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THE RISING WAVE

That Mr. Hazen is to be given the opportunity after March 3rd. to introduce in this province a more business-like administration of its affairs, more in the public interest and less in the interest of politicians and their favorites, grows more evident as election day draws nigh. The government press refuses to see the evidence, and continues to claim everything. Hide-bound partisans refuse also to believe that the methods which have prevailed for a quarter of a century will not continue to prevail. But the party leaders are very anxious. They know that a remarkable change in public sentiment has occurred, and that it is still growing throughout the constituencies. They fear from the evidence presented by the open opposition of many former friends that the great silent vote is also against them, and that not only defeat but an utter rout awaits them one week from tomorrow.

It is time for the change. The principles which have ruled at Fredericton in these years past have not been healthful political principles. They have not been fruitful in good works. There has been too much of deals and compromises and clever political trickery. Premier Robinson has succeeded to a burden which does not sit well upon him, and perhaps in his heart he would welcome an opportunity to begin as the leader of opposition, where he would be untrammelled by the sins of others and free to pursue an independent course.

During the next week there will be much political excitement, with assertions and counter-assertions, charges and counter-charges and the customary noise and confusion of a keenly waged battle; but beneath it all is the strong desire of the people to have provincial affairs conducted on busines principles, and with the same integrity that characterizes the conduct of private concerns. The majority are convinced that the best way to ensure such a result is to place new men at the head of affairs, and they are the more willing to pursue this course because of the high character and business standing of the men by whom Mr. Hazen is surrounded. Therefore on March 3rd. he will receive the popular mandate to assume the reins of power. The extent of his majority will depend upon the height to which the wave of popular enthusiasm for better government shall have risen all over the province by the end of another week of vigorous agitation.

A GROSS ATTACK

The St. John Sun this morning boasts at some length of its fairness and impartiality as a political newspaper. And yet on Saturday that paper published charges against Mr. B. Frank Smith, one of the opposition candidates in Carleton county, of the gravest character, and neither then nor today did it give Mr. Smith an opportunity to reply. This is the Sun's idea of fairness and impartiality.

The charge against Mr. Smith was a personal one. He was charged with offering bribes to two men to vote for him. In the Telegraph this morning Mr. Smith flatly denies the whole charge, and produces an affidavit from one of the men, a colored man of Woodstock, to the effect that he was never approached by Mr. Smith with any offer of any kind. The whole affair is the meanest and most contemptible effort yet made in this campaign to attack the personal character of any candidate. The Sun could have got Mr. Smith's statement if it desired to be fair, but what does the Sun say this morning? Here is its comment:—

"If. Mr. B. Frank Smith of Carleton County can survive this most recent revelation to his personal and political discredit, he is either a very strong man or the people of Carleton are not very particular who represents them. It is not generally considered good form for candidates to offer rum and money personally."

The venom of partizanship could scarcely go farther than this.. Mr. Smith is a respected citizen of Carleton county, whose word in business matters is accepted without hesitation, and who enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people. The St. John Sun, for political purposes, brands him as one who offers personal bribes of rum and money.

It appears from an affidavit published in the Sun on Saturday that Mr. John S. Leighton, jr., was the justice of the peace in the case. Presumably a bible was used —possibly the one that could not be found on a certain famous political occasion a few years ago.

The people of Carleton county will certainly resent the grossness of this attack upon Mr. Smith. A party whose leaders can stoop to such tactics as those pursued in this affair deserves overwhelming defeat.

THE EXPERT'S REPORT

Perhaps the financial expert's report will come tomorrow, and perhaps it will not come until the very eve of the election. It is a campaign document, prepared for campaign purposes, after four days' investigation of the finances of this province. No business man in either party would damage his reputation by asserting that such an audit proved anything more than the government desires it to prove. A complete exposure of the financial situation, such as the people ought to have at this time, will not be presented by the Robinson government. Everybody knows this to be a simple statement of fact. Therefore this precious document which is a result of four days' work will be regarded by the people as another herring drawn across the trail.

IT IS TIME

The Sun takes exception to the statement that the joint debate in the opera house resulted in a clear victory for the opposition. And yet the statement is true. Any man who was present and heard the speeches and noted the effect produced upon the vast audience knows that it is true. The government party refused to agree to a debate between the premier and Mr. Flemming, and insisted that Mr. McKeown must have the last word. It was a clever plan, and if the government had had a good case it would have produced an effect the very opposite of that which was produced. But the opposition leaders knew that even with the odds against them to the extent that the other party had the last word they could still present the stronger case, and they accepted the terms. The result was that the audience went away convinced that Hazen and Flemming are the men to be relied on if this province is to have better government.

