

The School Book Slander

During the past few years the Opposition party has been seeking to create a prejudice against the Government by falsely charging that the prices paid for authorized School Books within this province are excessive, and far above what is charged in other provinces.

One Opposition speaker after another has repeated this charge, each growing bolder and more reckless in statement in every succeeding misrepresentation, culminating in the reported statement of the leader of the Opposition at Moncton a few days ago, to the effect that the prices of these Books are twice as high as necessary, and charging that they are exorbitant and beyond the prices charged in other provinces.

Seldom has this reckless leader been so completely entrapped. This deliverance puts his reputation for exaggeration and misstatement beyond that of any other public man in New Brunswick.

But it was hardly expected that he would attempt a comparison between the price paid in New Brunswick, and that paid for bankrupt stock in another Province—

The only specific comparison of prices paid here and elsewhere, is in the case of a Reader in New Brunswick costing 40 cents, which is compared by the Opposition with a Reader in Ontario, costing 15 cents. The unfairness of this is apparent, when it is known that in Ontario the present Readers are to be discontinued, and in a few months these books will be dead stock, and the dealers have made the cut in prices to save what they can, but before the cut in prices the Ontario Readers were higher than the New Brunswick ones.

The official figures made public at the Government convention in St. John last week have caused the friends of the Opposition to wonder whether a cause supported by such baseless fabrications ought to receive countenance from any fair-minded citizen.

The complete figures for British Columbia are not available by the Educational Department, but for the other provinces the following tables have been prepared, showing, in the first schedule, the prices of all books common to the different provinces, except Readers. In the second schedule the prices of Readers in the different provinces, where such information could be obtained, are shown.

SCHEDULE I—Showing price of books named below in all provinces except British Columbia:

Books.	N.B.	N.S.	P.E.I.	Que.	Man.	Albta.	Sask.	Ontario.
Arithmetic—								
Primary	45	40	30	30	40	35	35	25
Do. High School ..	60	40	60	60	60	60	60	60
English Grammar ..	35	30	35	30	40	35	35	25
History	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Geography	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Algebra	80	1.25	85	1.25	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Geometry	75	75	1.12	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Geometry	50	50	80	1.00	75	1.50	1.50	75
	\$4.05	\$4.35	\$5.07	\$5.25	\$5.90	\$5.85	\$5.75	\$4.78

SCHEDULE II—Showing price of Primers and Readers in six provinces:

Province.	Primers and Readers
Quebec,	\$2.88
British Columbia,	2.50
Manitoba,	2.35
Nova Scotia,	2.20
P. E. Island,	2.15
New Brunswick,	2.15

SCHEDULE III—Showing price of all school books above mentioned:

Province.	Books
Manitoba, full cost,	\$8.25
Quebec,	8.13
P. E. Island,	7.92
Nova Scotia,	7.05
New Brunswick, full cost,	6.20

Surely no party which is guilty of such flagrant misrepresentation can hope to succeed!

The above official statement shows how completely the Opposition has thrown truthfulness and fairness to the winds!

Can the electors approve of such misrepresentation? Will they not rather continue their confidence in an administration by whose careful business foresight, the School Books of New Brunswick are cheaper than in any other Province of the Dominion—The Opposition will be overwhelmed by

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LIBERALS SELECT STRONG TICKET

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Mr. Allen next devoted some attention to provincial finances and showed how Mr. Hazen's statement of the public debt differed from that put forward by Mr. Fleming. Mr. Fleming said the debt was four million dollars, while Mr. Hazen put forward the claim that it was nine millions. As a matter of fact the net debt of the province today is slightly over \$3,000,000. When New Brunswick entered federation the Dominion government assumed the debt of seven millions for this province. When all claims were adjusted there was a net balance to the credit of the province of \$370,333. In 1903 the province received from the Dominion \$202,500 on account of Eastern Extension and in 1903 further sums of \$1,176,681 and \$37,562 were paid on readjustment of provincial debt, making a total of \$2,387,527. Yet when Mr. Blair came into power in 1903 he found that this large sum had all been expended, and besides there was a bonded debt of \$963,000 and a floating debt of \$250,000, making a total of \$1,213,000 which had been expended. When Blair took office he secured a readjustment with the Dominion government, as a result of which \$565,000 was placed to the credit of the province at Ottawa in 1904. The short term loan made by Premier Robinson last year at a rate less than 5 per cent, was next referred to and the speaker read a list of items showing how every dollar had been expended in discharging obligations contracted on capital account.

