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CAMPAIGNING IN THE LEGISLATURE.

There can be no doubt that the campaign in York is responsible for the lengthening out of the Budget debate by members of the Opposition. The speeches of the few honorable gentlemen, as they term each other, and who compose the Opposition, would be more appropriate in the school house of the country districts than on the floors of the Legislature. Generally speaking, their favor of misrepresentation and are bare of fact, consisting chiefly of unsubstantiated charges of extravagance and other things which are supposed to influence the popular mind about election times. There has been no answer to the figures furnished by members of the Government and their supporters showing that the Hazen Administration, by wisely managing the public domain has largely increased the territorial revenue of the Province.

True, an attempt has been made to show that the lumber cut of the Province has been increased, and an increase in the stumpage has followed as a matter of course. Mr. Burchill says that all the lumbermen are represented as thieves. Yet Mr. Burchill in answer to an inquiry by Hon. Mr. Maxwell, said that his own lumber cut was the same in 1910 as it was in 1907. And then Mr. Maxwell read from the reports of the Crown Land Department showing that Mr. Burchill paid much more to the Government for stumpage in 1910 than he did in 1907.

Again, the Chatham World, which does not support the Hazen Administration, makes the statement that not more than half the stumpage was collected under the old Government. There is no lack of evidence to support the statement of Mr. Burchill that his lumber cut has not been increased in the past three years, and the statement of the Chatham World can also be established by a cloud of witnesses. All the figures that Mr. Robinson can produce, all the statements he can get from this man or that man will not alter the fact that the administration of the Public Domain of this Province for years was a scandal and a disgrace to the Government in power. A condition of favoritism was permitted to exist by which a few large operators pocketed thousands of dollars annually at the expense of the country.

In his speech on the Budget the Leader of the Opposition, who would have the people believe that no matter how soiled are the hands of others, his own are clean, made a comparison of the expenditures of the Province under the old Administration with those of Mr. Hazen. The statement omitted so many important facts of the mismanagement of the finances of the Province that it was grossly unfair while the speaker pretended to quote from the Auditor General's report. But even Mr. Robinson was forced to admit that the discount paid on the Treasury notes by which the Government paid over its capital expenditures several years was added to the bonded debt and not paid out of current revenue.

These interest charges added to the over-expenditures for public works which were put in the bonded debt amounted to over half a million dollars, every dollar of which should have been paid out of current revenue as it was for years before, and is now. It is beyond the power of Mr. Robinson, or any other person, to explain away this vicious method of finance which the Government he supported and was afterwards premier of, forced on the people. It was wrong in principle and an injustice to the people of the Province present and future.

Mr. Robinson quoted the prosperous condition of British Columbia which, he said, has cash in hand enough to pay its public debt. Certainly if this is true, British Columbia was never cursed with such a financial system as prevailed for a few years in New Brunswick and which, under the old regime, was growing worse each year.

Mr. Copp, Mr. Legere, and others of the Opposition have had much to say regarding the public works expenditures. Their statements have largely been misrepresentations. In some cases the only true word spoken was the name of the bridge referred to and in one instance at least the correct name was not given. Dr. Laundry, in his answer to some of these statements, gave the House a few facts concerning the condition of the bridges of Kent County, as the present Administration found them on coming into power. Bridges erected only three or four years, and classed as permanent bridges, had been constructed on rotten piers and in such a fragile manner that they were unsafe for traffic. Yet the Opposition criticized the expenditures to put these bridges in a safe condition. Had they been properly built in the first place they would not have needed repairs at all for years.

The classification of such bridges as permanent, when they have required rebuilding in three or four years, was one of the numerous frauds practised on the people by the old Government. The former chief commissioner knew that such bridges were not permanent, but the exigencies were such that he made them so in order to have them charged to capital account. Mr. Hazen has refused to recognize this classification and has paid for the repairs of these bridges out of the current revenue of the Province—a revenue so increased by an honest and businesslike administration as to make such a course possible. The old Government could have done precisely the same thing if they had not been under the heel of those who desired personal benefits at the expense of the revenue of the country.

