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OPPOSITION ANXIETY.

The mere contemplation of the local elections seems to send a cold shiver down the backs of the opposition, if we are to judge from the nervous anxiety of Mr. Hazen and his newspaper supporters.

The leader has been in Fredericton talking over his plans with his supporters, trying to make some kind of a combination for presentation to the electors in the campaign, but the magnitude of the task, the discouraging conditions, are said to have weighed very heavily on Mr. Hazen, and he went back to St. John with absolutely no hope of redeeming this constituency from the government. The opposition in York is a very helpless and disorganized body, and held out little encouragement to their leader.

The Sun which, four years ago, was filled with the grandeur of the Moncton convention and its resolutions calling on all Conservatives to oppose the government, is now beseeching Liberals to withdraw their confidence from the ministry, and even intimates that the Minister of Railways should take no interest in the government's success. This is richness, ghastly humor of which only the Sun editor is capable.

While the Sun and Globe are laboring to draw Liberals as well as Conservatives into the opposition net, some of the former friends of the Conservative party are openly noted as willing to accept a government nomination. The Moncton Transcript says a rumor is prevalent that Mr. Sumner, ex-M. P. of that city, is not unwilling to run on a government ticket, and his business partner at Bathurst is named by the Times as a probable government candidate in Gloucester. A rumor also comes from Charlotte that a prominent Conservative and member of a former opposition ticket may offer as a supporter of the government. These reports show how little stock Conservatives at least, are taking in the Sun and Globe appeals against the government, and it may be accepted as a fact that the Liberals who are supporters of the government will not be drawn from their allegiance by such appeals as are addressed to them by the Tory organ.

The government when it appeals to the people for a renewal of confidence, will know neither Liberals nor Conservatives, but will ask support on the excellent administrative record it has made during the past four years. Both political parties are represented in the executive, it has the support in the present legislature of members of both parties, and the province, having in the last election unmistakably pronounced against local party divisions on Dominion lines, the administration will be fully justified in soliciting the support of the electors irrespective of federal party affiliations. New Brunswick enjoys good government under the coalition system which has been in effect continuously since Mr. Blair assumed the reins of office in 1883, and men of both Dominion parties will unite to continue the present government in power, because it has given the province clean, progressive administration. Mr. Hazen, of course, wants to get into office, and his organs are very hungry for government patronage, but the people who look beyond mere personal interests, will prefer experienced public men to those who have yet to show ability of an order that entitles them to the confidence of the country.

The opposition organs speak of deals attempted by the government in view of the elections, but they might find employment of their talents in describing the anxious efforts Mr. Hazen and his

lieutenants are making all over the province to find tickets for the contest, and an interview with the opposition leader, particularly with reference to his pilgrimage to Fredericton, would be interesting.

SHOULD BE DISCIPLINED.

Senator Wood, of Sackville, who for quite a number of years has been as consistent a Conservative as he was Liberal, up to 1878, will have to be taken in hand and disciplined by his party friends.

The Senator, who carries on a very extensive business in several lines, cannot hide from his own eyes, the ample evidences of Canadian prosperity, and the manner in which it has been promoted by the Liberal government, and he is frank enough to speak out manfully on the subject. He was a delegate to the Maritime Board of Trade meeting at Sydney this week, and speaking to a resolution on the export trade, warmly endorsed the government. He said that the whole of the trade could not at the present time be accommodated at Canadian ports, notwithstanding the improvements that had been made in St. John and elsewhere; that the government deserved credit for what it has done in the way of facilities for handling freight, and he felt that there was now a feeling of hopefulness in all parts of Canada which did not exist a few years ago. Everyone was looking forward to a bright future. A great industrial and agricultural development was taking place, and this year Canada would see the largest immigration in the history of the country. Trade was bound to increase and it must be provided for. The people should give the government credit for what it had done. It should be supported in its efforts to promote the welfare of the country.

It is to be hoped that Senator Wood will carry these views to the Senate where he has given evidence of very strong Conservative partisanship, and that in future he will not be found among the members of the upper house who follow Sir Mackenzie Bowell in his attempted obstruction of useful government measures. With Senator Wood praising the Liberal government at Ottawa and Mr. Sumner feeling his way to a local government nomination, it looks as if the old Conservative combination in Westmorland is about to dissolve into thin air. We wonder what Mr. Powell thinks of the situation.

Mr. Hawke wrote the Gleaner denying absolutely that paper's intimation that the Moncton editor owned the Herald, but the Gleaner man's sense of decency was such that up to the present time he has suppressed Mr. Hawke's letter. The Herald however is able to-day to publish a copy of Mr. Hawke's communication, which in unqualified terms nails the Gleaner's falsehood.

Dr. Parkin, who has returned to Toronto from London, says that eight Rhodes' scholarships will be awarded to Canada instead of two, as originally announced. It is probable that Dr. Parkin will resign the principalship of Upper Canada College and make a tour of Canada and all other British colonies to make arrangements for the distribution of the scholarships.

The member for Yukon will be a new feature at the next session of the Dominion parliament, and the present governor of the territory, Mr. Ross, is mentioned as a probable candidate for the seat created by act of last session. There are 2,800 registered voters in the new constituency.

The Dominion Rifle competition at Ottawa next month will be unusually interesting owing to the presence of teams representing England and the United States. The British team is already at the Capital, practising to win the Palma trophy.

When Mr. Russell was manager of the Intercolonial the Tory newspapers were unanimous in the opinion that he was no good; but now that he has been retired from the service, he is a model railway man, a great loss to the railway, and all that.

Mr. Cronje who found it unprofitable to fool with the Canadians at Paardeberg, is on his way back to South Africa after two years exile at St. Helena.

Senator McMillan who died at his home in Detroit last week leaving a fortune estimated at \$10,000,000 was a native of Hamilton, Ontario.

Music Pupils.

Mr. Wilmot Lemont, pupil of Carl Faellen, is prepared to take a limited number of pupils in piano, organ or harmony. Residence corner Regent and Campbell streets.—Aug. 22, d3aw—lm.

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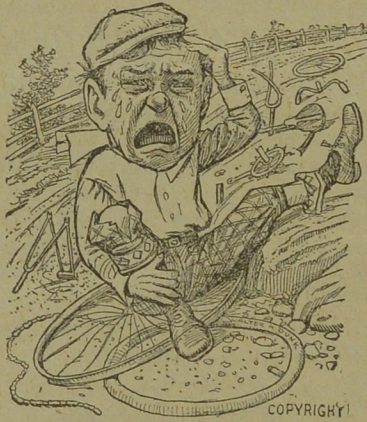
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