Referring to the road act, Mr. Allen said that the measure undoubtedly had some good features, but the continued weather last season prevented it receiving a fair trial. They had the premier's promise that the road act would be repealed, and before a new one was drafted he would promise that the people in the country districts would be consulted. He believed that every dollar collected in the parish for roads should be expended in that parish. He thought that the most satisfactory way of selecting road superintendents would be by a vote of the people.

Mr. Allen created great amusement by reading an editorial published by the Fredericton Gleaner five years ago dealing with the proposed road act. The identical opposition ticket running in York today. He announced his intention of avoiding personalities during the pending campaign, but the Gleaner had named him to political questions. He had arranged to speak twice daily and would be pleased to meet his opponents on the public platform.

Referring to the federal campaign of 1896, when he contested the county against Hon. G. E. Foster, Mr. Allen said that he knew the result of the contest from the first, but he did not want to see York go by default. All the resources at the command of the Finance Department were against him, yet without the expenditure of a single dollar he received upwards of 1,700 votes. Today, contested York as provincial secretary, he would double the vote he did in 1896. (Applause.)

George F. Burden

Geo. F. Burden was next called upon and came in for a warm reception. He claimed that he and his colleagues had worked faithfully to advance the interests of the country during the last five years, and he thought York had received its share of public money. He thanked the convention for nominating him and gave assurances that he had no fear of the result of the contest. The opposition were going about the country making a lot of noise, but so far as he could learn they were not doing much harm.

Councillor Goodspeed

Councillor Goodspeed in response to a loud call next addressed the gathering briefly. He had sought nomination, he said, but felt that every citizen had a right to take some part in the government of the country. As a representative he thought that he had done splendid work for the county and was glad that he was offering for re-election. He was also glad to be associated with Mr. Allen, pointing out that that gentleman would do his duty as provincial secretary. He promised to do his best for the ticket, and felt sure they would roll up a large majority on March third.

R. W. McLellan

R. W. McLellan, who was greeted with great applause, came forward an hour, dealing mostly with the principal issues of the campaign and exploding opposition canvasses. He thanked the convention for the honor done him, and promised to do everything in his power to carry the ticket to victory on March 3rd. He was well satisfied with his colleagues and thought they could work together for the good of the county. He alluded to a stirring Liberal convention held a few months ago when a candidate was nominated for the federal house and congratulated the Liberals on being able to bury their differences and place a solid front to everything. On the other hand he pointed out that the opposition ticket had been chosen at a caucus held in O. S. Crockett's office and forced on the convention by a trick. Certain influential Conservatives were disgusted with the choice made and today were taking no part in the contest. Mr. Hazen's action in claiming that the election was not a party fight, the speaker characterized as a sign of distress, as Mr. Hazen well knows that the Liberal support his party stands no chance of winning. After exposing the falsity of the opposition school book canvasses, the speaker attracted some attention to Mayor McLeod's pliancy made to Victoria, where he sprung his great scandal on the unsuspecting public. He thought that the Liberal newspaper except the Fredericton Gleaner, and no other politician had deemed worth while to refer to Mr. McLeod's alleged scandal.

Speaking of the public debt McLellan pointed out that it was much less than that of the City of St. John, which carried a bonded debt of five million, much greater than of whole provinces. New Brunswick he pointed out has assets readily convertible into

cash which will pay the debt of the province two or three times over. In closing he expressed the opinion that if the Dominion government's friends did their duty the ticket would win by a majority, fully as emphatic as that rolled up in the last contest.

At this stage the Social and Moral Reform resolutions were presented. Bishop Richardson and Rev. J. H. MacDonald spoke briefly and came in for very cordial reception.

The convention adjourned with rousing cheers for the King and the candidates. The ticket chosen has given general satisfaction to the friends of the government and is looked upon as a sure winner. Mr. Allen is one of the best campaigners in York county, and stands well with all classes of people. Mr. Goodspeed is one of the most progressive farmers in the county. For four years he has been a member of the municipal council and is recognized as one of the leaders of that body in point of ability. Mr. McLellan is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick and lawyer by profession. He is popular and industrious and enjoys one of the most lucrative practices in the city. Mr. Burden is a member of the firm of Gilman Bros. and Burden, lumbermen and millwrights.

