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A CRUSHING DEFEAT.

The bye-election in St. John county yesterday caused by the elevation of Hon. H. A. McKeown to the bench, resulted in the return of Mr. A. F. Bentley, the Liberal candidate, by a majority of fifty. Probably never before in the history of the province has a bye-election contest been fought out with such fierceness and determination on both sides. The Hazenites, worsted in Carleton and Northumberland last December, were determined to carry St. John county at all hazards and thus in a measure recover their lost prestige with the electors. At the last session of the Legislature, knowing that the vacancy was likely to occur, they loaded the dice on their opponents by rushing through an act cutting off the non-resident vote, which in former contests had been thrown largely in favor of the Liberals. When the vacancy occurred they brought on the election at the shortest possible notice, at a time too, when Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the Federal member for the constituency, whose influence they feared, was absent in the west. Every member of the government, except Hon. Dr. Landry, five Tory members of the Legislature, and a dozen or so of lesser lights, have been campaigning in the constituency for the past fortnight. Every means known to desperate and discredited politicians was resorted to on behalf of the Hazen government, the most lavish promises were made in the effort to secure the election of the Tory candidate, but all in vain. It is true they reduced the Liberal majority, and therefore achieved what is known as a moral victory but they are welcome to all the comfort they can derive from that. The county remains true to its political traditions, the Liberals hold the seat and have driven a nail into the coffin of the Hazen government.

Considering all the influences brought to bear against him the victory won by Mr. Bentley is a remarkable one. In the parish of St. Martins, where he resides and is best known, and where his opponent also resides, he won out by a majority of 37. He also came out of the populous parish of Lancaster with a great majority. In the two remaining parishes, Musquash and Simonds, the Tory candidate was in the lead. Mr. Bentley, when he entered the contest, was but little known outside of his own parish, while his opponent had been over the course before in an unsuccessful campaign and there was a certain amount of sympathy for him on that account. The fact that he is a government supporter and would have the patronage of the county, whether defeated or elected, no doubt influenced many voters in his favor and besides this the government had been nursing the constituency for months, while the issuing of the writs found the opposition quite unprepared for a contest.

Mr. Bentley had the active support of Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, Mr. Tweeddale, M.P., Mr. Copp, M.P., and also of that valiant fighter, Mr. James Lowell, who has represented the county for a number of years. They exposed the maladministration of the Hazen government; they placed the issue squarely before the people and won the victory.

The defeat of Mr. Moshier is a crushing blow to the Hazen government and may be accepted as a fair indication as to what will happen when the people of the whole province get a chance to pass upon its record. It is the third bye-election since the government took office, and the third victory achieved by the Liberals. It is a distinct notice to quit, and it is about time the Hazenites were getting their House in order.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Here's to Mr. Bentley, M. P.

St. John County—Rah! Rah! Rah!

And the Hon. John Morrissey was there too.

The Hazen government couldn't beat a carpet at the present time.

The Liberals won St. John county without the support of the Globe or Sun.

To be sure the Hazen combination is not much as a winner of bye-elections.

"Close of campaign sees Mr. Moshier's victory sure."—St. John Standard, Tuesday.

It is just as well that the members of the Hazen government should get accustomed to defeats. They will now be in better position to take the dose that awaits them when they make a general appeal to the people.

When a government loses the confidence of the people it should step down and out.

A government that cannot win a bye-election, is generally supposed to be tottering to its fall.

A road machine was paraded through the streets of Fairville yesterday with the hope that it might influence voters for the Hazen government. A hearse would have been more appropriate.

The St. John County Highway Boards should hasten to expend that \$2,000 of road money donated by the Hazen government a few days ago. Now that the election is over a refund may be demanded.

Had the advice of the St. John Globe been accepted by the electors of St. John, the Tory newspapers of Canada today would be shouting over a victory won by the party in the constituency of the Minister of Public Works.

Perhaps if the Hon. J. King Pinder, M. P., of York, or Mr. Shipp, of Queens, had been invited to stump St. John County on behalf of Mr. Moshier, the result might have been different. Premier Hazen, as usual, gave the Solicitor General the preference and his candidate met defeat.

In one of his speeches delivered during the St. John County Campaign, Hon. John Morrissey, made the statement that it was little wonder his eyesight became dim, when he saw the condition his department was in when he took office. The Hon. John's eye-sight must be dim indeed if he cannot today see the handwriting on the wall for the Hazen government.

A St. John evening paper states that Solicitor General McLeod stood for Mr. Moshier, the Tory candidate, at St. Martins on election day. This must surely be a mistake as the Solicitor General when last seen, was heading for Doaktown to enjoy a quiet holiday with relatives. The Solicitor General delivered the speech in St. John county and then washed his hands of the whole game. We are not aware that he has a double.

The government speakers boast that they have given the people of the province school books at a reduction of forty per cent. over previous prices. At the same time it is announced that there will be no road grants this year. The total investment of the province in school books last year was less than \$12,000. The saving to the people would therefore be a trifle of \$4,800 as compared with \$88,000 spent on the roads. Where do the people gain in this transaction?

The horde of Tory barnstormers who have been camping in St. John county for the past ten days, should now go away back and sit down. The list includes Premier Hazen, Hon. John Morrissey, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Hon. Robert Maxwell, Lt. Col. the Hon. H. F. McLeod, Hon. J. K. Fleming, Mr. F. M. Sproul, M. P., Mr. J. A. Murray M. P., Mr. W. F. Hatheway, M. P., Mr. John E. Wilson, M. P., Dr. McInerney, M. P., Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C., Dr. A. W. McRae, K. C., Lieut. Col. Baxter, K. C., and Mr. Titus J. Carter.

Must Close at 7 p.m.

Montreal, July 20.—The City Council yesterday decided to take steps at once to enforce the early closing by-law which makes it compulsory for all stores to close at 7 o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Breaks Neck by Fall.

Port Colborne, July 20.—A youth named Sidar, aged 17, of Wingham, Ont., broke his neck by falling down the hay chute on the large fireproof barn on his father's farm.

Where Women May Not Pray.

In some parts of the world the women are not even allowed to pray. Certain Hindoo congregations deny their women this privilege, and among the Aias women can pray only in very rare cases as the deputies of their husbands. The natives of Madagascar, however, stretch a point and permit their women to intercede with the powers of evil, but prayer to their supreme being is strictly a masculine prerogative.

Expensive.

"Yes," said the young wife proudly, "father always gives something expensive when he makes presents."
"So I discovered when he gave you away," rejoined the young husband.

A Polite Waiter.

"Here, waiter," exclaimed an irascible diner, "this beef you have given me isn't fit for a pig to eat!"
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London, July 20.—The Teheran correspondent of The Times describes the affecting scene at the parting of the new Shah from his parents. Both his mother and father broke down at the thought of parting with their favorite son, and offered their second son in his place. The boy wept bitterly. Finally Their Majesties, being informed that it was the people's will, were persuaded to agree to the departure of the youthful Shah.

Fire Underwriters Enter Action.

Ottawa, July 20.—Another action was entered by the Canadian Fire Underwriters against the Willis Faber Co., agents for Lloyds of England. The action is charging the company with doing fire business in Canada without having taken out a license, according to the Federal act, which provides for a fine of \$50 or six months in case of violation.

This is a new step in the fight between the insurance companies and the Manufacturers' Association before the Federal House last session. Both parties sent deputations to Ottawa. The underwriters want the unlicensed companies kept out, the C.M.A. want them in to prevent a combine.

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