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THE NOMINATIONS

Nomination proceedings in Carleton and Northumberland counties were eminently satisfactory to the opponents of the Hazen government. They are an indication that the Liberal candidates will be elected, and the hands of Mr. Robinson greatly strengthened in the house of assembly.

In Carleton county the government candidate, Mr. Owens, appears to have made the astonishing statement that the Hazen government had carried out all its pledges. Has Mr. Owens forgotten about the road law, the school books, the efficiency of the public service as determined by the character of the officials appointed, and certain other matters concerning which pledges were made? Mr. Owens boasted that he is a farmer, and declared that the government was carrying out its pledges to the farmers; but Mr. Upham disposed of this statement when he pointed out that Mr. Hazen made a medical man the head of the agricultural department and then sent him over the province at public expense to learn his business from the farmers. Mr. Upham's clever attack exposed very effectively the weak places in the government's armor, and at the same time revealed Mr. Upham as a keen debater who will do his county and the province good service in the legislature. The closing words of his address at Woodstock are right to the point:—"If you elect Mr. Owens it will be simply telling Mr. Hazen you approve of his obnoxious road law and his violation of the most solemn pledges, but if you elect me it will be a warning to the government that the people will not stand for trifling. A little more opposition will be a fine thing for the province."

The position of the Conservative party in Northumberland is almost pathetic in its hopelessness. It insists upon calling Mr. Swim the local government candidate, although he is repudiated by Hon Mr. Morrissy. The latter did not attend the Conservative meeting and has stated that he will support Mr. Burchill, the Liberal candidate. The Conservative speakers assailed Mr. Morrissy, and lamented the absence and the silence of Mr. Hazen. Under such circumstances their cause is utterly hopeless, and Mr. Swim might as well have withdrawn his nomination.

"A little more opposition," said Mr. Upham at Woodstock, "will be a fine thing for the province." Well, after next Tuesday there will be two more units of opposition, while the situation in Albert and Kings may soon be such as to admit of a further addition from that quarter.

ALEXANDER GIBSON

The announcement that Mr. Alexander Gibson has resigned from the presidency of the company and the active management of the business of which he was the founder, and which has attained such great proportions, recalls the most active and effective career in the industrial history of New Brunswick. Mr. Gibson is far past the age when most men retire from business. Only an iron constitution and an indomitable will could so long have borne the weight of care and responsibility which he has borne these many years. Morgan's Men of the Time stated that Mr. Gibson was born in May, 1819. If so he will be ninety years of age in May of next year. From that early time when Mr. Gibson earned a dollar a day in the mills at Milltown until this date when he retires from the management of a great and prosperous industry, whose value is rated in the millions, how great has been the distance traversed and the work done. Marysville and the great industries which he erected on the Nashwaak will tell to future generations the labor of his hands, who now enters into honorable retirement after a long life of unremitting toil and service.

CIVIC BUSINESS MANAGER

The Montreal Star refers to an interesting experiment made in a southern town to conduct civic affairs on business principles, such as prevail in the conduct of private affairs. Apparently this newest departure has worked out well. We quote from the Star:

"The latest experiment is that of Staunton, Virginia, where they have adopted the plan of appointing a general business manager. The mayor and council retain all their powers and authority, but last April they appointed a business manager to whom was committed all the purely business functions and duties of government. They acted about as the directors of a railway or other large commercial enterprise. Already the city has felt the benefit of the change. For instance there was a certain kind of artificial pavement for which the council had been paying $2 a yard. Their new manager gets it done for 71 cents. Not only is the city saving on such items as these, but the work of the corporation is being done in an alert and business like manner. The officials know that there is a master's eye upon them, that diligence will be rewarded and carelessness punished. It is a sort of absolute monarchy tempered by fear of assassination, for delighted though the people are with the results, they can have the business manager decapitated whenever they like."

The Seamen's Institute has new quarters, admirably suited for its work. Following the opening of the new Y. M. C. A. building the formal opening last night of the new Institute marks another forward step in the equipment of beneficent organizations for their valuable work. It must have been a source of intense satisfaction to Mr. H. C. Tilley, who so long labored in this cause, but who through illness has been for quite a long time unable to engage in active work, to be present last night and see the splendid fruits of the labors of himself and those associated with him in the darker days of the organization.

The blood-lust of the south is insatiable. That three negro murderers should be summarily hanged, even if there was no doubt of their guilt, is not in accordance with our idea of right and justice; but that a mob, "with a whoop and a yell," should swarm into the court room, seize the condemned men and drag them to a tree with all the manifestations of a devilish joy, is simply a disgrace to civilization.

There is a humorist in the inland revenue department. In a report dealing with the examination of 76 samples of canned meats, he states that all but one, potted pheasant, were found in a perfect condition of preservation. Of this one he observes:—"The exceptional sample, being 'game,' may be in such condition as consumers of the article prefer."

