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DR. PUGSLEY

Dr. Pugsley at Campbellton was a distinct disappointment. He failed to promise the people a palatial daily steamship service on Bay Chaleur, and does not appear even to have promised to increase the weight of the Restigouche salmon or the spread of the antlers of the Restigouche moose.

It is true that he spoke at length on the International Railway, which is being made the great issue of the campaign in that county. His observations should be read along with those of the Hon. Geo. F. Hill which are printed in this issue of the Times.

Dr. Pugsley again appealed to the people to strengthen his hands at Ottawa by returning the Robinson government to power. This is his great plea. He needs strength. The federal government, he says, will do more for the development of the province if Mr. Hazen and his friends are defeated. The falsity of this statement has already been shown. Moreover, such a statement by the New Brunswick minister of the crown is an acknowledgement of his own weakness, and that of his colleagues from the province. They are sent to Ottawa to guard the interests of New Brunswick, and they will be held responsible for it, no matter what happens in provincial politics. The appeal to federal issues is made in a despairing effort to divert the people's minds from the iniquities of the provincial administration.

Of course Dr. Pugsley will be heard from again. There will be telegrams. There will be last hour promises. There will be all the features of a spectacular finish.

But there will also be a change of government. The people know how to conduct their own affairs.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

This is Mr. E. H. Allen's ninth day as provincial secretary of the province of New Brunswick. It is understood that Mr. Allen, whose previous training and experience eminently fit him for so responsible a position, is already laying down plans for a large surplus. Mr. Allen's long political experience, especially in the legislature (of which he has never been a member) fit him pre-eminently for the task of producing surpluses, negotiating provincial loans, enforcing economy in the departments, and generally ensuring for the province a business-like administration of its finances. His special training as a claims agent on the I. C. R. has given him a keen insight into such matters as the handling of debentures, railway bonds, agricultural grants, bridge money, highway funds, and all the details of the financial affairs of a whole province. His friends are confident that Gladstone or Tilley never presented such a budget as Mr. Allen will bring down when he gets a chance. The province is indeed fortunate in having prevailed upon Mr. Allen to sacrifice his prospects as a claims agent to restore the provincial finances to a healthy condition. Few men would have been so public spirited, and a still smaller number would have had the courage, while there is no man in the province so eminently qualified. In no act of his administration has Premier Robinson displayed so much foresight and political acumen, or given greater proof of his capacity to gain the confidence of business men, than in prevailing upon a claims agent to step down and accept the humble office of finance minister of New Brunswick. It was a great stroke of policy when the premier overcame the reluctance of Mr. Barnes, and prevailed upon that energetic gentleman to accept a $2,000 job with no work attached to it; but even that was commonplace compared with the conquest of Mr. Allen. In view of the evidence, it would seem little short of criminal to doubt for one moment that the premier is a heaven-born statesman, as Dr. Pugsley would have us believe.

The government party in York is none too eager for a pure election. In any case that party is marching to defeat.

THE SUN AND MAYOR SEARS

The St. John Sun of Dec. 12th contained this paragraph in its "shafts of sunshine:"—

'It is to be hoped that Earl Grey will remember what is due the dignity of the Mayor of St. John and be on hand to meet him when he arrives at the capital, with his aldermaniac body guard."

The St. John Sun of Dec. 13th contained this paragraph:—

"Up to the time The Sun went to press Mayor Sears' dignity has been wounded 1,800 times since going to Ottawa. Earl Grey is feeling very blue about it. Nothing less than the postmastership of St. John will stamp out his worship's sense of injury."

These paragraphs, read in connection with the Sun's more recent attacks upon all who presume to mention the post office in connection with Mayor Sears' present position as a government candidate, are likely to contribute to a state of mild hilarity. The mayor, as a matter of fact, was after a federal appointment, is after a federal appointment, and will be after a federal appointment—and won't be happy till he gets it. Therefore the citizens should defeat him in this campaign, that he may the sooner go to his reward. They would at the same time be electing in his opponent a real representative of the city in the legislature, under the Hazen administration.

THE DICTATOR

The latest developments in the local government campaign lead irresistibly to the query: Why have a provincial legislature at all? Why not have the minister of public works appoint a deputy to represent him in the province and transfer the seat of authority to Ottawa? Dr. Pugsley, to use a slang phrase, appears to be "the whole thing." Of course his "dear friend," Mr. Emmerson, is recognised; but, after all, it is Dr. Pugsley who is to rain the blessings upon the people.

