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CORRUPT TACTICS

Capable men who are working in the interest of the opposition candidates in this city have been approached with tempting offers to transfer their allegiance to the government party. This is the manner in which the party agreement is being carried out by the friends of Messrs. Purdy, Sears, Skinner and Lantulum.

What do the people of St. John think about this gross violation of what was understood to be a binding agreement? Nothing could testify more eloquently to the weakness and panic in the government ranks than a resort to an effort to corrupt the active ward workers of the opposing party. It is in striking contrast to the boasts of the government press. It means that the voters are giving the candidates the cold shoulder, and that desperate efforts are being made to purchase support. Such efforts must fail, as they deserve to do. This is a fight for good government, and the evidence of the need of it is shown in the tactics pursued by the government party. Money is being used for more than legitimate purposes, and the fact will be resented by every advocate of honest politics.

THIS IS THE LIMIT

The most unblushing attempt yet made by the government to humbug the people is made in the Sun this morning. What purports to be the report of the expert auditor is set forth with the outrageous claim that it makes everything clear and proves all that the government has said concerning the provincial finances.

The Times defies any man except a lunatic to get from the figures printed in the Sun a satisfactory knowledge of the finances. The report is unsigned, it does not contain all that the Sun says it contains, and it is accompanied by a couple of columns of grossly partisan comment, which shows that the whole thing was concocted as a campaign document and is utterly unreliable. The name of the auditor does not appear once in the whole report. The Sun says it shows clearly that there was a surplus last year of \$9,837.21, but the Times defies any man to discover it.

The value of the whole thing may be gauged by the assertion that Mr. Flemming made "the unwarranted and untrue statement that the debt of the province had been increased \$1,500,000 in a single year, a statement he subsequently withdrew and apologized for." In the opera house Mr. Flemming showed that an indebtedness of \$1,500,000, accumulated during several years, had in one year been added to the permanent debt. That was all he ever claimed, and he proved its truth.

This auditor's report as it appears in the Sun is the most reckless and shameless campaign document yet issued, and should utterly condemn the government in the estimation of every business man in New Brunswick.

Not only is the Central Railway put down as an asset at \$1,150,000, but this Toronto young man is made to say that the crown lands of the province are today worth \$21,000,000. How does he know? Did he survey them in Dr. Pugsley's airship during the spare moments of his four or five days in Fredericton?

What does the man who reads this extraordinary document know more than he did before about the finances of New Brunswick? Surely the government must think the people are easily fooled.

The Star continues its petty personal flings at Mr. John E. Wilson. This should materially increase the vote for that gentleman.

EFFECTIVE SPEECHES

The Times commends to its readers the speeches of Ald. Baxter and H. A. Powell in Carleton last evening.

Ald. Baxter showed that though the government has claimed an annual surplus it has paid the \$2,500 annual grant to this city by issuing each year an interest bearing debenture instead of paying it out of current revenue, and that by the time the city has received its \$50,000 it will have cost the province \$112,800. As a sample of the financial methods of this government this should be enough to condemn them as utterly unfit to conduct the affairs of the province.

Mr. Powell showed that though the Central Railway if sold at the same price per mile as the federal government paid for a better road, the Canada Eastern, it would only bring \$360,000, yet the government puts it down as an asset of \$1,150,000. Mr. Powell showed how fallacious is the government statement of the public debt, and effectively replied to the untrue statement of the debt at the time the Blair government came into power. Mr. Powell speaks from inside knowledge concerning branch railways, and throws a flood of light upon the subject.

The addresses of Messrs. Baxter, Wilson, Maxwell, McInerney and Powell in Carleton last evening must have convinced the people it is time for a change at Fredericton. Dr. Pugsley will endeavor to persuade them to the contrary, but the facts are so strongly against that artful politician that his efforts will be in vain. The west side will give the opposition candidates a splendid majority.

DR. PUGSLEY

Perhaps before the year is out Dr. Pugsley will be himself appealing to the electors of St. John. As a federal minister he will be appealing for support to the electors of the whole province. On that occasion discussion of what the federal government has done or may do for the city and province will be eminently proper.

