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DESPERATE EFFORTS

The dredge W. S. Fielding has been brought into action by Dr. Pugsley to create a diversion in favor of the local government forces.

This is another evidence of the desperate straits to which the party is reduced. The Sun says: "the orders concerning the Fielding have now been altered and she will come here."

The Fielding was to have come here last fall. Only a few days ago the St. John Globe told how the port of St. John was being humbuged over this channel dredging, and the statement evidently produced a panic, for the Fielding's orders have been changed and she is to be set at work here at once.

But no one is deceived. There is absolutely no relation between the dredging of the harbor channel, first promised ten years ago, and the administration of affairs at Fredericton. Dr. Pugsley as federal minister is responsible for the fulfilment or non-fulfilment of federal government pledges. The Robinson government are responsible for the state of the roads, the price of school books, the Central Railway and other matters concerning which they are now on trial before the bar of public opinion. The appeal to Dr. Pugsley is an attempt to confuse the issue and deceive the electors. It will fail.

A BATTLE ROYAL

Today will see the two parties formally lined up all over the province in the hottest provincial fight for the last quarter of a century. Whenever it is possible the government is introducing federal issues, but it winks at federal party lines in those localities where it has Conservative candidates or wants Conservative votes. The opposition sticks to the provincial issues and invites support from all parties in behalf of a better provincial administration. The opposition has the strongest field of candidates in its history, and there is not a single constituency in New Brunswick where the government can confidently assert that it is sure of carrying its ticket. A careful survey of the field has convinced the opposition leaders that their party will have a good majority in the next house, and the extent of that majority may be much greater than they anticipated, since there is no doubt at all that a great change in public sentiment is still in progress. The people want a change of government at Fredericton, and the introduction of more business-like methods.

GRADUAL CONVERSION

It is perhaps to be regretted that the elections are so near at hand. The province is witnessing the gradual conversion of a seeking soul to new political ideals, and it seems almost a pity that the process is to be completed by a rude jolt on March 3rd instead of by the slower and more easy method of steadily growing conviction.

Premier Robinson is the subject of this wonderful transformation. He manifested another change for the better last evening when he declared that he hoped in the near future to see the primary readers given to the children free of charge.

It is really wonderful to see how surely the premier is coming around to the side of the opposition without being himself aware of the fact. He still denounces the opposition, and yet agrees with them about the iniquity of the highway act, the too great cost of school books, and some other matters of public importance. The light is gradually dawning upon him. After March 3rd he will realize that the people had already made the discoveries he has been so slow in making.

SOMEWHAT EXCITED

The Times yesterday gave currency to a rumor to the effect that the government party in this city were considering a saw-off by which two of their candidates and two opposition men would be elected. This paper further stated that this subject was said to be one of those considered yesterday by the party managers.

With a ferocity quite unlike their naturally mild demeanor the aforesaid candidates and managers fell upon this devoted journal last evening and charged it with all possible degrees of falsehood.

Now the Times did not manufacture the story. It was current rumor, talked of on the street. It might very well have been true, even if it were not, since the government party know perfectly well that they have no hope of electing their ticket in this city. They and their orators are now making a last desperate appeal for support—not for the candidates—but for Dr. Pugsley. Even the premier last night begged his audience not to forget Dr. Pugsley, but to reward him by electing Mesrs. Purdy, Sears, Lantalum and Skinner. The fact that the premier and Dr. Pugsley have both been brought to the rescue proves the desperate straits to which the party in this city has been reduced. The Sun may shout about great metings and wildly enthusiastic crowds, but the man who goes about with his ears open, or drops into the government committee rooms, gets the other side of the story. Possibly the rumor about a saw-off being discussed by the government executive was not well founded, but there is no doubt at all about the uneasiness in the minds of government leaders. They are now looking to Ottawa, and begging the people not to forget Dr. Pugsley. But that appeal will not save their candidates. It is the provincial government that is on trial, and its days are numbered.

