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**THE EVENING TIMES**

**New Brunswick's Independent  
newspapers.**  
These newspapers advocate:  
**British connection**  
**Honesty in public life**  
**Measures for the material  
progress and moral advance-  
ment of our great Dominion**  
**No graft!**  
**No deals!**  
**"The Thrift, Shamrock, Rose and Wine,  
The Maple Leaf forever."**

**THE JOINT DEBATE**

Last night's remarkable meeting in the  
Opera House was a signal triumph not  
only for Messrs. Hazen and Fleming  
but for the local opposition throughout  
the province. In the presence of an  
audience whose interest never wavered,  
and whose ease was in itself an inspi-  
ration, the weakness and desperation of the  
local government were made clear. Even  
the last word was spoken last evening  
the reputation of the government had  
been shattered beyond repair, and in the  
minds of a majority of those present  
there must have existed the settled con-  
viction that, even as they met last  
evening, Premier Robinson, and Attorney  
General McKeown, and the cause they  
stoutly but ineffectively championed, are  
going to encounter defeat on March 3.  
Beyond question the net effect of last  
evening's encounter of the opposing  
champions will be to swell the strong  
current of popular feeling in favor of  
the opposition, not only in this city and  
county but in every other constituency  
in the province.

A good cause is a great thing in poli-  
tics. The opposition has that good cause.  
Yesterday the opposition leaders proved  
that they had the courage that should  
make the cause invincible. They have  
desisted from the first that Premier Rob-  
inson and Mr. Fleming should meet.  
They had arranged for a mass meeting  
last evening and when Mr. Robinson  
made his counter proposal, asking  
that Mr. McKeown be included among  
the speakers, and be allowed to speak  
last, it was felt that the terms  
were unfair. But Messrs. Hazen and  
Fleming and the other opposition lead-  
ers, having sought a more equitable ar-  
rangement and been refused, agreed to  
grant everything the other side asked  
rather than see the joint debate fall  
through.

This faith in the merits of the oppo-  
sition cause and the ability of the oppo-  
sition speakers brought its reward last  
night, for though Mr. McKeown had the  
last word he could in no way diminish  
the impression which Messrs. Fleming  
and Hazen had made upon the jury. Be-  
yond any reasonable question the verdict  
of that jury was that the government is  
guilty as charged. If one were to be  
guided by the display of sentiment at  
the meeting, by the manner in which the  
arguments of the speakers were received,  
he could not avoid the conclusion that  
the people have decided that this govern-  
ment has been in power too long. No  
report by the expert accountant who  
spent a few days in Fredericton—a report  
which may be expected in a day or two—  
can in any way repair the damage done  
to the government's cause last evening.  
Mr. Fleming, who opened the ball,  
spoke with moderation and with convic-  
tion. He has no tricks of oratory. It  
is a business man's common-sense  
statement of facts. As he spoke  
government's pretended surplus  
vanished, and in its place  
up a deficit of about \$400,000.  
By over the account of the  
vince, and his audi-  
entified was the  
Robinson was the  
her state-  
tion."

**ITS LAST CARD**

The "report" of the accountant hired  
by Premier Robinson to give the local  
government a certificate of character on  
the eve of election is the administration's  
last card. It may be played any day now,  
and electors in every constituency should  
be prepared for it. The hard-headed peo-  
ple of this province are not to be turned  
from their purpose by any device so  
flimsy as this attempt to whitewash the  
tottering government during the closing  
days of a campaign in which it has  
been on the defensive in every constitu-  
ency since the first gun was fired.  
The expert will do what he was paid  
to do. The taxpayers will pay the ex-  
pert, but they will not be influenced by  
what they are paying for. This govern-  
ment has had its chance, and now it must  
allow the people to pass upon its acts  
under the secret ballot law. No expert's  
report can alter the people's verdict. This

business of the expert, in fact, is simply  
another confession of the government's  
desperation. It has finally realized how  
strongly the current of aroused public  
opinion sets against it, and it is grasping  
at a straw.

Can an expert—no matter how much of  
the people's money Hon. Mr. Robinson  
gives him—turn bad government into  
good government?

Can the expert produce that \$600,000 sur-  
plus when the people know there is a  
\$400,000 deficit?

Can the expert extend the Central Rail-  
way to Gibson before March 3, and re-  
store to the public treasury the difference  
of \$1,260,000 and the honest cost of  
the work done on this incomplete rail-  
way which Mr. Morse of the G. T. P.  
tells Hon. Mr. Pugsley is unfit for heavy  
traffic?