Instead of remaining in the pockets of a few persons, as under Mr. Robinson and his friends, this revenue properly belonging to the people is now being spent for the benefit of all. More money for agriculture, for education, and for public works without any increase in taxation. This is the record of the Hazen Administration, and all of the campaign speeches that could be delivered in the House from now till next July will not alter the fact. Mr. Hazen and his colleagues have done much to remove the stigma of bad government which had disgraced New Brunswick for years, and deserve well of the people. The people recognize that this is true, and the attempt of the Opposition to distract the attention of the electors of York from the principal issue in the election by long speeches in the House will fail in its purpose.

MR. CARVELL IN YORK.

Mr. Carvell has come to York to tell the people that he and his party are the only friends of the Valley Railway. Like the late Artemus Ward's mule, Mr. Carvell is an "amusing cuss." Does he think for a minute that any sane man is deceived into the belief that Mr. Carvell's interest in the Valley Railway is anything but political?

It may be well to assure Mr. Carvell in the beginning that Mr. Hazen and his Government are quite as anxious to solve the problem of a railway up the valley of the St. John, as Mr. Carvell says he is. It is not so easy as some people think to accomplish this very desirable result, and conserve the interests of the Province. Mr. Pugsley is a vastly bigger man every way than Mr. Carvell, but he signally failed when he tried to secure the construction of the Valley Railway when premier of the Province. In this connection it may be pointed out that while Mr. Pugsley failed to have the Valley Railway built, he succeeded in becoming a member, first of the New Brunswick Government, and afterwards of the Government of Canada. Mr. Carvell knocked at both doors, but failed to secure admission. He is still knocking at the Ottawa door, but there is nothing doing.

Mr. Carvell's visit to York is apparently in the interests of his friend and client, Mr. Malcolm, whose private letter to Premier Hazen Mr. Carvell scattered broadcast over Carleton County, and sent to Mr. Tweeddale to read in the House. This letter contains an offer to construct a railway by Mr. Malcolm, not on his own behalf, but on behalf of the Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company. The charter of this company expired in 1902 and had not been renewed when Mr. Malcolm wrote the letter on February 25, in fact the charter is still dead, although there is an application before Parliament, made by Mr. Carvell, to extend the time for constructing this railway. This in itself is sufficient to cast doubt on the bona fides of Mr. Malcolm's offer were there nothing else.

Mr. Malcolm's offer is to construct a railroad to be taken over, as provided by part two of an act of the local Legislature, by the Government of Canada and operated as a part of the "intercolonial system." Although this act of the local Legislature has been a whole year on the statute books, there was no attempt on the part of the Ottawa Government to give it effect. Months ago notice of a resolution authorizing the Government of Canada to lease and operate the Valley Railway when constructed was given by the Minister of Railways, but it was laid on the clerk's table until an election was called in York, and Mr. Carvell pointed out to Mr. Malcolm that until the Ottawa Government made legal provision for the operation of the Valley Railway, the matter of construction under part two of the local act could not be discussed. In the same letter Mr. Hazen expressed his willingness to talk with Mr. Malcolm when these things were done, and the local act was proclaimed by the Government as provided in the act itself—a section which Mr. Hazen stated to the House was added by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Carvell and his friends have been trying to block the Valley Railway project for more than two years to serve their own selfish purposes, while Mr. Hazen has done all in his power to deal with the question in such a way as to secure the construction of the road. A year ago he enacted a law under which the road was to be built and operated as a part of the intercolonial system or by an independent company. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell did a heap of talking, but there was no legislation at Ottawa regarding the Valley Railway to give effect to the local act, and only now for campaign purposes in York is the matter heard of and a bill introduced and given a first reading. Mr. Carvell knows that the local act will have to conform with the Federal act and will have to be amended before the Government can consider the question of constructing the railway. He also knew that Mr. Malcolm's letter offering to enter into an arrangement to construct the railway was not in accordance with the terms of last year's act, yet legislation at Ottawa was delayed.

