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SAINT JOHN, MONDAY MORNING, JULY 19, 1909.

AN INSULT TO THE WORKING MAN.

One of the mill workers at Milford on Saturday remarked to The Standard that Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Copp were positively insulting to the audience which they met at Milford. They insulted the working men by taking it for granted that they were absolutely without knowledge and without intelligence. While the operatives in the saw mills do not know so much as the former ministers ought to know, they know some things. The speakers assumed that they knew nothing and could be made to believe anything. The late ministers thus added insult to the injustice formerly done.

For example, the Milford audience was told that there had been no real reduction in the price of school books. The speakers declared that this saving was all a pretence. Said one of the Milford electors, a former opponent of Mr. Hazen: "They had the impudence to "say this to fathers of families, like myself, who have "bought and are buying the books at the lower price, and "who have in their pockets the money that was saved." Every one of these residents who is the head of a family has with him the positive proof of the falsehood. These went away from the meeting with a feeling of contempt and anger. They despised the politicians who's word could not be taken in such a simple matter. They were indignant that party leaders and former ministers should think that an audience of Milford workingmen were so ignorant and so stupid as to accept such statements.

Another matter in which the audience at Milford, as well as that at Fairville and other places is well posted is the Workingman's Compensation Act. They know the history of this movement better than Mr. Robinson or Mr. Sweeney or Mr. Copp. They know what Mr. Hatheway and Dr. McInerney did to promote this legislation. They know what Mr. Hazen promised and how he kept that promise. They know what the opposition was, what risk the Government took, and what sacrifice it made. Their own delegates were in Fredericton and saw the struggle. They know exactly how much their representatives, Mr. McKeown and Mr. Lowell did to assist this legislation, and the part taken by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Copp.

In the Legislature Mr. Copp said: "This bill is drastic and will have the effect of throwing cold water on "schemes to employ labor in this province."

He declared that his objection to the bill was "that the whole matter originated in the city of St. John." Having thus done all he could against the bill, Mr. Copp has now the presumption to go to Milford to square himself by telling the workingmen there how he once carried slabs.

It is remembered that Mr. Wilson objected to the statement that the compensation act was purely a St. John measure, and asked whether a petition in favor of the act had not been sent by 700 Moncton workingmen, Mr. Robinson, the Opposition leader, replied: "There was a petition signed by three men who stated that they "were representing the machinists of Moncton." Mr. Robinson added that "it was a serious thing to hurry "this measure through the Legislature in the dying hours "of the session. The whole matter had a peculiar flavor "and he was in doubt as to what course to take." Mr. Robinson seems to think that the men of Fairville and Milford do not remember this or never heard of it. That is the kind of people he thinks they are.

In those days, Mr. McKeown, then member for St. John county, was the other leader of the Opposition. He charged that the bill was the result of a bargain between the labor unions and the candidate of the present Government, and predicted that "people having money to invest would prefer to do so in industries in Nova Scotia "where they were free from this burden rather than in New Brunswick." He raised numerous objections and concluded that he "had very grave doubts if the principle of the bill was in the best interests of the people." Mr. McKeown is now a judge, but he was then the chief spokesman for the party now represented by Mr. Bentley.

Finally we have Mr. Tweeddale, who has been stumping for Mr. Bentley in this campaign. Mr. Tweeddale declared in the House "that the compensation act of the late Government provided fair and reasonable compensation. This bill should never have been introduced and never would have been but for the bargain made in St. John." The workingmen of St. John county are supposed by the Opposition leaders to be too dull to know of these attempts to defeat the bill. That is the fatal mistake of Mr. Robinson and Mr. Bentley.

And these men know the value of the Compensation Act itself. They have it by heart. They know what they wanted. They know what they have got. They have already what it has accomplished in the protection of life and limb. They have freely and emphatically given expression of their satisfaction by formal resolution. Was it worth while for political leaders to go among these people and try to convince them that they owed nothing to the Government, to the majority supporting that ministry, and to the St. John ministerial members? It was worse than a waste of time, for it turned against the speakers and their candidate.

The people of Lancaster and Simonds are judged by Bentley and his managers to be simpletons as to the operations of the Highway Act. That is another blunder. These men know that the act allows the full market price to be paid for labor. They know that the councillors for these two parishes have the power and the funds to go on with the work of repairing the highways, and that any delay and failure is their fault, and is purely for political purposes. It is worse than a waste of time to talk down the Highway Act to electors who know what Councillors Barnhill, Curran, and Donovan ought to do, and what they are not doing, and why they are not doing it.

