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MR HAZEN'S PROGRAM

The prospective premier of New Brunswick, Mr. Hazen, has not only Cabinet making difficulties to face at the opening of his career but he is up against a reform program which he advocated in the legislature and which if he was sincere and intends carrying out will seriously embarrass himself and his supporters. During the session of 1902 Mr. Hazen moved a series of resolutions embracing his platform and they included the following:

"The immediate abolition of the office of Solicitor General, having in view the reduction of salaries of members of the executive and the amalgamation of offices at present existing."

"The reduction of the number of members in the House of Assembly to thirty-eight, electoral divisions, each returning one member; the different divisions to be as nearly as possible equal in population, having regard to other interests; lines to be preserved as far as may be and the divisions to be made by an independent commission consisting of three judges of the Supreme Court."

"The reduction by at least one half of the amount allowed by the Attorney General for settling succession duties, a substantial reduction in the cost of public printing, a reduction in the travelling expenses of members of the executive, a reduction in the controllable expenditure of the province and such changes in the legislative and departmental machinery of the province as will lead to a substantial reduction in the cost thereof."

It is now up to Mr. Hazen to inaugurate these important reforms, and his first step is to abolish the Solicitor Generalship, and to make other reductions in the number of the executive by combining some of the portfolios. Mr. Hazen has often pointed to Nova Scotia as getting along nicely with three salaried members of the government, and why can not New Brunswick, a smaller province in population do the same. Mr. Hazen also declared that 38 members are sufficient for the House of Assembly, that the Attorney General's succession duties per centage was too large, that public printing can be done more cheaply. Indeed Mr. Hazen has declared that the latter service can be performed for half the present cost, and he submitted an offer a few sessions ago from the Moncton Times to undertake the contract at the lower rate. Mr. Hazen should immediately communicate with the Times and hold it to its offer.

Mr. Hazen has a very large majority of the legislature at his back, and the public will expect him to carry through the reforms he so earnestly advocated while in opposition.

REMOVING TO LONDON

Hon. Joe Martin, who in the past twenty years has cut quite a conspicuous figure in politics, in Manitoba, and later in British Columbia, and who for a time was a member of the governments of both provinces, announces that he is removing to London, G. B., to practice law. He also intends to take a stunt at journalism in the old country, and may seek to enter the British parliament, so it will be noted that there are stormy times ahead for the people of England.

Hon. "Joe" is known as the stormy petrel in western political circles, and has had more ups and downs than any other man who has entered public life in Canada.

He has been in the Dominion parliament, the Manitoba legislature and the British Columbia assembly, but he never stayed very long anywhere. He was too strenuous a politician for even the very strenuous west. He is not without ability both as a lawyer and a politician, but lacked the personal characteristics

ties to carry him to permanent success, and esteem in the public mind.

THE VACANT OFFICES

It would seem to be generally admitted that Premier Robinson, constitutionally and according to all precedent has the right to make appointments to public offices vacant when the government was defeated at the polls, and these include the reportership of the supreme court, the registrarship of probates in York, and the judgeship of probates in St. John.

The kick that Lord Aberdeen put up against the Tupper government in 1896 was to frustrate the Tory effort to make life appointments such as senatorships, etc. He raised no objection to the filling of vacancies existing when the government was defeated, nor is Lt. Governor Tweedie likely to do so, if he follows constitutional usage and precedent in the matter.

CURRENT COMMENT

Halifax Herald (Tory): Hon. Mr. Robinson appears to take the defeat at the polls in a spirit that does him credit.

Richibucto Review: The one and only cause for defeat of the government candidates in Kent was the Highway act.

This is the last day of Mr. McLeod's occupancy of the mayoralty, and the city will breathe more comfortably hereafter.

The St. John Globe is still engaged in rib sticking Hon. Mr. Pugsley, the Liberal leader in this province. The motive is apparent.

It seems Mr. Wilson of St. John is also after a cabinet position, and the relations between him and Mr. Maxwell are somewhat strained.

Up to date Mr. Hazen has offers from twenty-three of his supporters in the legislature who are willing, yea anxious, to accept cabinet positions.

Mr. Pinder has not yet given up hope that he will be chief commissioner of public works, and Mr. McLeod expects to be solicitor general. The breach is widening.

Mr. Fleming is busy figuring up how he can build steel bridges and other useful public works without adding to the public debt. How would you like to be Mr. Fleming?

A meeting of the local government will be held here Thursday next, to close up their business, and before the end of the week doubtless Mr. Hazen will be called upon to form a new ministry.

The speeches of the successful candidates in York at the declaration day proceedings did not hold out much hope to Mr. Duncan Thomas or Major Howe that either would win in the shrievalty race. The speakers seemed to be very well satisfied with the present sheriff who was warmly eulogized for the efficient and impartial discharge of his duties. This is certainly discouraging to one section of the office seeking outfit.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES

Sydney's Big Hotel Gutted--Coal Plant Ruined

SYDNEY, N. S., Mar. 9.—Fire Sunday night rendered the Sydney hotel unfit for occupation and caused damage estimated at between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars, besides a considerable business loss, as it will take some days to put the well known hostelry in shape to resume accommodation.