THE HIGHWAY ACT

"There has been much dissatisfaction with the Highway Act brought into force by the government a couple of years ago and there has been considerable ground for discontent. The Act has not worked out in practice as it promised in theory. The funds, as administered by the government superintendents appointed over a combination of parishes have not perhaps been as equitably expended as if under the direct supervision of the districts whose interests are directly concerned. Also, there is room for strong objection in that feature of the law which takes away from the municipal councils the power of directing the expenditure of the money they collect."

This testimony is from the St. John Sun of today. The government which inflicted this act upon the public should not be permitted to experiment any further. Turn the blunderers out.

Mr. E. H. McAlpine will go to Woodstock. Mr. McAlpine, according to the Sun, "that favorite of every audience," "was literally received with open arms," last evening at a meeting in this city. Mr. McAlpine has been in Queens, York, and now Carleton county. Mr. McDade has been busy with his pen. Dr. Pugsley is even more busy, using voice and pen. If there is any old Liberal who is still in doubt about what his leaders want—his case must be hopeless.

A careful study of the list of opposition candidates nominated today shows that Mr. Hazen will have behind him in the next house a body of progressive business men who may be counted on to give the province better government. All this talk about the government standing for progress and the opposition for stagnation is answered by a glance at the respective lists of candidates.

"The utmost the Conservatives expect is 18 seats out of 46," says the Sun. How about that Conservative ticket in Gloucester, in whose behalf Dr. Pugsley forgot to say a word, but which Premier Robinson counts as a government ticket? This fight is not between Liberals and Conservatives. The issues are purely provincial, and the Sun is merely seeking to deceive the people.

A government which from year to year has calmly appropriated opposition policies and claims credit for them, now asserts that the opposition has done nothing and deserves no credit. The fallacy of this argument is plain to any man who studies the record. There need be no hesitation about trusting Mr. Hazen and the men around him to pursue a progressive as well as an economical policy.

"Subsidised claquers" is the term applied by the Sun to the electors who interrupted Mr. McKeown at the opera house. If reports are true of what the Sun is charging for its support and what the government party managers say about it, the Sun is very far from earning its own subsidy.

The Sun again repeats the charge made against Mr. B. Frank Smith of Carleton county and ignores the affidavit of one of the men to whom he was alleged by his political enemies to have offered rum and money. This is the Sun's notion of fair play. fl

It may again be observed that the provincial government did not plant the coal areas in Queens county. It only built a railroad that Mr. Morse, of the G. T. P., says is not fit for heavy traffic, and even failed to fulfil its solemn pledges to extend that road to Fredericton.

This should be a day of promises, although there will doubtless be others, especially on the very eve of the election. But this government is to be judged on its past performances, not on its promises.

One recognizes in the editorials in the Sun the artful hand of one not new to political discussion, but for some time past out of the turmoil, in the shady retreats of office. The machine has been brought into action.

As election day draws night the strength of the opposition ticket in St. John county impresses itself more and more upon the anxious friends of Mr. McKeown.

W. Frank Hatheway, who has been confined to his home with cold and throat trouble, will be forced to remain indoors during the present week.

Stores close at 6 p. m. St. John, Feb. 25, 1908.

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(Houston Post.)

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Our hours of ease
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And hard to please,
It is not nice
At you to poke
The everlasting
Quip and joke;
But, woman, when
All's said and done—
You can't help it—
You're lots of fun.

About your neck
You wear a fur
When round you
Chilling breezes whirr.
Below the fur
A peek-a-boo
Permits your dimples
To peek through.
A heavy skirt
Your limbs inclose,
Your ankles show
Through open hose.

To you, dear, in
Your hours of ease
We bag our trousers
At the knees;
Your "No" means "Yes,"
You know it does,
Your "Go away!"
In old days was
Our signal to
Hunch closer up;
You are the bubble
On life's cup!

In glad days you're
Some hard to please,
But when we're sad,
Dear heart, you freeze
Right tight to us!
The worse our rue
The more you help
Us battle through
To blossomed ways
And glints of sun;
You're lots of help,
And lots of fun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

Knicker—"What makes a successful politician?"

Pocker—"The ability to tell a band-wagon from a hearse."—Judge.

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SORRY AFTERWARDS.

Lawyer—"Was your friend an accessory before the fact?"