Lastly the mill operator understands the stumpage question. He easily sees that the province has been losing $75,000 to $125,000 a year, which ought to have been on hand for expenditure on public services. He can easily compute that this is $5,000 to $8,000 in each constituency. Mr. Sweeney was the head of the Department who lost the province much more than a quarter of a million in this way, cheating St. John county alone out of $20,000 or more. Also he has found out that when Mr. Sweeney did collect money he gave his subordinates power to check it out on their own personal account. That is, he gave them authority to pay it to themselves or to others who were not entitled to it. Mr. Sweeney went farther, and gave his deputy power to draw $25,000 more out of the bank on his personal cheque and charge it to the province. It is disclosed that while the officer who used that authority killed himself rather than face the disgrace that he thought his act had brought upon him, the minister who authorized him to get the money has the coolness to go about advising working men and other electors on their duty as citizens. This is surely the last extremity of impudence, and an insult that cannot and will not be excused.

THE COMING VICTORY.

Tomorrow the electors of St. John county will elect a successor to Mr. McKeown. Elections are uncertain, but The Standard is of the opinion that Mr. Mosher will be elected. There is no question that the Government party has put up the best fight. Mr. Mosher and his supporters have presented the real issues, the record of the present Government and the record of the late Government. Their opponents have avoided their own record as if it were a contagious and loathsome disease. Former ministers refuse to answer questions regarding their own acts as heads of departments. They have given a pitiful exhibition of evasion and cowardice. Their whole campaign is one of misrepresentation of their opponents and of appeal to the Liberal party to save them and their candidate from the punishment due to their own misconduct in office. Mr. Hazen and some of his colleagues have in their speeches discussed every important measure for which they have been responsible. They have explained and defended the management of each department. They have reviewed every pledge they have made and have shown how it was fulfilled. And they have not failed to present the public record showing what the late ministers did. This was a thing that needed to be done, because when the people of St. John county last voted in provincial politics, the worst features of the record were concealed, and the facts were contradicted.

Supporters of the Government should avoid the two mistakes of over-confidence and of too little confidence. It must be assumed that every vote will be needed. There is a large majority to overcome. The management of the opposition campaign will be provided with ample financial resources and all the machinery that money and federal patronage can buy. While Liberals who do their own thinking and do not place their votes in the keeping of the "buccaneer," "parasitic," and "self-seeking" element, as the Sun calls them, will pay no heed to the frantic party call from the dredgers, the machine Liberals and the buccaneers themselves will be eager and active. Their power must not be undervalued.

It would be still worse to undervalue the strength of our own side. Mr. Mosher is the stronger candidate. His own town and parish which gave a majority for the late Government are now strongly in favor of Mr. Mosher. There are scores of voters in one village in the parish of Lancaster who will tomorrow cast their first vote for Mr. Hazen's party. Mr. Mosher's committees in every parish and section of a parish contain former active opponents. Some of these are men of such influence that they have been made chairman, or so capable and so well trained that they fill the position of secretary. All the enthusiasm is on the side of Mr. Mosher. All the disaffection and discouragement are in the Opposition ranks. It is only the followers of Mr. Robinson who are reading each other out of the party. On the evidence of his own supporters, Mr. Robinson is "under "the domination of an evil element," his party is controlled by "degrading influences," and Mr. Bentley's campaign is managed by "unscrupulous mercenaries" and "buccaneers." Friends of good Government fighting against opponents who have this opinion of each other should expect success if they work for it.

They will work and they will win.

Some friend of Mr. Lowell, concluding that the present memoer for the county is an issue in this election has been writing to the Telegraph to show that Mr. Lowell procured for the parish residents the privilege of working in St. John without paying for a license. The correspondent does not explain how Mr. Lowell went about it. The legislation seems to have passed in 1899 before Mr. Lowell was in the Legislature, and Mr. Dunn introduced the bill. It is said that the case for exemption was presented to the St. John city council by a lawyer who was retained and paid by a Fairville man, whose name was not Mr. Lowell.

Ex-Premier Robinson's attack upon Mr. Dickson, of Albert county, is about as small and as mean as afhything could be. The ex-Premier would have been better employed explaining, if he knows, who boodled the missing $134,000 of Central Railway money, and who got a share of the Beersville Railway subsidy and to what purpose it was devoted. Mr. Robinson, in his attack on Mr. Dickson, reveals his real self.—Moncton Times.

A heavily displayed story is told in the Telegraph setting for that under the new highway act the county of York has not been able to obtain any money for roads. To this statement the Secretary Treasurer of the county makes answer that York has available this year about double the usual road fund, and that large sums are yet undrawn because the funds on hand have not been expended.

Fighting Joe Martin will not fight twice in the same ring. He is to be a Liberal candidate in East St. Pancras, one of the London ridings. As the Liberal majority was nearly two to one at the last election it is thought that Mr. Martin's recent bad luck may be leaving him.

Mr. Hazen's twelve reasons why the Government should be sustained are all good. Had the Premier chosen he could have given from the record of the late ministers twenty-four reasons why they should be kept out.

Ten thousand dollars is given as the amount required to elect Mr. Bentley. It is not enough.

