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FISHING FOR LUMBERMEN.

Although Mr. Mott is only recently announced as a convert to the opposition, that gentleman has taken on himself the responsibility of throwing out a bait for the lumbermen's support for Mr. Hazen and his party. Mr. Mott in a card to the electors of Restigouche, in which he attempts to justify his political somersault, says: "I am prepared to guarantee there will be no increase of the present stumpage rates under Mr. Hazen's leadership, but on the contrary I believe a reduction to 75 or 80 cents is possible without depleting the provincial treasury to the extent of a dollar. Further, if possible, without neglect of the treasury, to reduce to the competitive figure of the Quebec government—65 cents per thousand—it should be done."

This sudden affection of the opposition for lumbermen is certainly most touching, but will probably not deceive those gentlemen, who have been held up to ridicule and abused by opposition organs and stumpers, as men who have corrupted the constituencies in the interest of the government.

Mr. Mott must consider the lumbermen very gullible if he thinks they will swallow the bait he has prepared for them. What warrant has he for stating, or at least leaving it to be inferred that that Mr. Hazen, if he returned to power, would reduce the stumpage.

When Mr. Blair made a reduction from \$1.25 to \$1.00 the whole opposition pack were after him, and he was accused of making a deal, although the reduction was made at a time when the lumber industry was languishing and deserved liberal treatment at the hands of the government. Now Mr. Mott steps in and declares that a reduction to 65 cents would be the proper thing.

Mr. Mott's friends have charged that the treasury suffers from dishonest scaling, or rather lack of scaling, and he should have been willing to back the government up in its effort to collect in full the stumpage dues. But what do we find in Mr. Mott's own case. Did he assist the crown land office to enforce stumpage collection in Restigouche county? Quite the contrary. Because a lumber scaler was dismissed for neglect of duty where Mr. Mott's friends were concerned, Mr. Mott has turned against the government, although he puts forward the Muskoka Company business to cover his tracks. On this point the Chatham Advance makes the following statement:

"It is not saying too much to assert that it is because Mr. Mott's friends were not permitted to obtain several millions of feet of logs off Crown lands without payment of stumpage—thus withholding a part of its legitimate revenue from the province—that he fell out with the government. He says nothing in his card of the fact that information of unreported and unsealed lumber operations going on in Restigouche reached the department some time ago, and the matter being enquired into led to an order being given to the local scaler—a particular friend and protégé of Mr. Mott—to go and scale the logs, which the official refused to do. Another scaler was sent to do the work and found some five millions feet, the cutting of which had been concealed. Mr. Mott resented this as an interference with his rights in connection with the administration of government affairs in his county, and there were then rumors of his withdrawing his support from the administration.

When Surveyor General Dunn dismissed the scaler who had positively refused to scale the logs referred to, Mr. Mott again "kicked" and demanded his reinstatement. The government, however, was obliged to resist Mr. Mott's importunities in the matter, and he had not been any too reliable an adherent since, although his demands for

privileges for his friends, at the sacrifice of the public interests, did not cease."

A LIFELESS CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Hazen and Mr. Macinerney have been campaigning in Carleton and Victoria counties, but the Herald's advice are that their reception both at Florenceville and Andover was anything but enthusiastic. Probably the people up there agree with Mr. Teed, of St. Stephen, who observed at an opposition gathering that "he was not in favor of the methods of the present opposition and thought there should be able men who would place a good platform and men who would not be working for their own selfish ends, but men who would be above everything else save the interests of the people alone."

At the Andover meeting, our old friend Mr. Titus Carter who presided talked everybody into insensibility before the St. John orators got a chance to display their oratory.

The St. John missionaries are displaying themselves at Burton this evening, and it will be the first opportunity the people down there have had of viewing the champion political acrobat recently from Kent.

IN CHARLOTTE.

Commenting on the recent opposition caucus in St. Stephen at which Mr. Almon Teed declared his lack of confidence in Mr. Hazen and his associates, the St. Andrew's Beacon says:

"The opposition meeting in St. Stephen did not develop any new material, or any new ideas. It was the same old opposition—the same men who fought tooth and nail against the late Hon. James Mitchell—the same men who were arrayed against Hon. H. R. Emmerson. It was the same old story—the same old hunger for office—the same old yarns about government extravagance, neglect and the like—the same old bid for votes."

And our contemporary might have added, the same old defeat awaits the opposition in Charlotte.

The Beacon is not quite correct. Some prominent gentlemen who formerly acted with the opposition were not present at the caucus. Like Mr. Teed they have no confidence in Mr. Hazen's leadership.

NEVER WILL BE MISSED.

Evidently Mr. Mott's defection from the government ranks is giving Premier Tweedie no uneasiness. He told a Montreal interviewer that Mr. Mott is politically dead in Restigouche, and will certainly be defeated if he offers as an opposition candidate. Hon. Mr. LaBillois and Mr. McLatchey unite in their followings the elements of strength in the constituency. Mr. Hazen and some other opposition missionaries are going into the county next week to put forward a ticket, and the government's friends will no doubt be pleased if Mr. Mott is selected as one of the twain to be defeated.

At Gananoque, Ont., where Mr. Tarte was banquetted by the Manufacturers' Association, he explained that in his past and present utterances upon the tariff he had spoken and was speaking for himself, and did not claim to be representing the feelings, sentiments or opinions of his colleagues. If he thought in doing that he was overstepping the limits of his responsibility as a Minister of the Crown he would not be amongst them. He was there perhaps more as a member of Parliament than as a Minister.

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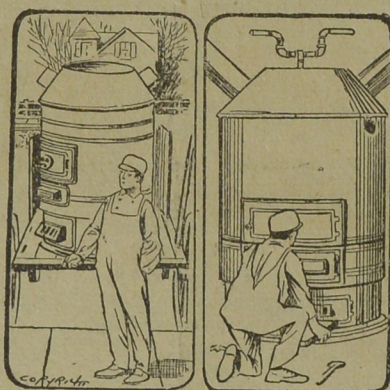
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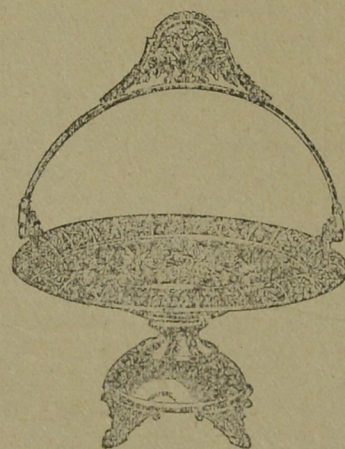


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