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ITS RECORD

What is it that the people of New Brunswick are asked by Premier Robinson to endorse by their votes on March 3rd?

A government that has increased the net debt to nearly \$4,000,000 and incurred in addition enormous liabilities.

A government that has incurred liabilities amounting to almost \$1,200,000 in connection with the still incomplete International Railway, much of whose revenue is likely to be derived from the carriage of New Brunswick logs to mills in the state of Maine, building up an American industry.

A government which has permitted the Central Railway to swallow up \$1,200,000 of public funds without getting either a well-constructed or completed road between the points it was designed to unite.

A government that squandered enormous sums on two and three-price bridges, and yet failed to provide more than a fraction of the good bridges really required.

A government that adopted a highway act so much worse than useless that it has been abandoned.

A government that permits the people to be misled by a school book ring, and instead of reforming the system promises on the eve of the elections that a commission will investigate the subject.

A government whose leader refuses to accept a challenge to discuss the state of the finances, and, also on the eve of the election, merely promises a commission of enquiry.

A government so weak in itself that it must needs invoke the aid of the federal government and crack the federal party whip wherever there is hope of driving office holders or duping strong party men into the ranks of its supporters.

A government whose agricultural policy has run largely in the direction of salaries to commissioners and agents of one sort and another.

A government whose crown lands policy does not conserve the resources of the provinces, or deal fairly with all the lumber operators of the province.

A government whose present promises are to be considered in the light of past performances.

A government which established a colonization bureau to provide a snug berth for a member of the government who had proved a failure in the latter capacity.

It is idle to say that Premier Robinson is a new man. He was in the house for years as a supporter of the government, before he became premier. He is surrounded by the colleagues of former premiers. He has done nothing to indicate that any better policy or methods may be expected.

Therefore the Robinson government should be utterly defeated on March 3rd.

MR. FLEMING

The keen analysis of the provincial finances by Mr. Fleming at Chatham on Monday evening proves that he is admirably qualified to be a leading member of the cabinet of Mr. Hazen. When Mr. Fleming spoke in St. John recently it was remarked that seldom had a St. John audience listened to a more clear-cut statement, in which the figures were grouped and handled in such a manner as to make every point clear. It was not without reason, therefore, that Premier Robinson feared to meet Mr. Hazen's able lieutenant in public debate on the subject of provincial accounts. Mr. Fleming has mastered the accounts as far as the information available to a member of the opposition would enable him to do so, and the people may look to him with the utmost confidence as a man who will continue to use his knowledge and ability in the public interest. Imagine an Allen budget under the dissecting knife of Mr. Fleming. The province has not yet arrived at the stage where it can think seriously of Mr. Allen as provincial secretary of New Brunswick, and fortunately

that is not necessary. Mr. Allen will not be the provincial secretary in the next house.

THE COAL ARGUMENT

The Sun yesterday made the untruthful statement that the opposition have been opposed to the development of the Queens county coal fields, and that the Times attacked the government because of its efforts to open up these fields.

This paper has not discussed the Queens county coal fields at all. The money sunk in the Central Railway was not put into the development of the coal fields, but into the pockets of persons who did not give value for it. That is the charge made and sustained by the opposition. For the amount of money spent there should have been a railway well built and equipped, and a development of the coal fields far greater than has been accomplished. There has been too much of public plunder and not enough of development in this whole Central Railway business, and until there is a change of government the public interests will continue to suffer. Those who condemn the government's course in this connection are amply justified, while its defenders must resort to falsehood to bolster up their position. The Sun is not wise when it attempts to make the burning quality of Grand Lake coal an issue in this campaign. It is excellent coal, but neither Premier Robinson nor his predecessors planted those areas or added anything to their quality. What they did was to squander public funds on a railway designed to open up the areas, but which is neither well built nor properly equipped even for the carriage of coal.

