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MR. HAZEN'S SURRENDER.

The whole province is laughing at the prompt manner in which Mr. Hazen and his government have climbed down from their perch with respect to the great highway act, which was going to do such great things for this province, which indeed according to the Premier, his colleagues and supporters in the legislature, was one of the most wonderful thorough going reforms ever put upon the statute books of this or any other country.

So thirsty were the people of New Brunswick for a new highway act so vicious was the old act, according to Mr. Hazen, that the new law must take its place at once, so that the people might have decent roads.

The legislature was scarcely open last session, the governor's speech had just been delivered when Mr. Hazen jumped to his feet and introduced his new highway act, which was to work such a mighty change in conditions in this province. It was in redemption of his pre-election pledges, and Mr. Hazen, according to his friends, did not propose to disappoint those who had pinned their faith to the pretty stories he had told during the election campaign.

A few days later Mr. Hazen explained the provisions of the highway bill, and he gave the House and the country to understand that in a few months, before the year closed indeed, the bill would become law. All that was wanted was the municipal elections over. These would all be completed in October, and immediately the new law would come into operation. (See page 35 official debates of 1908.) Later when the bill was under discussion in committee, it was agreed that it should be proclaimed as law on January 1st, 1909.

So far, so good, but how has Mr. Hazen's pledges been carried out. The year 1908 has gone, and we have passed Jan. 1, 1909, and the alleged hateful highway act of Mr. Hazen's predecessors is still in force. At the recent session of the government it was decided that the new act should not be proclaimed for the present. Mr. Hazen says he wants to hear from the municipal councils before he brings the act into operation, although the legislature at Mr. Hazen's bidding decreed that that the new law should come into force January 1st, 1909, and it was represented that the country could not do without it an hour longer.

What balderdash. Why does not Mr. Hazen admit that he is afraid to bring his law in force?

Why does he not confess that the unpopularity of many of its provisions has forced him to stay his hand?

Why is he not honest enough to confess that his road act has been condemned by the people of two counties where bye-elections have been held, and that he dare not proclaim the law as at present constituted. A more abject surrender to political exigencies has never been witnessed in this province, and it is no wonder that the people point to it as one more of Mr. Hazen's numerous blunders during the few months he has been at the head of the government.

Mr. Hazen wants to hear from the municipal councils does he? He is looking for a road law policy the same as his commissioner for agriculture is looking for an agricultural policy. He and his colleagues are afraid to move in such important public matters without feeling their way. They are like children in the dark, afraid of goblins that might eat them up—powerless to inaugurate a bold and promising policy on any great public question. They lack the capacity for constructive statesmanship as they have lamentably failed in administering the ordinary affairs of the province, and the people who witness their exhibitions, are ready to hurl them from power and give their place to men who will have the courage and the ability to grapple successfully with the questions of provincial politics.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Hazen guillotine appears to have ceased operations. What is the reason? The program laid out has not been completed.

Parliament will promptly confirm the action of the federal government in donating \$100,000 to the sufferers by the Italian earthquake.

Hon. J. P. Burchill, M. P., aptly declares that the Hazen government during the past year spent all the money it could get its hands on.

Mr. Hazen has such a good opinion of the old government's highway act and such a poor opinion of his own

that the former is continued on the statute books for another year.

The Toronto civic elections New Year's resulted in victory for temperance workers. The candidate they supported for mayor was re-elected by a large majority, and the bye-law to reduce the number of liquor licenses by forty, was carried. The only fly in the ointment was the defeat of Controller F. S. Spence, one of the leading temperance men of the Queen city.

Mr. Allan B. Wilmot, who has been appointed immigration commissioner by the Hazen government knew what he was about when he filed an election petition against Col. McLean in Sunbury-Queens. Mr. Wilmot knew that Mr. Hazen did not want a protest, the local premier had enough of elections in that constituency, and didn't want any more just at present. He prevailed on Mr. Wilmot to withdraw the protest, and Mr. Wilmot for being a good, obedient boy, is appointed immigration commissioner.

JOB FOR A. B. WILMOT.

Will have Charge of the Local Government Immigration Bureau.

Mr. Allan B. Wilmot, barrister and farmer of Lincoln, has been appointed immigration commissioner for the province by the local government. The job is a new one, specially created for Mr. Wilmot, and the amount of remuneration has not been made public. Mr. Wilmot will establish his headquarters at St. John, and will enter upon his duties early in the new year. Mr. Wilmot is a son of Mr. R. D. Wilmot, ex-M. P., is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, and according to Premier Hazen "he has been engaged in farming for some time and understands farm values." He will establish a bureau of immigration for the benefit of those desiring farm laborers or having farms to sell. He will get in touch with immigration institutions on the other side of the Atlantic, and will make a strenuous effort to present the attractions of New Brunswick to intending settlers. The work will be along the same lines as that recently entered into by the government of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Wilmot is known as a pretty decent sort of a fellow, and has been a faithful worker in the Tory cause for a number of years. He is not afraid of hard work, and should get along well with his new position.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Program for Services in the Fredericton Churches—Exchange of Pulpit.

The Ministerial Association have arranged for the week of prayer services as follows:

Monday evening—George St. Church. Subject—"God's faithfulness and Man's Responsibility." Speaker—Rev. J. H. MacDonald.

Tuesday Evening—Church Hall. Subject—"The Bible." Speaker—Rev. Dr. Smith.

Wednesday Evening—Methodist Church. Subject—"Missions, Home and Foreign." Speaker—Rev. A. A. Rideout.

Thursday Evening—Presbyterian Church. Subject—"The Relation of the family to the Church and the School." Speaker—Rev. Canon DeW. Cowie.

Friday Evening—Brunswick Street Church. Subject—"The Signs of the Times." Speaker—Rev. J. W. McConnell.

All the meetings are to begin at 8 o'clock.

On the following Sunday evening, January 10th, pulpit exchanges will be as follows:

Methodist—Rev. J. H. MacDonald. Presbyterian—Rev. J. W. McConnell.

Brunswick Street Baptist—Rev. A. A. Rideout. George Street Baptist—Rev. Dr. Smith.

OROMOCTO

The usual beautiful and timely Christmas service, were held at St. Vincent de Pauls Roman Catholic Church on Christmas day. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers.

The special music at the High mass was beautifully rendered and greatly enjoyed by all, receiving many hearty compliments.

The musical programme was as follows:

High mass was sung by Rev. Father Carleton. The mass music was furnished by quartette supported by a Chorus of several voices, under the direction of Miss Helen Rutledge, Organist. The Adest Fideles was beautifully rendered, Miss S. Brennan singing the solo. Low mass was also celebrated at nine o'clock followed by another low mass at half past ten. Rev. Father being the Celebrant.

Rev. Father Carleton went to Fredericton to-day. Miss F. Rutledge is spending the Christmas holidays in Fredericton. Mrs. Margaret Rutledge is visiting in Burton, the guests of Miss McGarr. Messrs. George and John Hughes spent Christmas at Oromocto.

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IT'S OUT OF SIGHT.

The Queen hotel toboggan slide was open on the afternoon and evening of New Year's day, and came in for liberal patronage. Old and young took their turn at the slides, and under the careful oversight of Messrs. Thomas Davidson and Robert Anderson, there is not the slightest danger of an accident. Tobogganing has all other outdoor

sports beaten to a standstill, and the Queen hotel slide will be a most popular place of amusement during the coming winter. Tickets can be purchased at the Queen hotel.

Professors Miller and Stevens of the U. N. B., and Mr. Guy Randolph returned last night from a week's pleasant visit in the Tobique forests.

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