Witness—"Sure, sor, but most sorry he wor after the fact, sor."—Baltimore American.

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KNEW WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE.

"Ever seen congress in session?"

"No." replied Farmer Coboss, "but I know about how it looks. I hev a hired man who kin git as busy doin' nuthin' as anything you ever saw."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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WHY SPEECHES ARE MADE.

"Was your speeches listened to with interest by your colleagues?"

"My dear sir," answered Senator Sorghum, "speeches are not made to be listened to by your colleagues. They are made to be read by your constituents."—Washington Star.

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MR. FAIRBANKS' BRIGHT REMARK.

Several years ago, when the vice-president was a senator from Indiana, he went to a dinner given by the late John Hay, then secretary of state.

After dinner, when the cigars had been lighted, Mr. Hay fell to talking of Lincoln, whose secretary and biographer he was. Mr. Hay talked for an hour.

Mr. Fairbanks was much impressed. After Mr. Hay finished, the senator from Indiana leaned forward and said:

"Really, Mr. Hay, that was most interesting—most interesting. You should write a book about Lincoln."—Chicago Evening Post.

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SPRING SIGNS.

Signs o' springtime everwhere—
Dreamy echoes float.
Skies to-day are blue and fair,
(Get your overcoat!)

Surely, bees are on the wing—
There's a dove's sad note,
And I hear a bluebird sing.
(Get your overcoat!)
—Atlanta Constitution.

THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER —OF— KENNEBECCASIS BAY

"Gone away," and scattered, but mostly "gone away," the boys and girls who were with me when life held no regrets, no cares for the present and no anxieties for the future. The scattered few, who seldom, if ever, meet one another, are wrinkled and blear-eyed and gray and bent. They have some regrets, but, thank God, they have a good many pleasant recollections, as well as a good many sorrowful ones, for little ones lifted from mortal environment, and other little ones lost in the wild jungles of the world. Since the time when we were children together some of us have grown famous and some of us have grown rich and, I am sure, a few of us have known a good deal of this world's happiness, but the lives of a majority of us have been full of discontent—of repining for something that "might have been." It is human nature ; except under extraordinary circumstances man is never content. It is the far off hills that attract his eye; when he reaches them he finds they are forlorn and desolate. To be sure, there are some—a good many—who are so near akin—not to the animal, but to the vegetable that they are neither elated by hope nor depressed by fear, to enjoy the sweet ameninities of life or to be disgusted by its brutalities, but they are not worth a thought—they should be permitted to live in a world apart, and if necessary, forced to do so, provided they are not too large a majority and too powerful. They are often accounted fortunate by men and women who look at the surface rather than at the heart of things. He who harms another through malice brings upon himself a double portion of harm. I sometimes think this would still be the paradise that we knew in childhood, but for man's inhumanity; that Eden still exists—is all about us—but a clearer and purer vision is necessary to its recognition and a clearer and purer view of the rights and duties of humanity.

Dear children of my childhood, "gone away" and widely dispersed! I will not think that any of you have dishonored yourselves; if so, you have not been dishonored, for no man can dishonor any one but himself. Honor and dishonor lie in one's own heart. In the scales of justice neither the world's scorn nor the world's adulation outweighs a feather. I always think of this when I think of you, dear little children of my childhood.

Whitehead, K. Co., Feb. 10.

O. M. Melanson and F. B. Black, two of the opposition candidates in Westmorland county were in Salisbury on Saturday and were warmly greeted by many old friends and not a few new ones. These gentlemen must have been agreeably surprised Saturday evening, when despite a blinding snow storm they were greeted by a good sized audience at North River. The meeting opened at 8 o'clock with J. Hicks Eagles, a prominent farmer of the district, in the chair. The speakers were E. A. Reilly, of Moncton, and Messrs. Melanson and Black. That the speakers and their attentive hearers were in full sympathy was clearly evinced by the hearty applause accorded each speaker.

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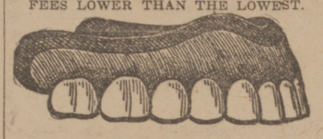
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