THE TRUTHFUL SUN

The Sun this morning says:

"Those fair minded folk who were present and who compared the reports in The Sun and The Star with those in the Telegraph and the Times can have no doubt today as to which papers are telling the truth in this campaign."

The Sun this morning also says:—

"In Carleton whatever prospects Mr. B. F. Smith may have had have been destroyed by the evidence, attested to under oath by reputable citizens, of his gross violation of his 'purity' agreement and the election law."

As one of these "reputable citizens" (and there were only two of them and they were together at the time) has made an affidavit that the story about Mr. Smith is an utter falsehood, and as Mr. Smith himself flatly denies it, the Sun's truth-telling proclivities are revealed in a clear light. Those who rely on the Sun for political bread are getting stones.

Evidently the government party in Charlotte desires freedom of action in the use of the "resources of civilization." Senator Gillmor is known to be campaigning in the county, yet the party declines to have his name attached to the purity agreement. Mr. Murchie's proposal that each side contribute $500 to a fund for the prosecution of bribers was also turned down. And yet the Sun says that the opposition men were seeking flimsy excuses to avoid an agreement. This is another sample of the Sun's fairness.

Mr. James Barnes and his bureau have been brought into action in Queens and Northumberland. All that is required is a vivid imagination and settlements, like the "model settlement" on the line of the International Railway, may be seen springing up on every hand, filled with settlers from the United States and the United Kingdom, under the fructifying glance of Mr. Barnes, and the beneficent influence of his portable bureau.

The pertinent question is asked: Why does not Dr. Pugsley go to Gloucester county and implore the people to vote the Liberal ticket? That ticket is independent, and it is a Conservative ticket which is supporting the government. Dr. Pugsley visited Northumberland and Restigouche, but his palace car was not held at Bathurst to impress the populace. Why?

After the elections are over, and the people have the time to spare, the contributions of Mr. McDade to the Sun's columns would no doubt help to while away an idle hour. Mr. McDade's literary style is good, and his friends hope that he will some day turn it to good account.

If it is decided to have the usual nomination day speeches tomorrow the electors should give a full and fair hearing to every speaker, that both sides may present their case in the clearest possible manner.

Premier Robinson will have two opportunities this evening to answer the questions put to him by Mr. Flemming at the opera house on Friday night.

PRISON REFORM

(Toronto News.)

The governor of Toronto jail asks for the establishment of a refuge to which liberated male prisoners may go for a time after completing their sentences. Such an institution is required to prevent them from immediately falling back into former associations and habits. Cleveland has such a home, which has grown from the first pitiful nucleus established by a liberated convict who was desirous of helping his fellows. The Prisoners' Aid Association is encouraged by the prospect that both the provincial and federal governments will adopt the British Probation Act as a basis of legislation in this country. The indeterminate sentence and the probation system have been found to be useful instruments in the rehabilitation of the criminal classes. Outsiders can help greatly by taking into their employ discharged men and boys who have shown clear evidence of reform.

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Mrs. Mary Ann O'Keefe, wife of Patrick O'Keefe, of 190 St. John street, Carleton, died suddenly about 8 o'clock last night from heart trouble. She was aged forty-eight years. Mrs. O'Keefe had been ailing for more than a year. She was about the house yesterday when she suddenly fell. One of her sons picked her up and Dr. F. L. Kenney, who had been in attendance on her, was hurriedly summoned, but when he arrived she was dead.

Besides her husband, Mrs. O'Keefe is survived by five sons and one daughter. The names of the family are: William, of the C. P. R.; James, of the N. B. Southern, and Louis, Frank, Daniel and Miss Annie, all at home. There is also one brother, Cornelius Buckley, who also resides in Carleton. Mrs. O'Keefe was a daughter of the late Cornelius Buckley. Many friends will regret to hear of her death.

THE SILLY OLD STORY

'Tis only a silly old story,
Devoid of all permanent worth,
Of a maid of impossible glory
And a hero too good for this earth—
A foolish old tale with no moral,
Whose lovers are always perplexed,
Who love on one page but to quarrel
And make up again on the next.

But see where the letters are blotted,
And the sentence a girl underlined;
The page with her teardrops is dotted,
And the maiden—ah, well, never mind!
She wept o'er the silly old story,
Far sweeter than praise from the wise
And better than riches or glory,
To have conjured those tears from her eyes.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

DIDN'T GET IT.

"Father," remarked the gay youth, "I must have $1,000 to pay my debts."

"Your debts?" snorted the old man, who was a disciple of phonetic spelling, "why you have no more excuse for being in debt than the leter 'b.' "—Philadelphia Record.

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NO ROOM FOR 'EM.