Popular sympathy is sometimes misplaced. A little of it should sometimes be extended to the policeman, who in the discharge of his duty is violently resisted by a man in whom the instincts of the man have been superseded by those of the brute.

The greatest of Amherst industries has suffered another loss through fire. But Amherst industries are not destroyed. They can only be hampered for a time.

China appears to have accepted the demise of two rulers with oriental calm.

VANDALS RAVAGE A CHURCH IN QUEBEC

Anglican Church at Nicolet Broken Into and the Bible Burned—Authorities Asked for Protection.

Nicolet, Que., Nov. 24—Hon. Lomer Gouin, premier and attorney general, has been requested to extend the protection of the government of the province to the little Anglican church at Nicolet.

On October 27, 1907, the church was broken into, dirt and ashes were strewn all over the floor, the Bible from the lectern was burned in the stove and over thirty panes of glass broken.

Last Sunday the church was found in a similar condition, and the local authorities seem unable to do anything in the matter.

The authorities of the church therefore appealed to the attorney general to take such measures as may be necessary to prevent further outrages of the same nature.

MICHIGAN CATTLE UNDER BAN

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 24—After a conference of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Chief Melvin, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, with state officials tonight, a quarantine was ordered against Michigan cattle similar to the one enforced in Pennsylvania and New York.

BRITISH JOURNALIST DEAD

London, Nov 24—Sir Algeron Berthwick, the first Baron Glenesk, the proprietor of the Morning Post, died here tonigt. He was born in 1830.

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And both forgiven through Thy abounding grace—
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
Unto my fitting place.

Some humble door among Thy many mansions,
Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease,
Where flows for ever through heaven's green expansions
The river of Thy peace.

Here, from the music round about me stealing,
Fain would I learn the new and holy song,
And find at last, beneath Thy trees of healing,
The life for which I long.

—Whittier.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HAD THE SYMPTOMS

Snicker—I dreamed last night that I was a millionaire.

Kicker—Well, I might as well have been one for all the sleep I got last night.—Bohemian Magazine.

NATURAL DEDUCTION

Her Mother—How long has Mr. Slobby been courting you?

The Daughter—Nearly two years.

Her Mother—I should think he'd get tired of making love to you.

The Daughter—I guess he has. He proposed last night.—Chicago News.

STILL RUNNING

Edwin, aged four, owned a picture-book in which a fierce-looking cow was running after a small boy. He looked at it a long time, then carefully closing the book he laid it away. A few days later he got the book again, and turned to the picture. Bringing his chubby fist down on the cow, he exclaimed in a tone of triumph, "She ain't caught him yet!"—The Delineator.

COULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT IT

Like most minister's families, they were not extensively blessed with this world's goods. She, however, was the youngest of ten children until her father explained to her of the baby sister who had come in the night.

"Well," she said, after due thought, "I 'spose it's all right, papa, but there's many a thing we needed worse."

IN THE FAMILY

An instance of exclusiveness maintained under difficulties is reported from the ladies' cabin of a liner. All were sick except one lady and a cat, which wandered uneasily about. The lady ventured to stroke the cat, remarking, "Poor pussy." The cat was inclined to respond, and elevated its tail in token of good will, when from a neighboring berth came in choking tones the words: "Excuse me, that is a private cat!"—San Francisco Argonaut.

ONE THING SURE

A young lady whose beauty is equal to her bluntness in conversation, was visiting a house where other guests were assembled, among them the eldest son of a rich manufacturer. The talk turned on matrimonial squabbles. Said the eligible party: "I hold that the correct thing for the husband is to begin as he intends to go on. Say that the question was one of smoking. Almost immediately I would show my intentions by lighting a cigar and settling the question forever."

"And I would knock the thing out of your mouth," cried the imperious beauty.

"Do you know," rejoined the young man, "I don't think you would be there!"—Everybody's Magazine.

THE GOVERNMENT ENQUIRY

(Continued from page 3.)

Mr. Moore—"I would have loaned him the money in any case."

Mr. Watson—"Without security? How did you know he would pay you?"

Mr. Moore—"I swear positively I would have loaned him the money in any case."

Mr. Watson—"Had you the business of the department in mind at the time?"

Mr. Moore—"No it did not enter into the matter at all."

Mr. Watson—"I can understand a man lending his friend $2,500 if there is a reason. There was no reason as far as you and Mr. Harding were concerned."

Mr. Moore—"He asked me to let him have some money, and I did."

Mr. Watson—"Can you see how easily it can be connected with the iron works' transactions?"

Mr. Moore—"I can't see it that way."

Replying to further questions, Mr. Moore said he knew Mr. Kelly. He had never lent him any money and had never been asked for any. No other officials had ever asked him.

Mr. Watson—"Mr. Harding was the only man who asked a favor. It was a favor wasn't it?"