For the Bentley campaign fund, $9,000 was wanted. $9,000 out of $36,000 leaves $27,000.

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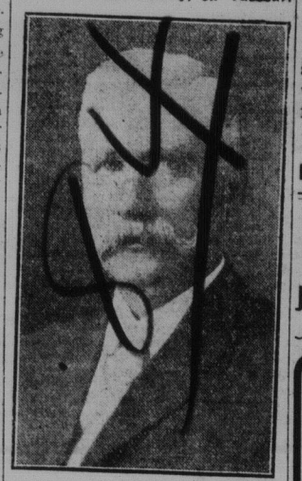


July 20, I solicit your votes as electors desirous of Honest Government for the people, irrespective of party lines.
I have the honor to be,
Yours truly,
J. P. MOSHER.

PERSONAL

Mr. Percy P. Gunn, of Montreal, arrived on the C. P. R. yesterday and is at the Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Downes, of Boston are in the city.

Mr. Fred B. Smith, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Fredericton, passed through the city to Sackville where he spent Sunday with his family, who are there for the summer.

Mrs. Wm. McSweeney, nee Carter, who has been residing in [illegible] for the past six years, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Jos. [illegible] Halifax. Before returning to Utica Mrs. McSweeney will visit a sister, Mrs. Albert Calthness, in St. John, N. B., and her brother, Winfield Carter, in Yarmouth.

Mrs. Hazel B. Millican, of Fredericton, N. B., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Peter Douglas, Dartmouth, N. S.

Mr. D. B. Donald, who has been seriously ill for the last week, is somewhat improved.

Mr. R. Hunter Parsons has returned from Gibson.

Misses Myrtle and Katherine Fox, of Fairville, are visiting at Chipman.

Mrs. Alfred Wells, of St. John, arrived at Yarmouth Tuesday, to visit her mother, Mrs. N. A. Wyman.

Miss Amanda Seely, of Sydney, is visiting Mrs. J. Fritz, of Lorneville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morrish, and Master Eldon, of West End, left for Halifax Saturday, where they will remain for several months.

Mrs. C. P. O'Neill and her mother, Mrs. P. Bradley, are visiting friends in Lepreaux for a few weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Corbett, and Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Melvin returned Friday from Charlottetown, where the doctors have been attending the meeting of the Maritime Medical Association.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harding, of St. John have spent the week in Wolfville, the guests of Mrs. Harding's mother, Mrs. J. O. Pineo.

H. Frank O'Neill, of Rockland Rd., is spending his vacation at Norton, K. Co.

Miss Mary Trueman, Hazen street, is visiting friends in Halifax, N. S.

Mr. Ritchie, the Y. M. C. A. boys' secretary for Canada, left on the Saturday train for Montreal on his way to Ottawa.

Mr. G. N. Robertson, international boys' secretary, who has been visiting his old home at St. Stephen, N. B., returned to New York with his son, Kenneth, on Saturday's Boston boat.

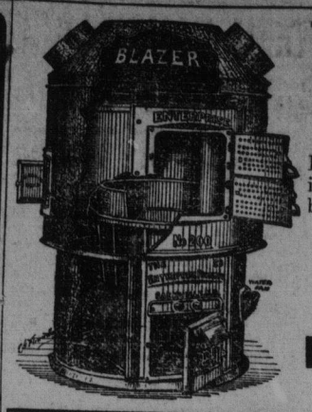
Chief Justice Barker, Judge McLeod and Mr. J. R. Stone spent the week end at Lake Minota, the guests of W. H. Thorne.

Miss Charlotte Vassie, who has been seriously ill, is improving rapidly and expects to return to Rothesay Wednesday.

Miss Katie Hazen is visiting Mrs. J. Alex Thompson, Fredericton.

Carleton County Assignment

The firm of White & Tweedie, of Carleton county, have made an assignment to E. R. Teed, of Woodstock and a meeting of the creditors has been called for today at Woodstock.



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You are therefore required to cite the Devisees and Legatees of the deceased and all of the creditors and other persons interested in his said estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the City and County of Saint John, at the Probate Court Room in the Pugsley Building, in the City of Saint John, on Monday the second day of August next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon then and there to attend at the passing and allowing of the said accounts, and at the making of the order for distribution of the said estate as prayed for and as by Law directed.
(L. S.) Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate Court, this fourteenth day of June, A. D., 1909.
(Signed) J. R. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.
(Signed) H. O. McINERNEY,
Registrar of Probate.
(Signed) HOMER D. FORBES,
Proctor.
18-25-2-9-16-23.

NOTICE

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned was on the 1st day of May last dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Woodburn retiring and Mr. Stephenson continuing the business.
The retiring partner sincerely thanks all his friends for their confidence and patronage and bespeaks for his successor a continuance of same.
Dated at the City of St. John this first day of May, A. D., 1909.
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