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MR. HAZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Mr. Hazen will do well to regard with some measure of suspicion his new friends of the press, who propose to select his cabinet. He will do well to disregard their statements concerning the claims of this or that section of the province. He and his party have successfully denounced and opposed the bribery of a constituency or a province with the promise of public works. They cannot immediately accept the argument that the support of any county should be contingent on the receipt of a portfolio. If the people really want better government Mr. Hazen would find ample support if it were found necessary, in order to get the best men, to take all of them from one section of the province. Otherwise the demand for reform would be but a hollow pretence. Of course it is not necessary to group the portfolios, since Mr. Hazen has around him as fine a lot of representative men as have ever surrounded a leader at Fredericton since confederation. It is right to recognize faithful service, and to consider localities so far as it may be done without injury to the public service; but it would be infinitely better to let a dissatisfied aspirant go into opposition than to create the impression that this is to be a trucking and temporizing government. By taking the grip with courage and determination Mr. Hazen will command increased respect and confidence, and in a house where he has so large a majority he could better afford some defections than such adhesions as would be conditioned on favors conferred. Mr. Hazen has the finest opportunity afforded any premier of New Brunswick for more than a generation past. He has a clean field, no political sins to answer for, and the support of a group of strong men. His courage must equal his opportunity, or his pledges and those of his party will remain unfulfilled.

A BRIBE REJECTED

Discussing the result of the elections the Sun said yesterday:—

"There is but one comforting feature in the local outcome, and that is the city's evident faith in the justice and magnanimity of the federal government. They have either no interest in the development of this port—which is not the case—or they have faith that the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is big enough to treat the port as it deserves, regardless of their treatment of the candidates it favors."

The really comforting feature in the result, so far as this city is concerned, is quite different from that stated by the Sun. That for which we may be really thankful is the fact that this constituency rejected a bribe, and resented the insinuation that it regarded considerations relative to local public works as of greater importance than good government for the province.

The rebuke administered to Dr. Pugsley and to the party which on the platform, in the press, in private canvass and on the bill-boards around town urged the people to vote the government ticket in order to get more dredging done was well merited, for the inducement held out was an insult to every intelligent elector. It was even a greater crime against political morality than the offer of a day's pay to a laborer for his vote.

It is a most hopeful indication of a return to higher ideals, and of that manly independence which stands for principle rather than the anticipation of favors to be bestowed. The sooner public men are made to understand that the people regard the attempted bribery of a constituency just as they do the offer of a bribe for a single vote, the sooner we shall have clean politics in New Brunswick.

FOR BETTER THINGS

The attempt to dismiss the recent elections as merely a game of chance, in which one side had the good fortune to win, may be regarded in some quarters as good politics, but the people ought not to permit themselves for a moment to be blinded to the real significance of the great change. A lesson has been taught, and there ought to be good results. If not, then the contest was merely a gambler's game for the stakes of office and patronage, unworthy of a serious-minded community. The beaten party will continue to assert its political righteousness, but it

has been tried and found wanting; and the new government must not only have higher ideals but strive toward their realization in the public services of the province. Any other outcome of the late contest and victory would be alike disheartening and discreditable.

The Globe says that the provincial government should have been defeated in 1903. The Globe made this statement on March 4th, 1908. Apparently it took that journal five years to make up its mind, and the momentous conviction did not clamor for utterance until one day after the government had actually been defeated. This was of great assistance to both sides and to the cause of good government. In the same article the Globe points out that Dr. Pugsley got safely into the life-boat, while Mr. Robinson went down in a provincial government wreck for which he was not responsible. The Globe does not forget its friends.

The assertion that the part Dr. Pugsley took in the recent campaign was the part of a private citizen is utterly at variance with the fact. The Times stated early in the contest that if he had come as a private citizen to aid his former colleagues there could be no reasonable objection. But he came as the minister of public works, and the champion of federal issues, with wharves, warehouses, borings and transcontinental railways in his list of arguments to influence the people. For this he was criticised and has been condemned by the voice of the people.

