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ROUGH USAGE.

Mr. Hazen's double tax road law is getting it in the neck wherever it makes its appearance.

Mr. Hazen has so little confidence in his own creation, and has learned so much of its unpopularity throughout the province that he decided to hold up the new law for the present, and submit its provisions to the various municipal councils for suggestions.

In other words Mr. Hazen reached the conclusion that he and his supporters in the legislature were unable and incompetent to frame a road act that would meet the requirements of the country and be acceptable to the people; they had tried their hand and had produced an abortion which they dare not proclaim as the law of the land, and they referred it to the councils to bring order out of chaos, to help an incompetent government out of an ugly hole. Mr. Hazen and his friends in other words, handed over their functions and authority to legislate to the municipal councils, but the latter so far have declined to accept the responsibility of rescuing the government from its unpleasant situation.

The councils, so far as they have met and considered the road law, have done more. They have condemned some of its leading provisions, and Mr. Hazen finds that his courts of appeal are rendering strong verdicts against him and the blundering legislation with which he has attempted to saddle the country.

The Sunbury council, by an almost unanimous vote, not only failed to make any suggestions to the government for the betterment of the new act, but passed a resolution declaring that the act of the old government was superior to the new, which Mr. Hazen and his colleagues had announced as one of the greatest pieces of legislation ever placed on the statute book.

The Kent County council, when asked to make suggestions as to the new act refused to do so, and called upon Mr. Hazen to carry out his promises to the people in the matter.

The Carleton council boldly attacked Mr. Hazen's road act, and passed a resolution condemning its double tax feature, the motion having been made by a Conservative.

Mr. Hazen will hear of this action with dismay, and will feverishly await the result. In the other municipal councils of the province, yet to speak on the matter.

The new road law is a Jonah for the government, when it was declared by its promoters to be just a perfect piece of legislation, for which the country had long been clamoring.

Mr. Hazen's blundering as a law maker and administrator is being made more apparent every day, and at the first opportunity the electors will invite him to retire from a position, for which he evidently has few, if any, qualifications.

PRETTY SHARP TALK.

President Roosevelt, whose term of office expires March 4th, with the formal inauguration of his successor, Mr. W. H. Taft, is going out in a strident manner, well befitting his whole record at the White House.

Mr. Roosevelt, during his seven as the chief executive of his country, has made many warm friends and admirers, and he can number not a very few pronounced enemies among even leading men of his own party. He is a very strong willed man, who brooks no interference in administering his office, and there has been complaint that he is needlessly meddlesome and overbearing in the discharge of his duties, and that he touches many inferior questions, quite beneath the dignity and outside the immediate jurisdiction of a president. He denounces those who oppose his will in very vigorous Anglo-Saxon, and he is represented by the cartoonists as a man who carries a big stick with which he figuratively thumps the skulls of all who get in his way.

Recently Mr. Roosevelt has got into hot water with congress by a message to that body, couched in language and enunciating a policy which the legislators have warmly resented.

This feeling has found many voices, not only in congress but in the press, but perhaps one of the most cutting indictments against the president's manner and way of doing things was uttered by Senator Tillman in the upper chamber a few days ago.

"The President," Senator Tillman said, "lived in a house of which even the floor was glass. Later on in the session it was his intention to devote some time to bringing Theodore

Roosevelt face to face with his true self, so as to let the people of the United States see what sort of man they had bowed down to. For the present he would content himself with applying to him this quotation from Spencer:

"He ranges throughout the whole world; neither is there any that can restrain him. Of late he has grown especially presumptuous and pestilent, barking and biting at all alike whether they be blame-worthy or innocent. None are free from his attacks. He spares neither the learned wit nor the gentle poet, but rends and tears without regard of person, reason or time."