AN EMPHATIC PROTEST

The following despatch, which appeared in the St. John Globe last evening is commended to the Moncton Transcript, Fredericton Herald, St. John Sun, Premier Robinson and Dr. Pugsley:—

"Chatham, N. B., Feb. 4.—At a meeting of the liberal executive last evening it was decided not to run the local election on party lines, and a convention of government supporters will be held here on Friday for the purpose of nominating government candidates for Northumberland county. The convention will be called to order at 4 o'clock and in the evening a public meeting will be addressed by Premier Robinson and other public men."

Will the government press now say that the provincial elections are being run on federal party lines? Will Premier Robinson say so at Chatham on Friday? Will the Transcript continue to class all supporters of the opposition as "torians"? The action of the liberal executive in Northumberland shows that the attempt to draw federal party lines has been strongly resented, by people who, though Liberals in Federal politics, cannot support the combination at Fredericton. The party whip has been broken by the intended victims in Northumberland, and its remnants hurled in the teeth of the premier and the minister of public works. The Transcript's argument that Northumberland is Liberal and therefore the government ticket will win is destroyed by the fact that a host of Liberals will not vote for the Liberal ticket.

In Charlotte and Kings counties the government party is having serious trouble. In the former county Mr. C. N. Vroom has stated his intention of running as an independent, believing that he would have been chosen a candidate at the convention if all the delegates had been heard from. In Kings county Dr. McVey asserts with vehemence that the ticket chosen is a machine made affair, and it is hinted that he, too, may think of running as an independent. The government press would have the people believe that all is harmony everywhere. But the public is not deceived.

The government press should not boast in advance about the employment of experts to examine the provincial accounts. It does not yet appear that the enquiry will be at all thorough or satisfactory. There have been cases where experts examined accounts and failed to discover irregularities that had been going on for years. This call for Toronto experts is an election dodge and must be classed as such. A report will be prepared and issued with a great flourish of trumpets just before election day. But the actual conditions will not be revealed. The government could not afford a full exposure.

Attorney General McKeown was not given an opportunity to speak at Hampton yesterday. As he is a busy man he probably did not relish the fruitless trip to the shire town of Kings. And yet, more to the point might have been a discussion of provincial affairs by Mr. McKeown than the complimentary allusions of the candidates to each other's good looks. One searches the report of his speeches in vain for any good reason why they should be elected to represent the fine county of Kings in the legislature of the province.

The ticket selected by the government party in Kings county yesterday is perhaps as strong as could be secured under the circumstances, with Dr. Pugsley out of the field and Mr. King refusing to sacrifice himself. Mr. King spoke yesterday at Hampton in support of the government, but Mr. King is not a candidate.

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St. John, Feb. 5, 1908.

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The St. John Star on Saturday had an article to the effect that Ald. Baxter was so highly incensed over the "machine ticket" of "a packed convention" that he and his friends would make trouble for Mr. Hatheway and generally refrain from voting the whole ticket. It may interest the Star to learn that Ald. Baxter is the general chairman of the opposition executive in St. John, with the full support of his friends in the party.

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THE SLEIGH SONG

Oh it's Ho for two in an open sleigh,
With a stalwart steed before you,
With a chime of bells and a lash that tells,
And a bearing blanket for you!
And it's snug and warm though the wind is chill,
And the snowflakes fall about you,
For it's joy complete, when you share the sleigh,
With a dame who'll never doubt you!

Oh it's Hi for two in an open sleigh,
With a golden moon to guide you,
And a sailing star in the sky afar,
And a pink-checked dame beside you!
When the road leads home to a kitchen fire,
And a steaming bowl to cheer you,
To a resting place, and the joyous face
Of the wife so dear, so near you!

Then it's Ho! Hi! Ho! for the crusted snow,
The moon in the sky above you,
For the stalwart steed,
And the splendid sleigh,
And one who was made to love you!
—From "Songs of the Seasons," by "Jae" Lowell.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

AN INSPIRATION.
Little Willie—"Say, pa, what is an inspiration?"
Pa—"An inspiration, my son, is the sudden recollection of someone who will probably stand for a touch." —Chicago News.

BEER AND SKITTLES.

"Life is not all beer and skittles," musingly said the tall-browed, dreamy-eyed person.
"No, suh!" promptly replied Col. Beag. "I care for little beer, suh; and, as for skittles, whatever they may be, I have nevuh drank any of 'em in my whole life." —Smart Set.