The Sun appears to be of opinion that the recent campaign was not very well managed in St. John, and darkly hints that some heads should fall into the basket. We quote:—"In St. John other causes than the Highway Act must be found. One thing is made certain, and that is that considerable reorganization in the fighting force is needed before the federal election comes on." The party leaders who have fallen under displeasure will please accept this notification.

The incoming government will have some important pledges to fulfil. The people will cheerfully accord a reasonable time for investigation and a disclosure of actual conditions in the various departments, and thereafter will measure the government by what it does to make good its pre-election promises. It has a great and splendid opportunity to restore public confidence in public men.

It is within the range of possibility that in the course of a few more days of tortuous reasoning the two local government organs in this city will have convinced themselves that they always had a high opinion of Mr. Hazen, and were confident of his success in the elections. Also that they never said anything to the contrary.

The customary spectacle of a general movement to climb on board, which follows a political victory, is now presented. Premier Robinson will not be followed in opposition by all of his recent friends and advocates. Some of them will make life more or less a burden for Mr. Hazen.

Premier Robinson will make an amiable leader of the opposition. He will have an opportunity to perform those great feats of constructive statesmanship which the government press condemned Mr. Hazen for his failure to perform while in opposition.

The government party in this city had a good supply of liquor distributed in the vicinity of the polling booths on Tuesday, but on the whole the election was well-conducted, and general good nature prevailed.

The morning journal which charges the Times with a continuance of "campaign nastiness" should really pay a tribute to the gentle courtesy of this indulgent newspaper.

The crushing defeat of the government ticket in York was the most striking feature of the campaign. McLeod led the highest government candidate by over 1200 votes.

The friends of the government will not be disposed to censure the opposition for the joyful demonstrations in the various counties. This enthusiasm has been in cold storage for twenty-five years.

Despite the railway vote in Moncton the contest was very close. Legere was only about thirty votes ahead of Summer.

The question of filling vacant offices is a burning one with the various aspirants, on both sides of the political fence.

There will be twenty-six new men in the new legislature. Every one of the former opposition members was re-elected.

A recent issue of the Sydney, Australia, Bulletin, contains a story to the effect that Miss Olive Moore, a member of the Pollard Opera Company, prevented a panic among an audience in Manila by singing during an earthquake. The little Miss is well remembered here.

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With canvas drooping, side by side,
Two towers of sail at dawn of day
Are scarce long leagues apart, described;
When fell the night, uprushing the breeze,
And all the darkling hours they plied
Nor dreamt but each the self-same seas
By each was cleaving, side by side,
E'en so! but why the tale reveal
Of those, whom year by year unchanged,
Brief absence joined anew to feel
Attounded, soul from soul estranged?

At dead of night their sails were filled,
And onward each rejoicing steered—
Ah, neither blame, for neither willed
Or wist, what first with dawn appeared!
To veer, how vain! On, onward strain,
Brave barks! In light, in darkness, too,
Through wind and tides each compass guided
To that, and your own selves, be true,
But O blithe breeze! and O great seas,
Though never, that earliest parting past,
On your wide plain they join again
Together lead them home at last.

One port, methought, alike they sought,
One purpose held where'er they fare—
O bounding breeze! O rushing seas!
At last, at last, unite them there!
A. H. CLOUGH, (1819-61.)

IN LIGHTER VEIN OUT BY NOW.

Mother (to bedraggled little daughter)
"Good heavens, child, where have you been?"
Child—"Bobby and I tumbled into the pond."
Mother—"But where's your Bobby?"
Child—"Oh, I expect he's out by now."
—Punch.

BATTLEFIELD LOGIC.

Among the men who served with Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba was a little Dutch Jew who, according to the men in his own troop, was "the very incarnation of cool, impudent, bravado in a fight." He was a consistent fatalist.

