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CHOOSE THE BEST MEN

The aldermanic elections occur on Monday, and it is the duty of the electors to select the best men among the candidates whose services are available.

In scanning the list it would not appear a difficult matter to decide who these shall be, and it is reasonable to conclude that the new council will be much superior to the retiring one, in its business ability and representative character.

The administration of civic affairs during the past year has not been at all satisfactory to the citizens, who felt little confidence in the capacity of their rulers, but for the coming year it looks as if we shall have a council with a full appreciation of its responsibilities, and with sufficient business ability to discharge its duties satisfactorily to the ratepayers.

A gentleman has already been elected for Mayor, from whom the electors anticipate intelligent and faithful service, and he should be surrounded by aldermen capable of grasping the situation and serving the city zealously and unselfishly.

The electors therefore in deciding on Monday for whom they shall vote, should select the best available men in the various wards, and give them an emphatic endorsement.

CURRENT COMMENT

Even the Collins murder trial was made to do duty as a canvass against the government.

Amherst News: St. John of course did the usual thing. It administered a defeat to its best friends.

There is great depression in Moncton hockey circles. Fredericton has won the provincial championship from the railway town.

Mr. Hazen is not the first native of Sunbury to hold the premiership of New Brunswick. Hon. H. R. Emmerson was born at Manguerville.

Woodstock Sentinel: Scores of Liberals voted the straight opposition ticket, giving as their reason that fearful bogey, the Road Law.

In the county of St. John which was exempt from the operations of the Highway Act the government's majority was over 300. This fact is very suggestive.

The bill to appropriate \$300,000 for the Quebec ter-centenary celebration passed the House of Commons by a vote of 90 to 11, only a few Ontario Tories objecting to it.

The Sage of Gornish, says that one of Mr. Hazen's promises to Sunbury electors was that as soon as he got into power, all eggshells would be returned to the hens to be refilled.

Mr. Hazen must have whispered into Mr. Harry McLeod's ear that he scarcely measures up to a portfolio, or he would not have made such a painful exhibition of himself at the declaration proceedings.

No man with brains makes an exhibition of anger on a public platform. It is the small fry, with inordinate vanity and lack of mental equipment who shout, gesticulate and abuse their political opponents.

St. John is likely to elect Ald. Bullock to the mayoralty by acclamation, and the same distinction has been extended to his brother-in-law, Mr. C. Fred Chestnut in Fredericton. This looks like a kind of family compact.

Mr. Hazen in his speech at the Barker house did not say anything about Fredericton sewerage, but his constituents down river will expect their champion, as soon as he is sworn in, premier to take off his coat, don overalls and commence taking up the sewerage pipes.

At the Gloucester declaration proceedings Mr. Stewart, head of the Tory defeated ticket, charged that the Liberal members elected had made overtures for recognition as patronage dispensers under the new government, but this was strenuously denied by Mr. Byrne, one of the successful candidates.

Mr. Harry McLeod in his declaration speech exhibited his usual nastiness.

After the campaign of 1903 he applied the term "scurriolous" to the Gleaner, and he has now transferred it to the Herald. Swelled head is a disease peculiar to persons of Mr. McLeod's make-up. He should go into cold storage for about six weeks.

The election is over now, and quite a number of turbulent people will have an opportunity to cool off. There is our much esteemed friend the Hon. Richard Burpee Hanson for instance, who interrupted Mr. McLellan's declaration speech. "Dick" is a pretty decent sort ordinarily, but at election times grows unusually violent.

More applicants for portfolios in Mr. Hazen's government turned up at St. John Friday. The anxious ones included Mr. Jones of Kings, Dr. Bourque of Kent, Mr. Woods of Queen's, and our own Mr. Slipp, who had his second interview with the leader since the election. Mr. Hazen's troubles have already commenced.

About every man of the crowd gathered in front of the Barker house to cheer Mr. Hazen expects something and there isn't nearly enough to go around. The Herald suggests that Mr. Hazen might create several thousand J. P.'s after he has disposed of all the offices at his command. Such a distinction would no doubt be appreciated by our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Duncan Thomas if Major Howe beats him out in the race for the shrievalty.

Halifax Chronicle: While Tory organs will, of course, parade Mr. Hazen's victory as another of those "crushing blows" which they have been administering—in shrieking headlines—at the Laurier government at frequent intervals since 1897, the fact remains that Mr. Hazen did not dare to make his fight upon Federal party lines, but went up and down the province appealing for support not as a Conservative or as the leader of a Conservative opposition, but as the leader of a coalition opposition, and claiming the votes of Liberals as well as Conservatives on the strength of that appeal.

When Mr. Hazen started for the Sunbury declaration proceedings this morning the Hon. Louis Bliss was still clinging to the prospective premier's coat tails, and Prophet Thorne, who knows what it is to finance Mr. Hazen's Sunbury campaigns, also occupied a seat in the sleigh. Mr. Hazen was apparently taking the Prophet down to Burton that his friends might have opportunity to gaze on and admire the benevolent gentleman who has made it possible for the leader to secure majorities in his constituency. It is said that the Hon. Louis expects to succeed Mr. Bryce as British Ambassador at Washington.

