are being fed on blue grass in Kentucky, with a view to having them sleek and glossy when Col. Clinch, escorting the Premier to the legislative opening, makes the grand tour of Queen street and vicinity.

There is also a rumor that the Solicitor General, the Surveyor General, the Provincial Secretary and the Hon. Robert Maxwell are insisting that they shall be permitted to appear in the parade, mounted on their Protestant chargers, and Mr. Hazen is not averse to this, providing that Mr. Morrissy is properly mounted. The details of the parade are being carefully worked out, and it is anticipated that it will be one of the most imposing affairs ever seen east of the Mississippi.

THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

It is announced unofficially that the session of the Dominion parliament is likely to open January 13, and there being a new House public interest will be centred at the federal capital a few weeks hence.

The Laurier government will meet parliament with a somewhat diminished majority, but quite sufficient for all purposes. The issues paramount during the recent campaign, have been passed upon by the electors of Canada, and the verdict was

there are always great projects looming up and demanding the attention of the people's representatives, and it can scarcely be expected that the public business can be concluded short of four or five months.

In the new House a feature particularly pleasing to New Brunswick Liberals will be the increased strength and prestige of the provincial leader, Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who after one of the fiercest campaigns in the history of the country, finds himself supported in parliament by nearly the entire delegation from his native province.

The Tory campaign to obliterate the Minister of Public Works, which was worked with such frenzy by his enemies, finally recoiled on their own heads, and Dr. Pugsley finds himself with a stronger following from New Brunswick than ever before, lined up behind a minister representing this province in the cabinet.

MR. PINDER'S AMBITION.

Mr. Pinder, who with his faithful friend and follower, Mr. John A. Young, recently made a pilgrimage to Chatham, to confer with Mr. Morrissy's enemies, is here in conference with local men, who would like to see the Chief Commissioner dismissed from his position. Mr. Pinder has been reading of Warwick the King-maker, and doubtless has reached the conclusion that backed up by such a clever strategist as Mr. Young, he can force Mr. Hazen to reconstruct his cabinet so as to include the gentleman from Nackawick. Whether Mr. Pinder expects to crowd the Solicitor General out, or compel Mr. Hazen to give York a second portfolio is immaterial to the ambitious York M. P. P. He has his eye on the public works department, and if he does not get it, he and Mr. Young are bound to know the reason why.

Mr. Pinder takes no interest in the Kentucky race horses, or any other matter or thing so long as the board of works is in the balance, with Mr. Pinder reaching out for the office and the salary that goes with it.

Mr. Pinder naturally claims to be one of the stalwarts of the Tory party, and it does seem hard that he has to herd outside where there are no plums to be plucked from the government tree.

CURRENT COMMENT.

There will be no war between Fredericton and St. John over St. John exhibition dates, the association of the latter city having chosen Sept. 6 as the date for opening their show, while Fredericton retains its original date, Sept. 14.

There is a rumor that Sir Montague Allen of Montreal may succeed Lord Strathcona as Canadian High Commissioner in London, when the latter, through advanced age, may desire to retire from the position which he has so greatly adorned.

President-elect Taft of the United States made his first public appearance since the election at Brooklyn a few days ago, to unveil a monument, and while he stood uncovered in a snow storm, some one in the large audience brought a smile to the future master of the White House by exclaiming "Put on your hat Bill."

Mr. Hazen's Fredericton organ, which a few days ago was demanding the official head of Mr. Morrissy, has become absolutely mum on the subject since the members of the government arrived in the city, but the campaign against the Chief Commissioner is still being worked underground.

The Conservative newspapers are quoting with evident satisfaction the advice which Sir Hilbert Tupper gave Mr. Borden as a political leader, just previous to sailing for the old country, but it is worthy of observation that the Vancouver Knight failed to render his leader any aid when he was struggling through the recent federal elections. Deeds, not words and fulsome flattery are what Mr. Borden would doubtless better appreciate from Sir Hilbert.

There are two projects in which our esteemed friend Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., seems to be especially interested at the present time, one is to get Mr. Morrissy out of the government, and the other to induce Mr. Geo. W. Fowler to withdraw his petition against Dr. McAllister, M. P., so that the election methods of Mr. Crockett's friends in York may not be aired in the courts. Mr. Crockett does not care to face another contest in this constituency.

The members of Mr. Hazen's Agricultural commission, after picnicking around the province all summer and autumn, are enjoying themselves at the Guelph winter fair, where the medical commissioner of agriculture is expected to absorb some information. What with paying the salaries and travelling expenses of the commissioners, and investing money in Kentucky race horses, besides boarding them out in that state, it is little wonder that the government is short of funds for the agricultural societies.

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