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ONLY PROMISES

Premier Robinson has issued a manifesto. It is only necessary to read this document to see in fancy New Brunswick produce crowding the wharves for export; water powers all over the province turning the busy wheels of vast industries; long coal trains from Migto and Beausville telescoping each other on the railroads; iron and steel furnaces reddening the sky; model settlements blossoming into joyous life in the wilderness; happy school children receiving all the benefits of universal and complete education; contented teachers plodding peacefully along toward a green old age, soothed and sustained by a beneficent pension scheme; school books so nearly free that elated parents will start libraries of them; highways so smooth that they may be used as bowling alleys; a treasury full to overflowing; branch railways brought up to the L. C. R. standard; the Valley Railway running long trains of wheat and cattle to St. John for export; and \$2,000,000 in cash from the fisheries award to be expended for luxuries for a people already amply blessed by Providence and the Robinson government.

But when we leave the realms of fancy and return to the region of cold and chilling fact, we are reminded that Mr. E. H. Allen is still the finance minister of this province; that the government party in York, Charlotte and Kings declined to join in an agreement to run a pure election; that Mr. McAlpine and Mr. McDede spoke at Woodstock last night and told the old Liberals how they should vote; that the highways of New Brunswick were never since the days of the pioneers in such a wretched condition as at present; that a school book ring has been getting a fat rake-off at the expense of the parents who are compelled to purchase the books; that the Central Railroad (\$1,280,000) is not even a good coal road; that Mayor Sears is an unwilling candidate in the city of St. John; that in several counties the government was compelled to get office holders as candidates; and that there is absolutely nothing in the personnel of the government or its candidates throughout the province to warrant the people in expecting any better government or the introduction of any more honest political principles than those which have produced these results.

THE LAST GAP

Dr. Pugsley is once more summoned in hot haste to the aid of the Robinson government. He will speak in this city on Friday night, and on Saturday the St. John Sun will again be distributed free all over the city and province, in the vain hope that the attention of the people may at the last moment be diverted from the real issues by the glowing pictures and artful appeals and promises of a member of the federal government.

The independent electors of New Brunswick will present this determined interference of a federal minister, who introduces federal issues in a purely provincial campaign. They agree with Mayor Sears, who yesterday on the hustings protested against drawing the line between Liberals and Conservatives in this contest.

We are to have all the spectacular features of the conclusion of a Pugsley campaign. The minister will open another Pandora's Box of promises and allurement. He will point to the dredge. Perhaps he will allude again to the borage.

although the St. John Globe, in an article which we reprint today, very effectively pricks that bubble. He will inspire the people once more to strengthen his hand at Ottawa, as if the men we elect to represent us at Ottawa, including the minister himself, could not attend to that duty. Possibly the party leaders here hope that Dr. Pugsley may be able to counteract the effect of the meeting in the opera house last Friday evening, when Premier Robinson and Hon. Mr. McKeown appeared to such poor advantage compared with Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hasen, and were so utterly unable to meet the arguments and answer the questions of the opposition leaders. Those questions, by the way, are still unanswered.

This is a provincial contest. The roads and bridges, the schools, the Central and International Railways, the provincial debt and finances, the agricultural and crown lands and immigration policies of the government are the issues. The problems cannot be solved at Ottawa. They must be solved at Fredericton, by men having the confidence of the people. A change is needed. It is coming. Dr. Pugsley cannot stem the tide.

THE PEOPLE ROUSED

In every constituency in the province of New Brunswick the government is fighting for its life. Not a single seat went by acclamation. The silly pretence that all the candidates in Madawaska are government candidates deceives nobody. Everywhere the people are aroused against this incompetent government, and no one remains for carrying a complete ticket. The nomination day proceedings revealed an interest in a provincial contest unparalleled in the history of the province. What does this mean? It means that the government is weak everywhere, and that the people want a change. Less than one week remains for active work. Nothing that the government may spring as an election dodge at the last moment can alter the actual conditions. Anything that the present government could do for the benefit of the province could be done by Mr. Hasen and his colleagues; and that it would be better done by them from the record of government failure, incompetence and extravagance. The death-bed repentance of the government is not impressive.

DREAMS, IDLE DREAMS

The wonderful picture of future progress and development which Premier Robinson (with the assistance of William the Magician) has placed before the people is not quite complete without some explanatory observations. The reader must be informed that the great statements which stand in the shadows somewhere are: Hon. C. W. Robinson. Hon. E. H. Allen. Hon. H. A. McKeown. Hon. C. H. LaBelle. Hon. L. P. Farris. Hon. W. P. Jones. Hon. F. J. Sweeney. Hon. D. J. Purdy. Knowing these gentlemen, and having had knowledge of their brand of statesmanship, what intelligent elector is likely to be deceived by the pretty fancies and illusions of Mr. Robinson and William the Magician? In the words of the poet, "that which they have done but earnest of the things that they shall do." And what have they done to warrant expectations of any better government than that of the past twenty years? It is time for a change.

FREEDOM, OR SLAVERY?

The Sun this morning says:—"Dr. Pugsley had influence enough to bring the dredge W. S. Fielding from Nova Scotia, where it was also needed, to do the work in St. John harbor which another minister of public works promised ten years ago. It is for the people of St. John to see that he has influence enough to keep it here."