If federal partyism in New Brunswick has grown so abject as to forget provincial issues whenever Dr. Pugsley waves his hand, then indeed must it have fallen upon evil times. Had the minister of public works merely come to the province to defend the acts of the government of which he was lately the leader, his right to do so would not have been questioned, whatever might have been thought about the wisdom of such a course; bue when he seeks to obscure provincial issues and crack the federal whip he goes beyond his rights and threatens the very existence of representative and responsible government. He assumes the role of a dictator, and the velvet glove does not conceal the iron hand. Sweet William is also William the Dictator. He would better serve his own interests and those of the province if he assumed the role of William the silent. This is a provincial campaign and the people will not accept dictation from Ottawa. The Robinson government should be judged on its merits and condemned.

To say that provincial development requires that the governments at Ottawa and Fredericton be of the same complexion is a reflection upon the representation of the province at Ottawa. But the statement is not true. Ontario was never so prosperous as now and the like is true of Manitoba and British Columbia, where the provincial governments are not elected at the dictation of any federal minister but by the people themselves. Dr. Pugsley and the Sun give the people credit for little knowledge and less common sense when they introduce the federal issue into the campaign. But the people will speak their mind on March 3rd.

The Sun and Star are assiduously booming Mayor Sears, to the exclusion of the other candidates. Neither of them says one word about the wonderful success attending the personal canvass of Mr. Lantalum, Mr. Skinner or Hon. Mr. Purdy. It is always Mayor Sears. The mayor is fortunate. He has a good press agent. But the fact that he is boomed in this way indicates that there is no hope of electing the rest of the ticket. It is apparently hoped that persistent booming may induce someone to believe that the mayor has a chance of election.

If the people of New Brunswick want better roads and bridges, cheaper school books, a better agricultural and immigration policy, a more business like administration of their crown lands, and less extravagance and squandering of public funds they must defeat the present provincial government.

There is no doubt about it. Some persons have hinted that they entertain doubts, but Dr. Pugsley and Mr. McKeown are the men who know what the people ought to do in regard to politics. Both gentlemen have done it all in their time—and they certainly ought to know all about the matter—including all the parties.

On one page this morning the Sun states that victory is sure for the government party in York. On another page it announces that Mr. E. H. McAlpine is off to York to stump for the government. This may mean that Mr. McAlpine is a wonder, or that help is greatly needed in York—or both.

Mr. E. H. McAlpine ($19,660.91), Mr. W. H. Trueman (prospective supreme court reporter) and Mr. M. McDade (prospective immigration agent in Ireland), agree that Mr. E. H. Allen (late I. C. R. claims agent) is an ideal minister of finance, and that the Robinson government is the best ever. Of course they do.

Mr. Flemming and Mr. Hazen had a great meeting in Woodstock last evening. Everywhere the opposition candidates are addressing crowded and enthusiastic meetings, at which are many who formerly supported the provincial government but are now determined to aid in effecting a change at Fredericton.

"Two governments," says the Sun, "are better than one." But if Dr. Pugsley has his way there will be only one—and he will be the dictator.

The word from Westmorland is that the prospects are excellent for defeating even the premier himself. The opposition are confident of carrying the whole four seats. They have a splendid organinzation, four very strong candidates and a good cause.

The Sun wants to know how the opposition party would cheapen the price of school books. It would be done by paying less for them and abolishing the "rake-off."

Messrs Morrissy and Maxwell replied effectively to Dr. Pugsley at Chatham last night.

The more the government orators point to Ottawa, the more the people realize how weak is the case of the Robinson government. On its merits it deserves defeat.

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And sadly steal apart,
Into the dark and cold,
Friend of my heart!
Remember, if you can,
Not him who lingers, but that other man.
Who loved and sang, and had a beating heart—
When I am old!

When I am old,
And all love's ancient fire
Be tremulous and cold,
My soul's desire!
Remember, if you may,
Nothing but you and me and yesterday,
When heart on heart we bid the years conspire
To make us old!

When I am old,
And every star above
Be pitiless and cold,
My life's one love!
Forbid me not to go;
Remember naught of us but long ago,
And not at last, how love and pity strove,
When I grew old.
—Ernest Dowson in New York Mail.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HAD NO CHANCE.

Mistress — "Jane, I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. In the future I will take the milk in."

Jane—"Twouldn't be no use, mum. He's promised never to kiss anybody but me."

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A BAD FAILURE.