One day he observed a comrade dodging a spent bullet that had whistled uncomfortably close to him.
"Vat's de use to dodge dem bullets?" sang out the little Jew. "De'yl hit you shust as vell vere you are as vere you aint!"—Everybody's Magazine.

TRANSMUTATION OF METALS.
"By the use of a little cleverness," began Brokeley, "I can find a way to secure a very excellent substitute for gold."
"How?" asked Markley, eagerly. "Ask for silver. Haven't got half a dollar or so about you, have you?"—Philadelphia Press.

DEPARTED GLORY.

Mistress (angrily)—"How dare you talk back to me in that way? I never saw such impudence. You have a lot of nerve to call yourself a lady's maid."
New Maid—"I don't call myself that now, ma'am; but I was a lady's maid before I got this job."—Chicago Daily News.

LADIES, RISE!

Ladies, rise and make your choice, Asking in love's trembling voice
For his heart and for his hand,
As of old in fairyland.
Ladies, rise and see your chance
As the glad days wheel and dance;
At his feet with pleading kneel,
While your arms around him steal!
—Baltimore Sun.

KEPT HIS WORD.

"The late Mr. Smithers was certainly a man of his word," said Mrs. Hazen, looking up from her morning paper.
Late Mr. Smithers? queried her worser seven-eighths; "I hadn't heard of his death."

"That's why I say he was a man of his word" (from behind the coffee urn again). "Twenty-two years ago he told me if I didn't marry him he would die. And he has."

CONSIDERATE.

"Why don't you go to work?" "Work" rejoined meandering Mike; "Look at de thousands of poor fellows that is lookin' fur work an' feelin' miserable widout it. Now work aint necessary to me, an' I aint goin' to but in an' reach fur it merely fur de sake of havin' something to brag about."—Washington Star.

BROKE FIVE FEET OF ICE

(Toronto Globe.)
Although working with steam at half pressure the new C. P. R. ice-breaking ferry Charles Lyon made a very satisfactory trial on Saturday. The boat had only one smokestack in and was therefore able to use but one of its two boilers, but notwithstanding this handicap it forced a path halfway from the Polson Iron Works wharf to the eastern end, hammering through ice from four to five feet thick. Captain Charles Moller, who is in charge of the boat, said that in places the ice in the bay was frozen almost to the bottom. Another trial will be made today, and Captain Moller expects that with both boilers working he will be able to break his way through into the lake. The boat will be given a run across to Ogdensburg during the week, but will hardly go into commission for a fortnight. The Polson Iron Works has made something of a record in building the Charles Lyon, as the contract with the C. P. R. did not call for delivery before about the first of April.

HON. A. C. KILLAM

(Montreal Witness.)
In the death of the Hon. A. C. Killam, chairman of the Railway Commission, the country suffers an almost irreparable loss. With unusual keenness of intellect, a judicial mind, a rare faculty of generalizing correctly from masses of the most intricate details, and an extraordinary capacity for continuous work, he was the ideal man for one of the most important positions in Canada. Fairly, it may be said, that he was the commission, he held the threads of a maze of matters in his own hand, and now that he has gone, it is to be feared that there will be confusion. Such fears may, however, be disappointed. When Mr. Killam succeeded Mr. Blair it was feared among railway men that they were to be confronted by comparative ignorance, and that they would suffer. They were not long, however, in discovering their mistake. Mr. Killam developed a most minute knowledge of practical railway affairs, and an intense interest in railway problems, and could illumine in time questions that old railway experts had had doubts about, so complex were they. Mr. Killam has eminently been a good and faithful servant to his country, and his memory will be held in the highest honor. He held the scales of justice evenly and with knowledge.

THE EMPIRE'S ORCHARD

(Victoria Colonist.)
In his budget speech Hon. Capt. Tallow coined a phrase which is destined to "stick." Alluding to the future ahead of British Columbia as a fruit-producing country, the finance minister remarked that he anticipated that the province would be known as "The Orchard of the Empire." We observe that this happily chosen appellation has attracted the attention of a number of newspapers.

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