Can the expert restore the roads of this  
province to their normal condition? Can  
he blot out the ruinous effects which  
a blundering law and the rotten adminis-  
tration of that law have had upon the  
highways? Can he indemnify the resi-  
dents of this province for the loss, dam-  
age, discomfort and annoyance which this  
government has inflicted upon them  
through its stupidity in passing the High-  
way Act and its folly in sticking to that  
law until the elections scared its leaders  
into a change of front? Can he remove  
in a month the havoc wrought by three  
long years of government neglect and in-  
competence? Can he cause the people to  
forget what sort of roads they will have  
when the frost comes out of the ground  
in the spring?

Can the expert replace in the people's  
pockets the money this government has  
taken therefrom by its school-book policy?  
Can the expert lead a new value to the  
before-election promises of an administra-  
tion which will promise anything, but  
whose promises have been tested before  
and found worthless?

Mr. Robinson, in this matter, is not  
giving the people much credit for intelli-  
gence. Let us look at his proposal from  
an every-day standpoint. He and his fel-  
low ministers are trustees for the people.  
There is trouble over the management of  
the people's vast estate. Distrust is  
everywhere. Deception is charged. The  
property is not being properly adminis-  
tered. What then? Have the people  
selected an expert and given him instruc-  
tions as to what to investigate, what to  
make clear, what questions to answer, over  
how many years to carry his examination?  
By no means. Mr. Robinson—the chief  
trustee, mark you—selects the expert. The  
people have no voice in the transaction.  
Does the Hon. C. W. Robinson really be-  
lieve he can save himself and his govern-  
ment from political extinction by a pro-  
posal of that sort? With him, of course,  
is any port in a storm.

Let no man doubt that the people of  
this province are prepared for this last  
card the government has to play. The  
other cards it had in its hand have been  
placed upon the table, one by one. There  
was not a strong one in the lot. This last  
one, we may depend, will be a two-spot.

**DIPHTHERIA AND THE SCHOOLS**  
If the Board of Health and the School  
Board have any reason to believe that the  
lives of children are being endangered by  
conditions in the winter street school they  
would do well to close it at once. If the  
Board of Health knows that cases of  
diphtheria exist in that section of the city  
which are not reported by those whose  
duty it is to report them, action should  
be taken at once.

A citizen whose word is good and one of  
those children contracted diphtheria after  
attending this school—in the first  
grade—informs The Telegraph that with-  
in ten days half a dozen pupils attend-  
ing Winter street have been stricken with  
diphtheria. The authorities may say this  
gentleman's alarm causes him to take an  
exaggerated view of the danger. Parents,  
however, will not agree with that. Par-  
ents will say—and very properly—that  
the first duty of the authorities in cases  
of this kind is not to ally public alarm,  
but to make sure that through official  
hesitation, or ignorance of real conditions,  
other children are not subjected to a dan-  
ger which has already proved all too real  
in some cases.

Two rooms of this school were fumigated  
on Saturday. Do the authorities intend  
to let it go at that?

**IN CARLETON COUNTY**  
What at this distance looks like an in-  
fantile trick intended to make capital for  
the local government is reported from Car-  
leton county. Certain affidavits, of the  
genre of which we shall doubtless hear  
more hereafter, were printed in govern-  
ment journals on Saturday, in which the  
impression was sought to be created that  
Mr. B. Frank Smith, one of the members  
of the Legislature for Carleton, had sought  
to bribe two voters. Mr. Smith, in a  
message which we publish this morning,  
brands the charges as absolutely false, and  
tells only half the story. The govern-  
ment leaders never had much hope of  
electing those gentlemen. They now ex-  
pect to lose the entire ticket.

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facto of the local government ticket here  
might interfere with Dr. Pugsley's work  
for the port. Let not Mr. Trueman's heart  
be troubled. There is a Federal election  
coming. The harder New Brunswick hits  
the local government now the harder Dr.  
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indicating that Hoyt could not write, and  
Mr. Leighton, who was the Justice of the  
Peace in this transaction, is authority for  
the statement that Hoyt knew what he  
was signing. No doubt Hoyt knew what  
he was signing when he affixed his mark  
to the second affidavit, a copy of which we  
print this morning.

This frenzied episode will not injure Mr.  
Smith or his associates Messrs. Fleming  
and Munro. But it may arouse public  
curiosity on one point, viz: Was the Bible  
employed at this time by Mr. Leighton the  
same one which gained a considerable repu-  
tation on the occasion of another famous  
election in Carleton county?

**GOOD REPORTS**

Nomination day finds the opposition  
cause progressing favorably in every quar-  
ter, and the latest reports from many  
constituencies indicate that Mr. Hazen  
will not only be the next Premier of New  
Brunswick but that he will carry the pro-  
vince by a comfortable margin. The  
government party has met with many ob-  
stacles and disappointments since the  
campaign began, and steadily but surely  
the ranks of those upon whom it could  
once depend have been weakened. The  
opposition, on the contrary, has grown  
steadily stronger, and its leaders are to-  
day confident of winning in constituencies  
where formerly the administration regard-  
ed itself as invincible.