LEOPOLD HAS YIELDED.

Congo Free State Will be Annexed By Belgium.

Brussels, March 6.—It is announced that King Leopold and the Belgian government have come to a complete agreement on the question of the annexation of the Congo Independent State. It is stated in official circles that agreement was made possible by an important concession by the King in consenting that the parliament have control of the Congo budget. In addition, the King gives to Belgium the magnificent domain of Caine Ferrat, in the south of France, reserving for himself the use of it, however, during his life time.

The Government on its part agrees to propose that the chambers vote a special fund to carry out certain undertakings in the Congo and in Belgium, which fund will not exceed \$12,000,000 and at the same time a special annual credit of \$600,000 vote be included in the Congo budgets for fifteen years, for the construction of hospitals and other institutions in the Congo.

It is expected that the annexation treaty in its new form will be presented to the Chambers on Wednesday or Thursday next. It was stated late last night that the Official Gazette will publish shortly a royal decree abolishing the Crown domain in the Congo Free State.

The sweeping concessions made by King Leopold are attributed to his dread of British intervention backed by the United States.

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir: Some time ago I saw in the Gleaner a letter from one of the supporters of the Scott Act signed "Citizen" in which he deprecates the use of personal abuse. All through the political campaign which is just over even when election fever was at its height I did not see a single letter that could compare with that of the Scott Act Committee. Mr. Scott, of vulgar vituperation and false premises. Scott Act Committee wrongly assumes that all the letters written over the different signatures which he quotes are the work of one person. In two cases I know he is wrong, because these two letters signed "Kappa" and "Sigma" respectively were written by me, and I have no connection with the parliament buildings of any sort, in fact I have not been inside them a dozen times in my life. I should like to point out that Scott Act Committee suffers badly from the inconsistency which is chronic with all fanatics. He objects to any one writing over more than one name or plume so what does he do. He selects what might be described as a Hydra headed pseudonym, under which the whole of the three allied armies of teetotalers, secret drinkers and illicit rum sellers can shelter themselves. Perhaps Scott Act Committee will be kind enough to explain to his fellow Scott Act imposters the meaning of "Hydra headed Pseudonym." I would not make this suggestion if Scott Act Committee had not found it necessary to explain to them the meaning of the words Kappa and Sigma. Surely it must be an obvious confession of weakness when Scott Act can only find fault with my letters on account of the signature. The letters themselves he very judiciously leaves alone. He takes no notice of my suggestion that the Scott Act Committee who are trying to recollect many for some purposes should make a declaration that they are each and individually totally unconnected with the liquor traffic, although it would help a great deal in bringing in subscriptions. He does not attempt to deny the advantages I mentioned as coming to us under this Scott Act committee as now administered. Can it be that the capacity for argument has been entirely destroyed by the power of abuse in the brains of Scott Act Committee? Let us look for a moment at the statements made by this spokesman and the three allied armies in the Gleaner of March 4th. One feels almost inclined to pity any one who is driven to so puerile facts in order to keep up the courage of his followers. He distinctly tries to make people believe that under a good license law the magistrate can stop the supply of liquor to a drunkard and only after he has brought complete ruin on himself and family. That is the part of the liquor seller under the Scott Act as now enforced. It is the illicit rum seller who will not stop the sale of

liquor as long as his victim can pay for it. It is the illicit rum seller who will see to it that no one gets any rum after he is ruined. It is the Magistrate under the good license law that can stop the supply of liquor before complete ruin has been made and Scott Act Committee has no right to cast such a slur on the Magistrate as to state that no steps would be taken before complete ruin had set in. He also stated that for every licensed bar there will be at least one unlicensed dive. If this statement is not intended to willfully mislead it shows such gross ignorance and folly as imply something deficient in Scott Act Committee's brains. Take any of the licensed trading, for instance in every town of any size there are licensed drivers of public vehicles, cabs, etc. Do these licensed drivers allow unlicensed men to drive? I frown not. Again in many cities, St. John, I believe among the number, non-resident workmen have to take out a license to work in the city. Do they allow our unlicensed men to work for any licensed man in his place? Not if the police reports are true. Every licensed liquor seller becomes an inspector and detective under a good license law from motives of self interest, motives thoroughly understood by Scott Act Committee. Scott Act Committee shows, if not the cloven hoof of the secret drinker, at least where the shoe pinches it. It is in big bold letters at the top of his letter "A cruel clause to the license Act" and he repeats it in big letters in the body of his epistle. I will put it in one word PUBLICITY. There it is. There is the great sin of the licensed Act. Try and imagine the painful position of the drinker in secret who upholds the Scott Act in public. He must either cease to live a lie and really be a teetotaler, or go into a respectable licensed bar. Who will live under this famous law? No. Let Scott Act Committee rally the three allied armies and boldly raise the standard blazoned with the "Scott Act and no enforcement forever," but let Scott Act Committee beware not to raise the cry Scott Act and rigid enforcement, for in the day that he does he will surely fall.

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