The bitterness of this attack astonished the Senate and the crowded galleries, and has aroused much comment throughout the country. One can scarcely fancy a member of the British parliament applying such language to His Majesty the King, or even a member of the Canadian parliament so venomously attacking the governor general, although on a certain occasion some years ago Sir Charles Tupper in the House of Commons was quite insulting to the governor general, Lord Aberdeen, who had refused to confirm the appointment of scores of officials whom Sir Charles had designated for positions after his government had been defeated at the polls, and immediately preceding its resignation, to make way for the Laurier Ministry.

Mr. Roosevelt, however, in spite of the denunciation levelled against him, has undoubtedly been one of the strongest and most popular presidents that ever occupied the White House, and he has plenty of friends who firmly believe that he will be Mr. Taft's successor.

In the meantime the president is preparing for his lion hunting expedition in Africa, and the snarling of the Washington politicians will prepare him for the howls of the wild beasts he will encounter in the dark continent. He will meet there lots of critters that will "bark, bite, rend and tear" him if he is not quick with his fowling piece.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Tennessee upper house has passed a prohibitory liquor law by a vote of 62 to 36.

License reduction is to be the rallying cry of Halifax temperance men in the approaching civic elections. They propose an agitation to reduce the number of liquor licenses issued in the city by forty.

Mr. Hazen should also get the opinion of the municipal councils on his importation of Kentucky racers. It would scarcely be more favorable than the pronouncement of those bodies on the double tax road act.

At last the municipal councillors of Carleton have decided to erect a new court house, and the building will be put up at Woodstock, where it should be located. The old court house, a ramshackle affair that should have been demolished years ago, is at Upper Woodstock, two miles away from the town of Woodstock, and its location is a source of great inconvenience to judges, lawyers and suitors.

Hon. John Morrissey is to go to Ottawa as a delegate to urge for the Chatham exhibition association the Dominion exhibition grant. The Chief Commissioner will naturally come in contact with the Minister of Public Works, leader of the Liberal party in this province, and the opportunity would seem favorable for a political re-christening of "Honest John," who at present in Tory company is still proud to declare himself a Liberal, and expects to die in that faith.

Recently an Ottawa despatch in the St. John Globe mentioned the names of Senators John V. Ellis of St. John, and J. K. Kerr of Toronto, as candidates for the position of Speaker of the Senate, and the announcement is now made that Senator Kerr has plucked the plum, which was in the gift of the government. The new Speaker is a prominent prominent lawyer, was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Commons in Centre Toronto in 1891, and was called to the Senate in 1903. He is a native of Guelph, 67 years old, and his first wife, now deceased, was a sister of Hon. Edward Blake.

ENQUIRY FINISHED

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quiry was quasi parliamentary, and it was right for the surveyor general to procure any documents bearing on the case.

Mr. Powell remarked that he did not care whether the affidavits were admitted or not.

The surveyor general said he scarcely thought it necessary to retain the affidavits as evidence. He had sufficient before him to enable him to reach a decision.

At the conclusion of the addresses of counsel the Surveyor General announced that he would carefully consider the evidence and give a decision at a later stage.

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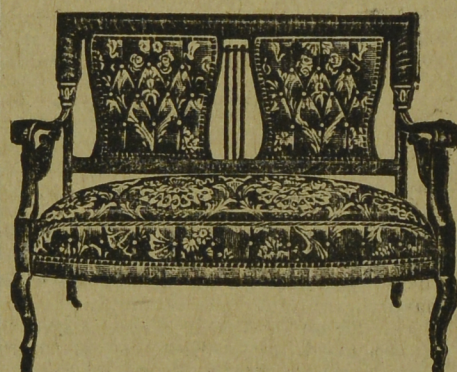
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The Ursuline order possesses peculiar interest for Canadians, as its members were among the first to be sent to Canada when the Catholic Church was establishing its outposts in new France. The order is closely associated with the early history of Quebec. It was to the Ursuline convent that Montcalm was carried when he received his mortal wound on the field of battle, and it was in the Ursuline chapel that he was laid at rest. The Ursulines have always been exclusively a teaching order, and the convent in which Miss Dwyer and Miss Strickland were received at Chatham has existed there for sixty years.

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