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ORGANIZATION NEEDED.

Is it not about time, in view of the likelihood of an early federal election, that the Liberal party in this province was making a practical move towards effective organization? If there is a regular organizer he cannot get to work a moment too soon, and if there is no such official, one should be appointed without further delay. The present local government is in office largely because of the effective organization work carried on for months before the election, and the late government neglected to take precautions in the matter of organization, and paid the penalty of defeat.

They are the best friends of the Liberal party in New Brunswick who urge that now is the time to get to work and effectively organize in every constituency in the province.

This can be all the more readily done because of the fact that in most of the constituencies the Liberal candidates are already practically in the field, but without early and complete organization their chances of success are largely discounted.

DANGER AVERTED.

A timely awakening to real conditions has saved the Hazen government from an embarrassing situation in Fredericton.

For some years Mr. Richard A. Estey, who is a Liberal, but has not recently taken an active part in politics, has admirably filled the position of superintendent of roads in the outlying districts of the city, but recently he was displaced and Mr. John Reid, jr., appointed to the position.

Then there were wigs on the green. Inquiry was made into Mr. Reid's political pedigree, and horror of horrors, it was discovered that Mr. Reid is a Liberal, although he voted for the Hazen crowd in the last election, and he was summarily dismissed, and Roadmaster McKay, a good Tory, appointed to the vacancy.

It was a narrow escape for the government, and they are deeply humiliated because a Liberal, one of their own appointments, occupied an office for fully a week.

Justice, however, has been done, and Mr. Hazen and his associates will breathe more freely. But will the city roadmaster, who is a paid servant of the city, have the time to give to the government service?

CENTRAL RAILWAY COMMISSION

The names of the gentlemen selected by the local government to investigate the affairs of the Central railway are announced as Mr. Justice Landry of the Supreme court bench, Mr. F. McDougall, manager of the Royal Bank at Moncton, and Mr. Almon I. Teed, merchant of St. Stephen.

There is no doubt the composition of the commission has created considerable surprise in the public mind, and aroused criticism.

There is no Liberal on the commission, but in ignoring members of that party for which Mr. Hazen when he was in opposition professed such admiration, and the assistance of which he humbly implored, is but following the course he adopted the very moment he came into power. The motto of the government is "No Liberal need apply," and wherever possible Liberal officials are dismissed to make room for Tory partisans.

It is questionable whether a judge of the Supreme court should accept an appointment from the local government, which will bring him prominently into a partisan enquiry.

The chief object of the commission is to endeavor to make party capital against men who are conspicuous in the Liberal party, but were it an effort to discredit Conservatives it would be equally objectionable for a Supreme court judge to mix up in that kind of business.

Judge Landry has important duties to perform in his position on the Supreme court bench, for which he is paid the very generous salary of \$6,000, and it would seem more in keeping with the dignity of his position and the public interest, that he should decline to mix up in partisan enquiries.

Mr. McDougall, another of the commissioners, may be an excellent banker, but cannot be expected to know much about railways. He has

one important qualification, however, which must have weighed well in the minds of the government members. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Frank Black, one of the twice defeated Tory candidates in Westmorland, who distinguished himself a few days ago by making an indecent attack on Hon. H. R. Emmerson.

Mr. Teed, the third commissioner, is a St. Stephen merchant, who has made some money, and for that reason at least, is considered an important personage in Tory circles.

The commission as a whole will not be considered strong in ability or practical knowledge. Probably none of them has much idea of railway matters, but none of them are Liberals, and that will satisfy the great bulk of Mr. Hazen's political friends. Is it not possible that Judge Landry's employers, the federal government, and more particularly the department of justice, may refuse him permission to engage in work outside his regular duties on the Supreme court bench?

CURRENT COMMENT.

The federal government proposes granting the Canadian Northern Railway company a generous cash bonus to construct a railway to Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay.

All the local government is doing for immigration is to pay \$2,000 to a London weekly newspaper for an advertisement, four inches square. Mr. Hazen has even cut off the allowance to the Salvation Army for bringing new settlers into this province.

