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IDLE BOASTING.

Mr. Hazen has been up to Montreal and ran across an interviewer—a Star man who must have been perfectly astonished at the optimism of the opposition leader.

Mr. Hazen's boasting is so vain that we present it as he gave it to the scribe. Said he:

"After visiting every part of the Province of New Brunswick I would not hesitate to say that a great change has come over the electorate. Like most other places when a government has held office for a long time there is a desire for a change."

"The Tweedie Government has few enthusiastic supporters outside of those enjoying the sweets of office, while on the other hand the Opposition were putting up a courageous fight and felt that they had the public sentiment of the country behind them. While we admit the right of the Government to hold another session it is not expected that it will. Already the Opposition has several good candidates in the field, and there will be others before the campaign begins. Let the election come when it may we expect to carry the province."

Let us analyze Mr. Hazen's first statement. He has not visited every part of the province in his campaign. He has not covered more than half of it, and that very imperfectly. He has not made any attempt to extend his campaign to Miramichi, York, Charlotte, Kings, Albert or Gloucester, six of the fifteen counties of the province. Mr. Hazen therefore is not in a position to make the positive statement that "a great change has come over the electorate." Mr. Hazen has seen no evidence of it in the nine counties he has visited, and his observations in this connexion are mere bluff.

Where are the evidences of "the courageous fight" the opposition are putting up. Does Mr. Hazen consider that the delivery of a few campaign speeches, utterly devoid of anything original or striking in his indictment of the government, constitutes a courageous campaign? Mr. Hazen knows that the pilgrimage of himself and Mr. MacInerney through portions of the province has failed to excite even moderate enthusiasm among his own party friends. And as to candidates, how many has he secured? Just seven in the whole province, and counting himself and his friends in the legislature who will run again, has a total of fourteen candidates for forty-six seats. Surely that is not much to boast of after a campaign extending over two months.

Mr. Hazen has about as much expectation of carrying the province as he has of flying to the moon, and every day his chances of success are diminishing. His own political friends have no confidence in his ability to lead a party anywhere but to disaster, and his idle boasting to the Montreal interviewer will deceive nobody.

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Not much is known in the Maritime Provinces of Hon. James Sutherland, the new minister of public works, except in a general way that he has been a sturdy, respected, fighting Liberal in Parliament for twenty-two years, and is a gentleman of clean and honorable reputation. Mr. Sutherland will need, from the character of his duties, to make frequent visits to the lower provinces, and the people down by the sea will be glad to become better acquainted with him.

The new minister is of Scottish parentage and a native of Ancaster, Wentworth County, Ontario. He is a business man, having for many years conducted a large mercantile enterprise at Woodstock, Ontario, and is fifty-three years old. He has been mayor of Woodstock, and has

represented North Oxford in the House of Commons continuously for twenty-two years, and was Liberal whip for several years before entering the ministry two or three years ago. He has been a valiant fighter, respected alike by friends and opponents, and enjoys a large degree of popularity among his fellow members of parliament. Mr. Sutherland was once described by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as "a good and true man. We call him at Ottawa the shepherd of our flock. To us his sound judgment, cool head and strong character have been most precious, and a prize invaluable in directing the destinies of the Liberal party."

Mr. Sutherland, like his colleague Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, is a bachelor, and in religion he is a Presbyterian.

FEDERAL BYE ELECTIONS.

Federal bye elections will be held in Yarmouth, N. S., Maisonneuve and Argenteuil, Quebec, on Dec. 3. All three constituencies went Liberal in the last election, and there is no reason to believe that there will be any change. The hottest fight will be in Argenteuil, vacated by the death of Dr. Christie. His son is the Liberal candidate and the Conservative standard bearer is Geo. H. Perley of Ottawa. Yarmouth is vacant through the appointment of Mr. Flint to the clerkship of the House of Commons in succession to Sir John Bourinot, deceased, and Maisonneuve by the acceptance of a cabinet position by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine. Yarmouth is strongly Liberal, only once since confederation has it returned a Conservative, and the prospects are that Mr. Prefontaine in Maisonneuve will be unopposed.

The publication of the proceedings of the Colonial conference has put an end to the Conservative declaration that the British government were only waiting to extend preferential treatment to Canada—that the concession could be secured by the asking, and that Sir Wilfrid was culpable in not having sought the preference in return for what Canada gave the Mother Country. The official record shows that the Dominion government pressed for abolition of Imperial duties on imported Canadian breadstuffs, but Mr. Chamberlain absolutely refused to grant the request. The result puts Mr. Borden and his Tory associates in a pretty large sized hole.

The Moncton Times affects to be very anxious that the local elections shall be brought on at once, and asserts that the time limit of the present legislature will expire in a few weeks. Our contemporary is not well informed. The life of the present legislature does not expire for several months yet, and Mr. Hazen himself, to a Montreal interviewer, said that he recognized the right of the government to call another session of the legislature before announcing a dissolution.

Premier Ross of Ontario has a majority in the legislature of only two, one of his supporters, Mr. McKay of North Grey, having been unseated. There are now four vacancies, one caused by the death of a Liberal member, one by unseating of a Liberal and two by Conservatives unseated. There are other election trials to be held, and it is too soon to predict what the final outcome will be, but the chances appear to be in favor of the Ross government remaining in power.

Mr. Tarte is not pleased with Mr. Prefontaine's entrance into the government. Naturally so, as the latter fills the place in the government from which Mr. Tarte was ejected, and has moreover for some years been on unfriendly terms with the ex-minister.

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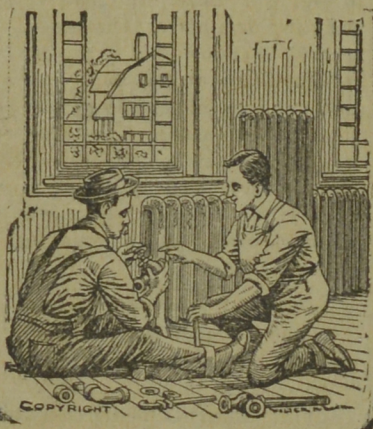
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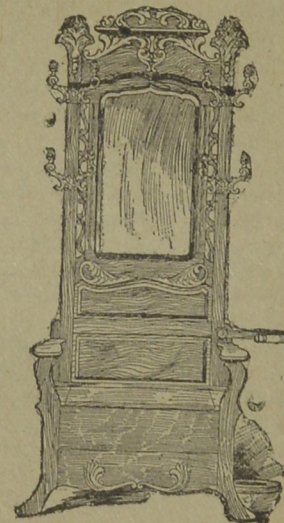
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