Mr. Malcolm's offer because of his close connection with both Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell looks very much like a part of the political game these two gentlemen have been playing. It is not a very clever game, after all, because it is based on the theory that you can fool all the people all the time, which has worked out very badly for wiser men than Mr. Carvell. Mr. Carvell cannot make any explanation that will be convincing that he has not consistently tried to prevent the construction of the Valley Railway by the Hazen Government. He has played a purely selfish game in the past and is playing it still.

Current Comment

(Ottawa Journal.)
A New York man whose wife complained that a negro had been hanging about the house, took a club, went into the street and hit the first negro he met on the head, cutting his head open and severely wounding him. The negro happened to be Dr. Booker T. Washington and the assailant was arrested. It is, however, a commentary on American practice and justice, that the assault in question might have been committed with impunity on almost any other negro in the United States without any fear of police consequence. The man with the club stumpy happened to meet with the one ten millionth chance. Yet Americans wonder why the negro does not become a better citizen than he is.

(Kingston Standard.)
Canada is burning property at the rate of \$20,000,000 and human lives at the rate of 200 per annum. These figures alone are sufficient to prove the necessity for the appointment of fire marshals, whose work it will be to minimize these appalling losses, and prove the guilt of the men, or, rather, friends, who commit arson.

(Hamilton Spectator.)
Toronto purposes placing all its electrical business in the hands of three commissioners, and the limit salary for each of them is fixed at \$4,000. At that price Toronto will get just about the sort of management it deserves, which is not saying much for the excellence thereof.

(Windsor Record.)
The "pasha" skiri is the latest, and it puts the "harem-scurum" out of business. You can make one by sewing two flour sacks together down to a little below the middle and punching holes through the bottoms.

(Guelph Herald.)
Now that Sifton has left the party it is all the Grit press can do to refrain from asking where he got his millions. As he made them while a member of the Liberal party, they wisely refrain.

(Bangor News.)
An Evansville, Ind., widow has just annexed her fifth husband. Massachusetts spinsters may be informed, if they wish to have particulars, that she is 70 years of age—and wealthy.

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OBITUARY.

Henry Rowe Steeves.
A telegram received from Ottawa by N. B. Bouchard yesterday announced the death of Henry Rowe Steeves, aged 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Steeves, of Hillsboro, N. B., after an illness of two weeks' duration. Mr. Steeves was graduated from the U. N. B. in 1906 with a B. A. degree and was employed in the Public Works Department at Ottawa. Besides his father and mother, the deceased is survived by three brothers and three sisters. The brothers are, Richard Bussy, of Ottawa, a student at McGill University, and Kenneth, at home. The sisters are Misses Ethel, Phyllis and Edna, at home. Mrs. Richard Bussy, of this city, is the deceased's grandmother, and Mrs. N. L. Brennan his aunt.

Joseph T. LeBlanc.
A telegram received in the city yesterday afternoon, announced the sad news of the death of Joseph T. LeBlanc, of Dorchester, N. B., who was ill with pneumonia, for only eight days. Mr. LeBlanc who was 65 years of age, was one of the best known and most highly respected persons in Westmorland county, and since the opening of the Dorchester penitentiary, he was trade instructor at that institution. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Katie O'Brien, of Fredericton and three sons and one daughter. The sons are, Arthur, bridge inspector for the Transcontinental Railway; LeBlanc, of Ottawa, deputy minister of the Methodist denomination in this city; Mrs. Fothergill, general agent of the I. C. R., and A. Bushy, auctioneer in this city, were brothers, while Mrs. Smith, wife of the late Wm. Smith, of Ottawa, deputy minister of marine and the late Mrs. Edward T. Knowles, of this city, were sisters. Mrs. Fothergill leaves a number of relatives in this city and throughout the Maritime Provinces.

Miss Ada Parkin.
Miss Ada Parkin died on Monday at Petford, aged 19 years, at the home of her uncle, A. G. Parkin. She was formerly a member of a member of the Baptist church, and efficient organist at Parkindale. Her widowed mother, two brothers and two sisters survive. They are, Mrs. E. W. Steeves, Hillsboro; Walter, of Hillsboro; George, of Petford; and Miss Edith, hospital nurse, of St. Stephen. Miss Parkin was a niece of Mrs. T. H. McMillan, Sussex and Dr. George R. Parkin, London.

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