Gamecock in Virginia whipped his rival and then deliberately committed suicide. Parrot in New Jersey saved a family by shrieking "Fire!" Two rats in Connecticut got drunk eating brandy drops and were caught. What chance has a nature fakir in this part of the country?

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MISUNDERSTOOD.

"Why, Johnny," said Mrs. Muggins, "what are you doing here? Is Willie's party over?"

"Nope," blubbered Johnny, "but the minute I got inside the house Willie's father told me to make myself at home, and I came.—Harper's Weekly.

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THE BENEFICIARIES.

Finnerty (who takes a drop)—I see than wan iv thim scientific gents says an occasional spree is binificial f'r some min.

Mrs. Finnerty—Troth it is; I niver yet saw a saloonkeeper that didn't wear fine clothes an' a dimint ring or two.—Puck.

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THE FAMILY GAMP.

"Little boy," said a gentleman, "why do you carry that umbrella over your head? It is not raining."

"Nope."

"Well, why then do you carry it?"

"Cause when it rains pa wants it, and when the sun shines ma wants it, and it's only when it's this kind of weather that I can get any use of it. See?"

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UNCULTURED.

"What makes you think she is uncultured?"

"She thinks Ibsen's plays are stupid."

"Well, a lot of people think so." Cleveland Leader.

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NOT NATURAL FOR HIM.
(Washington Star.)

Thomas W. Lawson, Boston's noted financier, was talking to a reporter about a notorious New York capitalist.

"Well," said Mr. Lawson, "I have heard that man tell the truth once or twice. He can tell the truth, I admit, but it doesn't come natural to him. He reminds me of the Russian mujik.

"A Russian mujik sat one day in the anteroom of the military commissioner of his town. There was an anxious frown on his face. A friend approached and said:

" 'What is the matter Piotr?'

" 'I am worried,' Piotr answered, 'about my son. I don't know what to say when the commissioner asks me his age You see, if I make him out younger than he is he will be sent back to school, and if I make him out older, they'll stick him in the army. What the deuce am I to do?'

" 'How would it do,' said thet friend thoughtfully, 'if you told the commissioner his exact age?'

"Piotr slapped his leg and laughed delightedly.

"The very thing,' he cried, 'I never thought of that!' "

TRADE WITH WEST INDIES

W. G. Parmalee Says Canada is Not Making the Most of Her Opportunities.

W. G. Parmelee, of Ottawa, deputy minister of trade and commerce, was in the city yesterday on his way home from the British West Indies, where he had been attending a trade conference as Canada's representative. He is of opinion that Canada is not making the most of her opportunities for extending trade in the islands. British trade, however, he thinks is to some extent restricted by the quarantine regulations in force in Bermuda and Jamaica.

Speaking to a Telegraph reporter, Mr. Parmelee said Canada had been invited to send representatives to a conference on trade matters and the government had deputed A. E. Jones, of Halifax, and himself to visit the islands and attend the meetings which were held from January 15 to 21 in Barbados.

Asked for some details of the conference, Mr. Parmelee replied that until he had made a report to the government he did not feel at liberty to give any particulars. He hoped that some good would come of the meetings. They had been presided over by E. T. Grannum, the auditor-general of Barbados, and all the islands had been represented. Trade conditions, he continued, in the islands were fairly good but Canada did not appear to be making the most of her opportunities. There were twenty United States commercial travelers on the islands to every representative of a Canadian house.

The Canadian line of steamers, he said, were not allowed just now to stop at Bermuda after calling at Trinidad on account of several cases of yellow fever having occurred at Trinidad some months ago. This interference with free intercourse between the islands had a tendency to restrict British trade and in the present instance at least seemed unnecessary. All the islands except Bermuda and Jamaica had joined in a quarantine convention, and the action of Bermuda, while taken presumably to protect the island, was independent of the others. The fact that steamers from New York, a city which was never free from smallpox, were not subject to this restriction raised the question whether or not trade on the island was regulated to benefit other British possessions or was being run in the interests of the United States.

Mr. Parmelee was accompanied on his trip by his wife. The trip lasted nearly two months, during which time he visited several of the islands. As a matter of interest to people in St. John, he mentioned that W. S. Harkins and his company arrived at Barbados as he was leaving a fortnight ago. Mr. Parmalee will go to Halifax today to confer with Mr. Jones, who arrived home via New York last week, and will then proceed to Ottawa.

Senator McSweeney, of Moncton, who returned from Ottawa a few days since, suffering from la grippe, is confined to his home.

Dr. Oliver Howard, of Virginia, is visiting his father, William Howard, Carleton.

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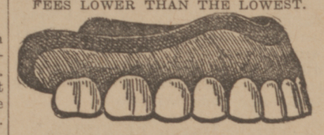
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