TWO ACCIDENTS ON C. P. R. YESTERDAY

Freight Wrecked at Brownville and Locomotive Off Track at Fredericton

The trains were afflicted with an epidemic of lateness yesterday and as a result the Union Depot was crowded all day with delayed passengers. They asked the usual silly questions of the station police and other railway officials. "Is the first train in yet?" is an old favorite, and was sprung again and again yesterday. "What is the delay?" was another query frequently heard.

The trains began to lose time early in the day, the train from Halifax which contacts with the Montreal train for Boston being a couple of hours late. At noon both the Boston and Montreal trains were late, the latter being six hours behind time. The train from Boston, which was delayed by a wrecked freight train which blocked the main line, was held at the Montreal and Coleman, who skated at the Montreal championship races, were passengers on this train. The C. P. R. train from Halifax, which arrived shortly after 6 p.m., had on board three lunatics, who were being taken to the Provincial Asylum.

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The bride was a handsome travelling companion of dark green hair, just to match and a bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid was attired in white silk

with white picture hat. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations and lilies of the valley.

The bride is a popular and valued member of the choir of the Waterloo street United Baptist Church, and that body have expressed their good wishes in the form of a handsome silver cake basket. Conspicuous among the many beautiful gifts was a large steel engraving from T. J. Flood, a parlor suite from Mr. Everett, and several substantial checks from the bride's parents. After the ceremony the young couple took the train for Boston and other American cities. Upon their return they will reside in this city.

MCCANN-MORRIS.

A quiet wedding was celebrated Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at Holy Trinity church, when Rev. Father Walsh united in marriage Michael McCann and Miss Cassie Morris, daughter of the late Hugh Morris, of Magazine street. The bride was supported by Miss Bourke, while Thomas Flynn supported the groom. A reception followed at the bride's home, Magazine street. Mr. and Mrs. McCann will reside in the city.

.. DEATHS ..

BARRY KING.

Barry King, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. King, of Smith Creek, Kings county, who has been attending the agricultural college at St. Anne de Bellevue, died Tuesday afternoon of pneumonia at the hospital.

MRS. FRANK LODGE.

After a month's illness, Mrs. Kate Lodge, wife of Frank Lodge, passed away Tuesday evening at her home, 76 High street. Mrs. Lodge was but twenty-nine years of age and leaves her husband and a family of small children. Interment will be made at Spar Cove.

GEORGE D. McFARREN.

The death of George D. McFarren, son of George and Annie McFarren, of Sand Cove, Lancaster, took place on Tuesday night after a lingering illness. He is survived by his father, mother, one brother and three sisters.

LOCAL NEWS

L. T. White, of St. John, Nfld., arrived in the city at noon yesterday and will take back with him the body of his brother, Wm. White, who died at the general public hospital, as the result of injuries received at Point. The wife and two children of the deceased will return to Newfoundland with Mr. White.

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MARRIAGES.

GILBERT-LEWIS.—Married at the Methodist Parsonage, Young's Cove, Grand Lake, N. B., on January 27th, by the Rev. A. C. Bell, Abram Lewis and Miss Ada Blanche Gilbert, both of Young's Cove Road, Queens Co., N. B.

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MEN WANTED.—Reliable men in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, take up show-cards on trees, fences, bridges and all conspicuous places, also distribute small advertising matter; commission or salary \$3 per month and expenses. We have twenty good rural schools reliable men; no experience necessary. Write for particulars. **EMPIRE MEDICINE COMPANY, London, Ont.**

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WHOLESALE LIQUORS

WM. L. WILLIAMS, Successor to M. A. Finn, Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchant, 110 and 112 Prince William St., Established 1870. Write for family price list. 28-11-17

Richard Crew, a miner, met death at Glace Bay, N. S., on Saturday night by falling down a shaft at No. 3 colliery of the Dominion Coal Co. The distance to the bottom was 900 feet and death was instantaneous.

Holden Hills, with company he had served forty-six years, died in Toronto Saturday. He was sixty-four years old and leaves a widow and two daughters.

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D. J. Purdy S

Wednesday

Succeeds Hon. J. as Minister With folio—His C

On the occasion of his member of Mr. Purdy's interest to most people. Daniel Jarvis Purdy was 24th, 1841, and therefore sixty-eight years. His father, Frederick J. and Ann H. scene of his birth was Queens County.

HON. D. J. PURDY

At an early age he employed himself as a grocery store on Main Street. Mr. Purdy's store is now at 241 St. John Street. Mr. Purdy has since his business at the same place. He has also been the owner of the steamship business. He has also been the owner of the steamship business. He has also been the owner of the steamship business.

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