Mr. Moore—"I presume it must have been."

Mr. Watson—"A personal favor?"

Mr. Moore—"It was a loan."

Mr. Watson—"Why not call it a personal favor?"

Mr. Moore—"It was an accommodation."

This concluded Mr. Moore's evidence.

Mr. Vroom Re-called.

Mr. Vroom was recalled and produced the books of his firm. Replying to Mr. Watson he said the first entry to Mr. Harding was May 5, 1904, for $392. It was entered as sundries because the bookkeeper chose to enter it that way. It consisted of $95 cash and a cheque for $297. Mr. Harding had asked for a loan. He took no receipt but probably held Mr. Harding's check. The last entry was Dec. 18, 1907, and a balance of $380 was carried forward to 1908. The balance was paid, he believed, in January.

Mr. Watson—"How did you make out your cheques?"

Mr. Vroom—"To 'Cash.'"

Mr. Watson—"What? The same old 'Cash?' What did you do with the cheques Mr. Harding gave you?"

Mr. Vroom—"Put them in the cash box. We exchanged cheques until he was in funds to take his up."

Mr. Watson—"Did he pay interest?"

Mr. Vroom—"He did on one or two occasions, and then I refused to take it. I might want a favor from him."

Mr. Watson—"Did you ask him for any money?"

Mr. Vroom—"I think I did, but I am not quite sure."

Judge Cassels—"Why did you act as his banker?"

Mr. Vroom—"He is a personal friend of mine, and if he wanted $300 or $400 I would always lend it."

Mr. Watson—"You're all friends here. I'm coming down here to live." (Laughter).

Mr. Watson then showed the witness a cheque for $375. It was of a different color. He asked where it came from.

Mr. Vroom—"I never saw it before. It's not out of my pile."

Judge Cassels—"Did you not think these transactions improper?"

Mr. Vroom—"Certainly not."

Judge Cassels—"It is open to suspicion."

Mr. Vroom—"Certainly it is. But I saw no harm in lending a friend a few dollars."

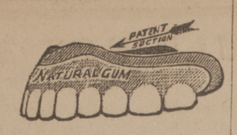
Judge Cassels—"Your motive may have been correct."

Mr. Vroom—"I regret it now."

Judge Cassels—"It is an utterly improper way to carry on business. Getting orders through the intervention of an agent, there is the temptation to smooth things over."

The hearing was then adjourned until this morning.

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SERIOUS SPLIT IN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY AS A RESULT OF BOSS RULE

Mr. Swim's Platform Aides Attack Premier Hazen and Hon. John Morrissy at Chatham Meeting.

Chatham, Nov. 24—The feature of the nomination day meetings here today was the attack upon Hon. John Morrissy and Premier Hazen, made by the speakers who talked in support of Mr. Swim's candidacy. There is a big split in the conservative party here, and if Mr. Swim saves his deposit he will do better than many of his friends expect.

W. C. Winslow addressed the electors at the court house at 2 o'clock, explaining that Hon. John P. Burchill would be absent during the campaign but that his friends would do all they could to elect him. Mr. Burchill was standing as a straight Liberal while Swim was a Conservative.

The Conservatives held a mass meeting in the Opera House, John Betts presided. F. D. Swim scored the local government for selecting Hutchison as a candidate without consulting their supporters. This was extraordinary as Hazen had laid down the principle that the people had a right to choose their representatives. The association representing the local government had called the convention that nominated him. He had pledged himself to stand by the convention's decision.

J. L. Stewart had hoped that Hon. Mr. Morrissy would be there to explain his position. He had been forced to accept the conclusion that the local government is backing the candidate chosen by the opposition convention. Two notices announcing the date of election and Mr. Hutchison's candidature had reached his office at the same time. He had supported the Hazen party at the last election. He was waiting for a call for a convention, but none came, but only the card of a man identified with the lumber kings chosen from the government's opponents came. Then a convention was called by the local government supporters and they were dubbed rebels against Hazen and told that the nomination did not concern them, but was a prerogative of the government. He did not agree with this idea. He demanded the right for himself to have the say as to who should be the candidate. Hazen had been put into power to carry out the people's will and give cleaner government, not to select candidates. The government of this province says it will not accept Swim and goes into the Liberal camp for a candidate to beat him. This was not the proper way to do business.

He said if the government had endorsed Swim there would have been no election. But another deal was on.

Thomas W. Butler blamed James Robinson for causing all the mischief. The lumber men were seeking to get from Hazen more than they had got years ago from Blair. Two weeks ago he had discovered a clique hatching the deal and had sent out a call to arms notifying the people that their rights had been invaded. Officers of the Hazen association sent out a call for a convention, at the same time. Messrs. McLachlan and Allain had not been consulted by the government. The western end of the county was entitled to representation.