Is this a threat? Or is it a confession of weakness on the part of Dr. Pugsley? Is the dredge Fielding to be taken away by Sir Wilfrid Laurier if St. John does not dance when Dr. Pugsley cracks the whip? Are the people of St. John to be dragged into voting for Meers, Purdy, Lantalam, Skinner and Sears by the fear of punishment at the hands of the federal government? Are the people masters of themselves, or the bond-slaves of party leaders at Ottawa? Has not the Sun grossly insulted the intelligence and challenged the right of the people to control their own affairs? The answer to this sort of thing should be an assertion of independence, worthy of a free people, and the overwhelming defeat of the government ticket.

Remembering that the provincial government has an army of petty office holders and dispensers of patronage in every constituency, and that Dr. Pugsley is bringing as much federal government influence as possible into the contest, the opposition must meet them at every point and work hard and incessantly till election day. Make the defeat a rout.

The way to defeat a government is to vote for the opposition candidates—the full ticket in every instance. The Times

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Could this government be trusted to arrange for the printing of school books to be distributed free? Would there not still be a rake-off, for which the people would have to pay? For the people would still pay in one form or another, and the government's friends would have to be looked after.

The Moncton Times remarks:—"The school books are published by Gage & Co. The government thinks it is more economical to purchase them not first hand from Gage & Co. but from Flood & Co., St. John. Perhaps the Transcript will explain how much Flood & Co. lose by the transaction, to enable the government to effect the saving in question."

"The St. John Star, which evidently speaks with authority, says that St. John is on the verge of bankruptcy." This statement, which appears in an exchange is not the best sort of advertisement for the city. Moreover, it is not true that the city is in any such condition or one at all approaching it.

The government party in York had its tongue in its cheek when it was assenting to the proposal to conduct a pure election. Yesterday it failed to ratify the agreement, and so the "resources of civilization" will figure in the elections on March 3rd.

LITTLE BOY BLUE

The little dog is covered with dust But sturdy and staunch it stands. The little toy soldier red with rust And his musket moils in his hands. Time was when the little toy dog was new And the soldier was passing fair And that was the time our Little Boy Blue Kissed them and put them there.

IN LIGHTER VEIN A GINCH "Tell me," said the young woman with literary aspirations, "how you contrived to get your first story accepted by a magazine?" The eminent author smiled. "I owned the magazine," he replied.—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

THREE BEHIND. Senior—"Hello! Where's your dum?" You started and together. Beery Junior—"He ah (hic) three lamp-stands behind."—Lippincott's Magazine.

NOT A GIVE AWAY. "Who," asked the minister, "gives this woman away?" "Hold on, mistake, if you please," said the titled foreigner; "his woman is not given away—it is a trade."—Chicago Record-Herald.

QUICK TO RESPOND. Said the minister to the lady in the surry; "With a horse like this that don't worry, A driver's misplaced, His arms went to waste in a hurry. And his arms went to waste in a hurry."—Denver Post.

DRIVEN FROM HOME. "Don't you feel well?" asked a friend. "Not very," answered Mr. Gamewell. "Why don't you go home?" "I can't. Mother and the girls are giving a tea and I'm not invited."—Washington Star.

NEVER. He—"You never can tell about a woman." She—"You shouldn't, anyhow."—Illustrated Bits.

AT THE NICKEL The Nickel has another fine show to keep up its record for good entertainment. In the first place a brand new Edison Dream—a fantasy in a studio. This picture tells the story of an impetuous sculptor who after his gas meter is taken out buys an old brass lamp in a second-hand store. It proves to be an Aladdin's lamp and the fun commences. The day modelling without hands in this picture is really remarkable and will be greatly appreciated. As a novelty The Sculptor's Dream is distinct and is only a fortnight on the market. The Russian Secret Police is a colored film consuming 1,000 feet and of the most thrilling interest. With a great many this will be the star feature. The Spellbound Householder will make everybody laugh. Mustally the Philharmonic Four, with mandolins, banjo, guitar and piano; Messrs. Beckley, Smith and Sears will all out a most enjoyable forty-five minute bill.

A PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT That the members of the Telegraphers' Club proved themselves as successful as those as they have at hockey, was the unanimous verdict of all who were present at White's on Monday evening, when the telegraphers entertained their friends at what was dancing. At 9 o'clock the long sounded and sixteen jolly couples took their positions at the tables, and the game was on.

At 11:30 a "balance" was taken and prizes awarded to the "artists." Miss Constance Maher, St. Stephen, winning the first ladies' prize, while John P. Griffith captured the gentlemen's prize. Consolation prizes were awarded Miss Ellen Warner and Thomas Parks.

A little before midnight all went to the main restaurant where luncheon was served in Mr. White's good style, after which dancing was enjoyed. It was not until the early hours of the morning that the "tickets" could persuade themselves it was time to make it "30," and the evening's enjoyment was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

The attention of the electors of St. John city and county is especially directed to the disclosure on the first page of this issue of what it costs to get certain blasted favors from this government.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

The Sun pretends to believe that a young man from Toronto could prepare in four days an expert report upon the finances of this whole province. The Sun's faith is sublime.

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IF THE FORTUNES OF POLITICAL WAR SHOULD MAKE MR. HAZEN A MINISTERIAL LEADER NOBODY DOUBTS HIS ABILITY TO CARRY ON THE WORK SATISFACTORILY. —St. John Globe, Feb. 2.

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