THE FISHING FEELING.

"I've got the fishing feeling so bad," he said, "that I must throw down everything and take a two weeks' trip to Florida. The fact is, my health demands it. I'll pack my grip right now!"
"John," said his wife, "come here!"
She opened a closet. A gallon jug stood before her.
"There!" she said. "Cut out the Florida trip. It's too expensive."
"Maria," he said, "You're a wonder!" —Atlanta Constitution.

WANT LEASE OF THE
THEATRE CANCELLED

W. C. T. U. Apply to Owners of Union Hall to Cancel Cedar Theatre Lease.

The annual meeting of the directors of the North End W. C. T. U. corporation was held yesterday afternoon. The officers were re-elected as follows: James Holly, president; George W. Hoben, vice-president; Richard Farmer, secretary-treasurer; Charles Miller and John Eagles additional directors.

A delegation from the W. C. T. U. waited on the corporation and asked that the lease held by the Cedar Moving Picture Company, Union Hall, be cancelled on May 1 next. The union have always held their meetings in Union Hall and claim it was with the understanding that the moving pictures would not interfere with their meetings that the lease was granted. The ladies say that the noise interrupts their Friday afternoon meetings. The corporation decided to seek legal advice as to their power to cancel the lease.

The report of Richard Farmer, secretary-treasurer, showed:
Income.
Union Hall \$400.00
Free library 100.00
Main hall 229.59

Total \$729.59
The expenditures were \$392.87, there was a dividend of \$240 to the library and a balance of \$96.70 left.

The library income was \$844.50, including \$577.71 from the city. The expenditures were \$381.32 and the balance is \$263.57.

The report of Miss Florence E. Edwards, librarian, showed receipts of \$45.56 and expenses of \$33.48. During the year 81 volumes were added and 54 subscribers enrolled. The library is well patronized, especially by school children, the number of readers being 4,731.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The Pastime Moving Picture Company at the Opera House today guarantee to give a programme direct from the makers, a programme of pictures that will beat all that have ever before been shown. By an arrangement with the Kleine Optical Company they have secured new pictures which excel in beauty and detail anything heretofore attempted. The subjects are The Gypsy's Sacrifice, Music Hath Charms, Hatred, The Young Girl's Dream, A Possible Case, and The Medal Winner. The programme abounds in beautiful scenery, magnificent marine and landscape actions.

The Gypsy's Sacrifice and Hatred are dramas full of heart interest, in each of which the heroic principals are girls. The music will be a big feature of the entertainment. Fred Radcliffe will sing Tell Me Will My Dream Come True, Mr. Macdonald will give that popular ballad, Darling Sue, and the pleasing tenor, Prof. Titus, will sing, by request, Love Abiding.

AT THE NICKEL

It seems as if the colder the weather the better the pictures at the Nickel, for today with the thermometer in the zero region, the most engrossing film shown at this leading theatre is to be put on. It is entitled The Shipowner's Daughter, a drama of the fisherman and wealthy folk of Dieppe, France. A whole reel of film, more than 984 feet long, is devoted to the portrayal of the story—one of secret love, paternal opposition, treachery, shipwreck, struggle for life in the seas, a mysterious bottle message and rescue. Then comes the happy reunion, but not before the hardened parent is seized with remorse. The wonderfully truthful scenic effects introduced in this picture will actually stagger the most up-to-date watcher, for such scenes as huge billows, hawking down seamen, remarkable photographs with ghostly visions are shown, making the picture of tense interest throughout.

The other two pictures are also good. Driven From Home being a domestic drama in seven tableaux; and The Strong Man, a comedieta of the most laughable character. The songs—Richard of Ton-ton Deane, by Mr. Beckley; When the Rose Leaves Fall, by Miss Elsa, and Mr. Seely's new number, The Blacksmith, went big last night, particularly Mr. Seely's number, which is finely suited to his rich baritone voice. Despite the chilly out-of-doors the Nickel is warm and cozy these days—no skimping on the fuel.

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