But is any person simple-minded enough to believe that if the provincial government is defeated Dr. Pugsley will at once begin to relax his efforts? He will redouble them, to save himself and the government of which he is a member.

The province of New Brunswick is not a pocket borough for the minister of public works. He was permitted by acclamation to take his seat at Ottawa, at a by-election, with the general elections near at hand. He should now confine himself to his duties at Ottawa, and leave the people to exercise their own judgment. He thinks they showed admirable judgment when they elected him as their representative at Ottawa, and he should not now imply by his conduct that he fears they have lost their power of forming a correct estimate and must needs have his dictation.

It is of course impossible to predict what new promises and allurements the minister will hold out to the people this evening. His vivid imagination far outruns the speculative powers of ordinary mortals. With only a few days to intervene before the elections he will doubtless feel that he may safely go to almost any length, although as a minister of the crown he must clothe his statements in a certain atmosphere of vagueness.

Possibly he may endeavor to reply to the St. John Globe, which has so effectively put the G. T. P. and the Courtenay Bay borings out of business as an issue in the campaign. Possibly, also, he may discuss the Globe's statement concerning the public debt and the dishonest principles governing provincial finance for years past.

But whatever Dr. Pugsley may have to say it is still the duty of the people to conduct their own affairs in their own way, and to judge the provincial government on its record. Dr. Pugsley was perhaps the most expensive minister the province ever had, and it is useless to expect that he will be on the side of prudent administration. His withdrawal from the provincial arena makes it that much easier for the people to get back to the principles of prudence, real progress, and a square deal; and the first step will have been taken when the Robinson government has been utterly defeated at the polls. That step is already decreed, and will be taken on March 3rd, and thereafter Dr. Pugsley will be quite as solicitous as he is today for the welfare of the port of St. John and the province of New Brunswick.

THE PREMIER'S JOKE

Premier Robinson has leaped into prominence not only as an exalted statesman but as the humorist of this campaign. To the Star yesterday he said:—"I am unable to find one county in which we can fairly admit the success of the opposition."

Only by "election accidents," he goes on to say, will the opposition get a seat at all. He goes over the list of counties

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and sees victory everywhere. Let Mr. Hazen and his friends should be led by despondency to commit hari-kari or lose their reason the premier graciously observes in conclusion:—

"The accidents of the election will probably leave the opposition a few seats, but it is difficult to foresee where they will be."

The premier's hindsight will be much better than his foresight. On March 3rd he will have revealed unto him those things which are hidden.

But the premier is really joking. He knows why he has brought in outside assistance, and bought up so much space in the newspapers, and is working poor Mr. McAlpine and poor Mr. McDade almost to death. He knows he is on the verge of defeat, and that even in Westmorland county the tide is running strongly against him. The people also know these things.

A WAIL FROM CHARLOTTE

The following wild appeal appears in large type in the St. Andrews Beacon:—

"Men of Charlotte!—We would appeal to you, as men who love your country and desire to see it prosper, to help us place the old County of Charlotte in the position that she should occupy by reason of her splendid harbors, her magnificent fishery, agricultural and mineral resources. Help us to make Charlotte County the foremost County in the Dominion. Help us to make her roads the best that can be found in the Province. Help us to develop her ocean ports. Help us to improve her harbors. Help us to improve the condition of her fishermen, her farmers and her people generally. This is not a question of party politics—it is a question of loyalty to your home. We would appeal to you on these broad lines, without regard to party affiliations. Charlotte County has been wandering in the wilderness of

A-COURTING UP THE GREEN

I have a little sister, with calm and gentle mien,
With bonnie eyes, such bonnie eyes,
Is age but scarce an afternoon,
Her eyes are just a symphony in sun and sunshine sheen.
Bright bonnie eyes of sunshine,
And she but sweet nineteen.

But, oh! my little sister (such things have oft been seen)
Some day may catch a beau, a beau,
A-courting up the green.
Her smile is just a rivulet, without a rift between.
It and her bonnie, bonnie eyes
And she but sweet nineteen.