Queens and Westmorland are two coun-  
ties in which government lieutenants used  
to boast with some confidence that the  
opposition could not hope for a single  
seat. Today that confidence has disap-  
peared. In Queens Hon. Mr. Farris is  
having the struggle of his career, and it  
is now very probable that Messrs. Woods  
and Slipp will carry the county in spite  
of the activity of Senator King and others  
who are striving to save the Commission-  
ers of Agriculture. The people of Queens  
county have seen Messrs. Farris and Car-  
penter subjected to an unusually critical  
examination during the last few weeks,  
and they are very likely to try the new  
men.

In Westmorland it appears to be quite  
generally the opinion that Mr. Copp, who  
held his ticket in 1903, is more likely to be  
defeated than any of his colleagues, but  
if he falls his ticket will go down with  
him. Much depends upon the vote in  
Moncton, but the opposition expects to  
come up to the city line with a majority  
too big to be overcome.

In Kings, where the ticket headed by  
Hon. Mr. Pugsley had a close call in 1903,  
the opposition can scarcely fail to carry  
its three candidates. Since the govern-  
ment standard bearers have visited the  
different parishes and been heard by the  
people, their chance of success has grown  
smaller. Messrs. Jones, Murray and  
Sproule have carried on a fair and manly  
campaign, and their supporters are more  
than ever confident of victory.  
In Charlotte, St. John city, York, Sun-  
bury, Northumberland, Carleton and  
Kent the government leaders have little  
or no hope, and these counties alone elect  
more than half the Legislature. In St.  
John county the Attorney-General, less  
popular than of old, is fighting a desper-  
ate battle, and, as many are convinced,  
a losing one. Messrs. Mosher and Clark,  
solid and popular county men, have gained  
ground steadily from the first.

Five years ago when nomination day  
arrived the government was virtually sur-  
e of a sweeping majority. Today Premier  
Robinson, as he looks about the province,  
cannot point to a single county in which  
he is even reasonably sure of carrying his  
ticket. All the signs today point to a  
great opposition victory.

**NOTE AND COMMENT**

Steadily the campaign goes against the  
government. It has been found out.

In a letter to the Kings County Record  
Dr. G. N. Pearson, of Sussex, says he is  
going to vote for Messrs. Jones and Mur-  
ray.

The government workers in Carleton  
county have started the affidavit mill. "If  
you don't believe us," they say, "we'll  
swear to it."

"Pugsley is not Blair in an election,"  
government men are saying. Which  
means that they expected campaign ma-  
terial more tangible than borings in  
Coutney Bay.

Look out for fake promises from the  
government today. Judge the government  
by what it has done and has failed to do  
—not by what it promises now that it  
faces defeat.

The debate at Ottawa yesterday on the  
New Brunswick elections should be read  
by every elector in this province. They  
know in Ottawa that the Robinson gov-  
ernment is tottering.

The thousands who heard the joint de-  
bate in the Opera House last Friday night  
know why Hon. Mr. McKeown would not  
run in this city. He led his ticket in 1903.  
He realizes how much ground the govern-  
ment has lost here in the last five years.

Hon. Mr. Robinson's expert accountant  
has one great advantage over his employer.  
The accountant is not a candidate. He  
takes his fee and goes home. But Mr.  
Robinson must face the electors with only  
a little sheet of paper to protect him  
from the storm.

The government party is reported to  
have abandoned all hope of electing  
Messrs. Lantulum and Skinner. That re-  
port tells only half the story. The gov-  
ernment leaders never had much hope of  
electing those gentlemen. They now ex-  
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and this province between March 3 and  
the next Dominion election.

Even in Madawaska the government is  
now opposed. Not a seat by acclamation.

Premier Robinson is trying to save the  
government ticket in this city. Even the  
Hon. Mr. Pugsley will not be able to do  
that. The local government's record  
would beat men much stronger than  
Messrs. Purdy, Lantulum, Sears and Skin-  
ner.

**PUGSLEY TAKEN TO TASK  
FOR ELECTION PROMISES**

(Continued from page 1.)  
have no information that he is engaged  
in the campaign."

Sir Wilfrid concluded that what ap-  
plied to employees did not apply to mem-  
bers of parliament.