Nodd—"There was to be a meeting of my creditors today."

Todd—"Well, wasn't there."

"No. They unanimously agreed that they couldn't afford to spend the time."

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ONE GOOD RESULT.

"They say very few authors sleep more than seven hours a day."

"But think how much slumber they furnish other people."

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COULDN'T HELP IT.

Intelligent Rescuer (to skater who has fallen through) — "Steady, old man, steady! Keep cool!"

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POOR PAPA.

"Mamma, may I get on the donkey's back?"

"No, dear. But if you are good papa will take you on his back it will be all the same."

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WHY HE REFRAINED.

"Did you ever try drowning your sorrows?"

"Nope; she's stronger than I am, and besides it would be murder."

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SOMEWHAT MIXED.

In a recent speech before the parliament of New South Wales, Australia, E. W. Sullivan said: "The present ministry may blunder along for a few months, but while gazing at the stars they will stumble over the pebbles and then the ambulance will take them to the hospital where the grinning skulls of their predecessors are stored."

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The Immigration Problem in Canada

(By E. N. LEWIS, M. P.)

Canada's struggle with the race question, which broke out recently in the riots in British Columbia, is almost precisely the same struggle that our Pacific Coast States have had on their hands for many years. One of the men who has studied it is E. N. Lewis, member of the dominion parliament from West Huron.

"If this is a large and important problem for the United States, with 80,000,000 people, how much more so is it for Canada, with only 6,000,000?

"The Vancouver riots are to be lamented. Mob law is bad law. We Canadians make our own laws and should keep them. If we make bad bargains we must stand by them, like men, until we get our first decent opportunity to change them. But the Vancouver trouble may do good by bringing to the fore now a trouble at a time when it can be easily coped with.

"Politics should not enter into the discussion of this question; it is too vital; nor should the feelings of corporations which want laborers and which hold the present so close to their eyes that they cannot see the vast results beyond, be taken too seriously.

"We are now busy laying the foundations of the last great nation, and the better they are the better the superstructure will be. We are building for ourselves and for our children; let us be careful rather than sorry. We have a near example to the south of us. The negro question is supposed to be the vital trouble in store for the United States, but she is now nursing a greater. In 1906 1,100,000 immigrants, of whom 900,000 came from Russia and southern Europe, entered the United States. Seven hundred and fifty-two thousand stayed in the eastern cities. In 1903 the New York inspector said 200,000 undesirables entered. I was informed by a physician of a large United States city that he had treated children of fifteen who were born in the United States and could not speak a word of English. This physician further stated that he did not believe there would be a real American living in Chicago in twenty years.

"There are thousands of laborers and domestic helpers among the forty millions of people in the British Isles and the hundred millions of people in France, Germany and Sweden who can be brought out to help us in our nation-building, if the efforts therefor are organized.

"The crucial point of the Japanese question is that they are entirely non-assimilable. They come to labor on the railways; they remain to enter trades, manufactures and mercantile pursuits. They keep to themselves, a people apart, and if allowed to enter in great numbers will in time form a disturbing element that will not down. Government of the people, by the people, for the people is impossible where people cannot mix and act together.

"Now is the time to settle this question. The Japanese should go westward to Corea and Asia. The governments should arrange this on a mutual basis. We don't want our young men to go to Japan; we need them here."

British bark Edna M. Smith arrived yesterday at Vineyard Haven from Kingston, Ja., on her way to Bear River, N. S. The vessel is now in command of Captain Steeves; her former commander was Captain Rice, who died at sea, and vessel put into Jamaica.

His friends of both parties will regret that Mr. W. Frank Hatheway is confined to his house with cold and sore throat, and is therefore unable for a few days to take part in the political discussion.

The Sun pretends to expect a complete report on the provincial finances as a result of four days' work by a Toronto young man at Fredericton. Such faith is surely sublime.

A Hampstead correspondent tells in today's Times what the highway act has done for the roads in Queens county. The like is true throughout the province.

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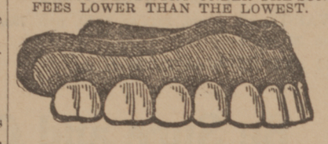
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—St. John Globe, Feb. 5.

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Norwegian bark Charles Dickens arrived at Montevideo February 7, from Dalhousie, N. B. She has been since November 29 on the passage.

Dredge W. S. Fielding has completed her work in Yarmouth harbor and is now on the flats near Lewis' wharf, where she is being fitted with a new propeller.

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