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A POWERFUL MINISTER.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley this week has been on a diplomatic mission to Washington, in connection with certain disputes between the Canadian and United States governments respecting rights on the upper St. John, in which New Brunswick lumbermen are interested. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's confidence in the Minister of Public Works is shown in the selection of the latter to undertake the mission to Washington, and those who know the Minister of Public Works intimately, have no doubt of his wisdom and skill in facing a situation requiring diplomatic requisites, or his knowledge of the important question with which he had to deal.

There is no doubt that New Brunswick's representative in the federal cabinet occupies a position of great influence among his colleagues, that he is sincerely trusted and respected by his leader and his associates, and that this province occupies an exceptionally strong position in the cabinet as a result of Hon. Dr. Pugsley's presence in the executive of Canada. In council with his colleagues, as an administrator, and as an active force throughout the country, Dr. Pugsley takes second place to none of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet ministers, and that is the chief reason that politicians of the smaller sort in the Conservative party so constantly howl at his heels and seek to weaken his position and prestige, but without appreciable result.

HE'S A JONAH.

Mr. Hazen is having bad luck, and it looks as if the forces of nature and other powerful factors are against him and his administration. Within a few weeks his spindle leg race horses have been held up in Kentucky by the prevalence of foot and mouth disease, a portion of the provincial hospital for the insane has been reduced to ashes, the government lost two bye-elections, and now many highway bridges have been swept away by the floods, entailing a heavy loss on the provincial treasury.

It looks as if Mr. Hazen is a veritable Jonah, and the people of New Brunswick will naturally conclude that it is time to get rid of him and his unlucky administration.

With Mr. Hazen's blundering, and the war of the elements and other forces against him, the outlook for his continuance in power is certainly not promising.

Perhaps some of his troubles—the more recent visitations of Providence—are due to Mr. Hazen's effort to destroy the characters of some of his political opponents, particularly that of Dr. Pugsley, against whom the Central railway inquiry was organized, and an affidavit with a wrong date was sought to be employed during the recent federal elections.

Mr. Hazen should resign before other disasters overtake this province and its people as visitations because of his presence in the chief seat of provincial authority.

Who knows but that earthquakes, cyclones, plagues of various kinds, epidemics of disease and other serious disasters may overtake this province if the Hon. John Douglas Hazen is continued at the head of the government.

THE SIEGE ENDED.

After a struggle of two days to overcome the ravages of the storm, the railways have mastered the situation, and the siege is raised.

The blockade was quite a serious matter, not only to the travelling public, but to many other classes of people—business men in particular, whose correspondence was delayed in the mails, but the loss of property and the expense of repairs were more notable aspects of the situation.

The washouts on the railways and the destruction of bridges, highways, mill dams, etc., will run the bill for damages into many thousands of dollars, but fortunately the great bulk of the losses falls on the governments, and on a big railway corporation, which will not seriously feel the pinch. The poor man, who had his cellar flooded and his winter's stock of vegetables, etc., destroyed will feel the result of the storm much more than the organizations which met with the big losses.

And there seems no way of guarding against such disasters. With a big fall of snow or the ground, and a sudden rise in the temperature accompanied by heavy rain, the same thing is likely to occur at any time through the winter.

How small the disaster, however, in comparison with that which overtook Sicily and Calabria. While the loss of property from the storm, and

the inconvenience to the people, was considerable, no human lives were sacrificed, and we can console ourselves with the reflection that Canada is practically free from overwhelming disasters. The most serious this country has suffered was in her coal mines, where explosions have killed a good many people in the last few decades, but even these losses are insignificant when compared with the great catastrophes of other countries.

AN UNREASONABLE ATTACK.

The Toronto News is making a foolish campaign against Mr. Chas. Marcell, M. P., who is to be Speaker of the new parliament. The News bases its objections to Mr. Marcell's appointment on the ground that during the recent elections he promised his constituents in Bonaventure some public concessions if they would re-elect him. Well, perhaps he did, but where is the candidate in this wide Dominion who did not make some such promises as are credited to the prospective Speaker?

Is it a crime to be punished by exclusion from office for a parliamentary candidate to promise to do the best he can for the interests of his constituency?

The News appears to be leading a very creditable attack on Mr. Marcell, who is an able and worthy public man, one well qualified for the Speakership, and its fair minded readers must be rather disgusted with the character of its ravings in this connection.

Let it be understood that the News, which professes great indignation at the proposed appointment of Mr. Marcell, is a staunch supporter of the political party which numbers in its front ranks some of the Western land speculators and insurance fund manipulators, who have brought discredit not only on their associates, but on the country.

The News is hypocritically dishonest in its campaign against Mr. Marcell.

CURRENT COMMENT.

There has evidently been a great rise in mahogany.

The railways have had their "busy day" struggling with washouts.

A little snow now, please Mr. Weather Man, just to make things outdoors slide more smoothly.

Looks as if Mr. Hazen will not have his spindle leggers here in time for the proposed cavalry escort at the legislative opening.

Said the amiable Premier Hazen when the asylum was fiercely blazing: "These misfortunes come thick, They cut to the quick, And this is particularly daz'ing."

It is announced that a Philadelphia firm have just completed a leather belt 150 feet long, and 5 feet wide. A funny man on the press suggests that it may be for President-elect Taft, whose generous physical proportions are so well known.

It may be that Mr. Hazen will not be flattered when the municipal councils have expressed their opinion of his double tax highway act. Not all the councils are Tory machines, but quite a few of them undoubtedly deserve that cognomen.

Among the stalled travellers at one of the city hotels yesterday was a Boston man and his bride, on a honeymoon trip to P. E. Island, and to a casual acquaintance the bridegroom expressed his feeling that he wasn't in a bit of hurry to reach his destination, since the C. P. R. was paying the bills for the detention of him, his wife and his bride.

Miramichi farmers want the local government to assist them in fertilizing their land with mussel mud. Give it to them. Any constituency that so effectively repudiated the Hazen government as Northumberland did a few weeks ago, deserves the best that's going, even to mussel mud. What say Honest John Morrissey and our esteemed friend Pinder?

When the United States took over the Panama Canal President Roosevelt declared that the Americans were going to "make the dirt fly." The big ditch was to be dug off hand, and the whole undertaking completed in a few years. Today eminent engineers point out that the enterprise will cost four or times the original estimate, and some doubt whether the project will ever be finished.

Canada is short in steel and oil magnates to bestow generous contributions on worthy charitable objects, but we have raised a few millionaire journalists, tobacco manufacturers, etc., who are not stingy with their means. The old joke about the proverbial poverty of newspaper men does not apply to millionaire philanthropists like Sir Hugh Graham of Montreal, and Mr. J. Ross Robertson of Toronto.

The Chatham World seems to have dropped its criticism of the Hazen government, even failing in recent issues to abuse Mr. Morrissey, whose

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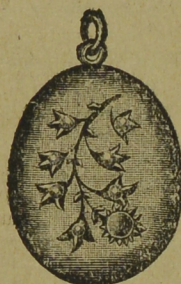
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