Mr. O. S. Crockett is represented as "lashing" Dr. Pugsley in parliament, but it transpires that the Minister of Public Works was not present when the bumptious little fellow gave vent to his petty spleen. Mr. Crockett invariably chooses an occasion when Dr. Pugsley is absent to attack that gentleman.

Announcement is made that the local government will provide \$12,000 for the immediate repair of a section of the Central railway. What, pour more good money into what Mr. Hazen described as a sink hole, and his friend the solicitor general, declared was only "two streaks of rust and a right of way." Preposterous!

It is an outrage that the cannons that ornament the bank of the river are not permitted to remain in position, but are ruthlessly displaced by some miserable persons, who, if detected, should get a term in jail. The Local Improvement association are annually put to considerable expense in undoing the mischief wrought to the cannons, and no effort should be spared in ferriting out the offenders.

Friday witnessed another day of Tory obstruction in parliament, and drew from government supporters the suggestion that it may be necessary to amend the rules of the House so that half a dozen Tories will not be able to hold up the public business for weeks and months by senseless chatter over dead issues.

In the meantime the civil service officials, the customs, post office, railway and other employees of the government are without their pay, due entirely to Tory obstruction.

Mr. Hazen is running a government of commissions. He has created a commission on agriculture, a commission on the Central railway enquiry, besides appointing commissioners to run that road when the work might very well be done by the public works department. When the premier cannot think of any other big commissions to issue, he sits down and writes out commissions for unnecessary justices of the peace all over the country. Mr. Hazen is running up expenses at a terrific rate.

HARDEN-BURPEE.

Daughter of Well Known C. P. R. Official Married at Henderson, Me.

The home of Mr. C. W. Burpee, divisional superintendent of the C. P. R., and Mrs. Burpee, at Henderson, Me., was the scene of a very pretty event Wednesday evening, June 3rd, when their daughter, Bessie Louise, was united in marriage to Donald L. Harden, M. D., of Brownville, Me. The marriage was solemnized in the spacious drawing room, which was prettily decorated with carnations and roses.

The groom was supported by his brother, Guy L. Harden of Boston, while the bride was attended by Miss Carrie Boyer of Woodstock, N. B. Immediately after the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served, after which the happy couple left for a trip to Montreal, Toronto and other Upper Canadian cities.

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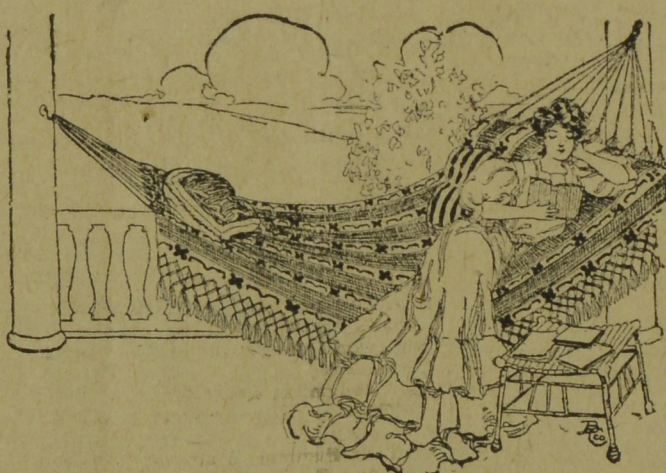
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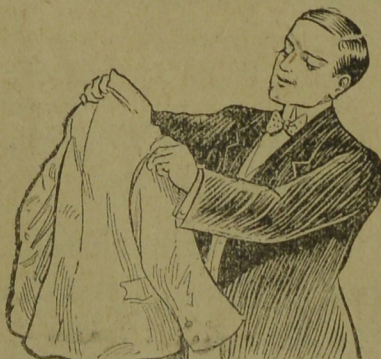


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Sussex Record—Hon. Justice White is back from P. E. I., where he purchased a pair of matched black drivers. The animals are well bred and will make a most attractive team.

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

The Gaffer.

Bertie (to caddy, searching for lost ball)—What are you looking there for? Why, I must have driven it fifty yards farther! Diplomatic Caddy—But sometimes they hit a stone, sir, and bounce back a terrible distance.

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