Then, ho! for little sister! I toss my cap, the queen
Of all our rose, rose garden white,
With sun and sunshine sheen.
Her heart is like the ocean's crest,
Without a main between.
It and her bonnie, bonnie eyes,
And she just sweet nineteen!

And, oh! I toss my cap, my cap,
A-courting up the green.
—William Page Carter, in the New York Tribune.

IN LIGHTER VEIN SILENCE!

"Here, you!" growled the cranky man in the reading room, "you've been snoring horribly."

"Ugh! hey?" gurgled the drowsy one. "If you only keep your mouth shut," went on the cranky one, "you wouldn't make so much noise."

"Neither would you," replied the other. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

KNEW WALL STREET

"Gee, but that man must know all about Wall street!"

"What makes you think so?"

"He never speculates." —Cleveland Leader.

PITY AND CONGRATULATION.

The Old Bachelor—"Don't you pity us old widows?"—Yes, but I don't pity you as much as I congratulate myself.—Illustrated Bits.

MODESTY.

The beauteous rose had dipped her head As if in shame and sorrow.

We asked her why she blushed so red,
She said:—"Upon the morrow
The florist will emit a gentle laugh
And sell me for two-dollars-and-a-half."

RAPID RISE.

"Pa," said Mrs. Hardapple as she opened the letter, "the man who ran over our old crippled cow with his automobile wants to know how much she was worth."

"Tell him about \$6," drawled Hiram Hardapple. "Let me see, it was that poor village doctor, wasn't it?"

"No, Hiram, it was a city feller."

"Was, eh? Well, by heck, tell him she was a first-class critter, and worth every cent of \$30."

"And come to think of it, Hiram, his automobile was almost as long as a steamboat, with glass windows, six lights, and a horn that you could hear five miles."

"What? Then write and tell him the cow he killed was a genuine imported prize winning Holstein, and worth \$500, and if he doesn't settle up every cent in cash I'll put the law on him."

TURN ON THE LIGHT

(Charlottetown Guardian.)

The wide differences between the finances of the New Brunswick government and opposition as to the state of the public accounts are indeed remarkable, but like differences have from time to time arisen in other provinces of the Dominion. These tend to confuse the public mind and prevent a clear understanding of the actual condition. Capital account has been too often made the means of creating imaginary surpluses were none existed and cloaking unwarrantable additions to the public debt. What the people want to know is the true state of the public accounts, exactly as the partners of a business firm desire to know whether they are making or losing money.

Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Ingram and son, Aiken, returned to Newcastle Thursday after spending some weeks with Mrs. Chas. Robinson, 106 Elliott Row.

opposition long enough. Let us place her where she rightfully belongs."

And if the men of Charlotte listened to this appeal and elected the government ticket the county would still be in the "wilderness of opposition," for the government will not elect those gentlemen. It will be in line with Mr. Hazen for better government.

In the counties of Kent and Westmorland the race cry has been raised by a member of the Quebec legislature. A resort to this desperate appeal shows not only a panic in the provincial government ranks but the unscrupulous character of the campaign that is being carried on all over the province. Are the people of New Brunswick to accept dictation from a member of the Quebec legislature? What does he know about our provincial affairs? By what right does Premier Robinson bring to his aid agents of racial discord? Turn the rascals out!

From every section of the province come reports of opposition success. The government press is seeking by every means in its power to deceive the people, and Premier Robinson lends himself to the attempt by making the most reckless prediction ever made on the eve of an election in any province in Canada.

The government's Toronto expert puts the crown lands down at a value of \$21,000,000. The revenue from these lands in 1906 was little more than \$250,000. What would be thought of a steward who only produced a return of \$250,000 from an estate worth \$21,000,000?

The Sun this morning quotes its own predictions in 1903. If this proves anything it proves the utter unreliability of the Sun as an election prophet. That is all it does prove. The Sun is still making predictions.

If Dr. Pugsley cannot offer the people anything better than the Toronto expert's campaign document, he will have poor luck this trip.

The Star has added a cartoon to its list of arguments in favor of the government, and it is quite as foolish and inaccurate as the rest.

Mr. Flemming's questions, asked at the opera house meeting, are still unanswered.

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