The blaze started in the kitchen at about ten o'clock, and in half an hour or so the all out signal sounded. This was followed by another alarm at about midnight, the fire starting presumably in the same place.

Considerable difficulty was experienced by the firemen, who did not succeed in completely suppressing the blaze until six o'clock this morning. While some parts of the building were untouched by the flames, the water damaged much property, and even some of that saved will be unfit for use.

The northern wing suffered heavily and the kitchen and the ice house was burned, but the stables, which were only four feet from the burning building, were uninjured. There were no casualties, the guests removing themselves and property with little trouble. It is understood that E. Leifert Willis, the proprietor, will have the hotel repaired at once. The loss is covered by insurance.

HALIFAX, March 9.—At about 1.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon fire started at the coal washer of the Dominion Coal Co., near Port Morien, C.B., and completely destroyed the plant, leaving nothing but a small trestle standing. The loss is estimated at about a hundred thousand dollars, covered by insurance, well known hostelry in shape to re.

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

To the Editor of the Herald:

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see one letter from the Scott Act committee which was free from personal abuse. I refer to the one published on Friday last, in which the opinions of Judge Steadman and Police Magistrate Marsh were quoted, and in which they said before the Prohibition commission in 1892 that the Scott Act had lessened drinking in Fredericton. Two things strike me in this connection, the first is, that this evidence was given nearly sixteen years ago, or to be exact on the 13th of August, 1892. In the second place although I have a great deal of respect for both the gentlemen named, I do not think that their experience enables them to speak with much authority on this subject. Both are total abstainers, and I doubt whether either of them was ever in a bar room in his life. They do not go where drinking is carried on or where liquor is sold and therefore they have no personal knowledge of the subject one way or the other. The number of arrests for drunkenness in a city like Fredericton, where there are so few policemen is no criterion of the amount of drinking that goes on. I would prefer to take the evidence of a man who had more experience than either Judge Steadman or Judge Marsh. The following evidence was given before the Prohibition commission by Mr. John A. Morrison, Jr., in regard to the operation of the Scott Act.

How many men are employed in your mill? One hundred.

Do the men who drink lose time? No.

Would you keep them if they did? No. We have found more loss of time by men not having proper diet than by drink.

Why do you consider the Scott Act a farce? It has not stopped drinking; it may have reduced beer drinking, but it has increased whiskey drinking.

Do you think the hotels and other places sell liquor? I think there are places in town that sell liquor.

Are the police as vigilant as can be expected? I think so.

What is the reason the law is not enforced? The people are not in favor of it.

But the people do not vote against it?

There are lots of people who vote for the Scott Act who drink.

You have had experience in Maine? Yes; we lumber there.

There is a prohibitory law in force there? Yes; I believe so, but I never saw it enforced.

Is not the act enforced? You can always get a drink in Bangor.

Have you had experience in any other places in the State? Yes, in Houlton, Calais, Portland, St. Francis and other places.

And there is no prohibition there? Not that I saw. A man received three Winchester bullets in him last winter for trying to enforce it in St. Francis.

Was that an officer? Yes, the deputy marshal.

Was it evident that the sentiment of the people was not in favor of it? They who shot him were against it.

But this law has been submitted to the people, and they re-affirmed it by 50,000 or 60,000 majority? They are like our Scott Act people. They vote for prohibition but they drink.

Are you in favor of high license? Yes.

Do you think the licensees would aid the authorities in suppressing the illicit places? I do not know, but I would be in favor of high license. We did not have anything like as much drinking among our men under the license law as we have today, because there is so much home drinking.

You have no trouble on account of the drinking habits of your men? Very little. We have a case once in a while, but it is not often, though our men nearly all drink; there are no restrictions put on that.

You do not demand that they shall abstain from the use of liquor? We never think of such a thing.

Has drunkenness increased of late years? I do not think it has decreased.

CIVIS.

Two young ladies on the promenade of a seaside resort had been watching the vessels pass, through a telescope lent them by an "ancient mariner." On handing the glass back one of them remarked that it was a very good one.

Yes, Miss, said the old tar; that ere telescope was given me by Lord Nelson.

Good Gracious! Why, Nelson has been dead nearly a hundred years. Well, I'm blowed, remarked the salty one, quite abashed; 'ow the time do fly!

You shouldn't run after a car during the rush hour, said the conductor, reprovingly.

Why not? panted the man addressed, climbing aboard.

The abnormal chest expansion due to the effort to draw into the lungs a sufficient supply of oxygen to repair the waste caused by accelerated heart action crowds the other passengers, exclaimed the conductor.

Plump figures, said the woman who was reading the fashions, are going out of style.

Nonsense! answered her husband. Food is rather expensive. But the situation isn't as bad as that.

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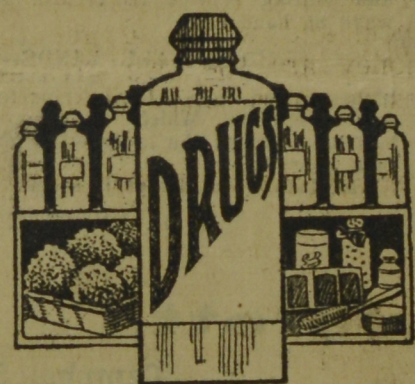
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