**Foster Scores Pugsley.**

Mr. Foster wound up the debate with  
a general attack. He said, referring to  
the minister of public works: "He picks  
quarrels with the honorable member for  
York (Mr. Crockett), the honorable mem-  
ber for St. John (Dr. Daniels), and the  
honorable member for Kings-Albert (Mr.  
Fowler), because, forsooth, these cowardly  
M. P.s attacked him in his absence."  
"Well, of all men I should think my  
honorable friend (Pugsley) would not  
vaunt himself as so terrible that any  
man on his side would fear to criticize  
him in his presence. I should think my  
honorable friend (Pugsley) would not  
show most meekly of knightly courage  
and great daring when he was called to ac-  
count again and again by the honorable  
member for East Toronto for the brave  
sayings he had uttered on the platform  
800 miles away from the opponent whom  
he attacked. Why he was not only 800  
miles away, but he was in the northwest  
at the time, 3,000 miles away. My brave  
friend, as minister of public works—was  
he minister of public works then, or was  
he minister of railways and canals in pros-  
pect? When he had 3,000 miles of dis-  
tance between himself and the man whom  
he attacked, was very brave in his utter-  
ances, but when the distance was re-  
duced to a rod and a half or something less,  
he sat still under the castigation and un-  
der a presentation of facts such as have  
seldom been the lot of any minister and  
he said never a word."

"Will my honorable friend (Mr. Foster)  
allow me to ask him a question as to his  
parliamentarianism?" asked Mr. Pugsley.  
"If I have made outside of this house, any  
statements reflecting upon a member of  
parliament, the truth of which statement  
he denied, is it not a proper course for  
that honorable gentleman to produce in  
this house the paper reporting my utter-  
ances, and to move for a committee to in-  
vestigate my conduct? I will say that  
if that is done I am prepared to sub-  
stantiate everything I have said in any  
place."

"My honorable friend felt that he would  
like to have a lawsuit," said Mr. Foster.  
"When he was 3,000 miles distant from the  
honorable gentleman whom he attacked.  
He declared then, 'if the person whom I  
attack will bring a lawsuit, he will find  
whether I am as good as my word or not.'  
But it does seem to me that if I were to  
attack the prime minister (Sir Wilfrid  
Laurier) on a public platform for a cer-  
tain time, and if I were to move for a  
committee to move for a committee to in-  
vestigate and everything of that kind, being  
brave enough and strong enough to do  
this before the people of this country, I  
think that when I met the right honorable  
gentleman in this house and was challenged  
to make good my words in his presence,  
I would make good my words or I would  
die in the attempt. My honorable friend  
has been cavorting round in a sphere of  
politics not quite so wide as mine, where  
the light is not so intense, where meth-  
ods of attack are tolerated that do not  
carry in a parliamentary assembly like  
this, and my honorable friend, I think,  
has not been as brave as I am, and I think  
that he never made a more serious mis-  
take, tactically or otherwise."

**York and Sunbury Solid**

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 23.—The op-  
position held two grand meetings in dif-  
ferent parts of the county last evening.

At Burt's Corner  
a gathering that taxed the ca-  
pacity of the large hall there, and were en-  
thusiastically received. Dr. Moorehouse  
presided, at the conclusion of the candi-  
dates' speeches Hon. George J. Colter,  
who occupied a seat on the platform,  
spoke briefly. He said, among other  
things, that the government party had  
circulated a rumor that he was not in  
sympathy with the opposition in this con-  
test. This he wanted to absolutely deny.  
He was not stronger opposed to the  
present administration than he was today  
and he would give every assistance in  
order to elect the opposition ticket and  
bring about a better form of government.  
The meeting broke up with ringing cheers  
for the opposition party.

At Kingsclear, O. S. Crockett, Mr. Pond  
and others addressed a large gathering.  
Everything points to a big turnover in  
this parish, where the last election went  
strongly for the government.

At Lakeville Corner, in the parish of  
Sheffield, Sunbury, Mr. Hazen and Mr.  
Glasier addressed the largest meeting ever  
held in that district, electors being pre-  
sent from all the surrounding country, in-  
cluding many from the parish of Can-  
ning, Queens county. W. S. Gilbert pre-  
sided and at the conclusion of the speech  
making W. J. Bridges, of Sheffield, moved  
a vote of thanks to the speakers, which  
was carried unanimously amidst much en-  
thusiasm.

Mr. Hazen is this evening registered at  
the Barker House, and will leave in the  
morning for St. John, returning Tues-  
day to Burton to attend the nomination  
proceedings. Mr. Hazen is in the best of  
shape and says that he has no fault to  
find with the way the contest looks.

**Dr. Pearson Writes**

Sussex, February 17th, 1908.  
Editor Kings County Record:—  
As some uncertainty in the present contest  
in this county, arising from a statement in  
the Record, I wish to state that my  
quarrel is with the persons only, who  
claim to be the opposition managers of  
the party in Sussex.

The opposition Candidates are my close  
personal friends, and two of them, Messrs.  
Jones and Murray, I intend to vote for  
on personal grounds.

Yours respectfully,  
O. N. PEARSON.

The Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore, which  
cost \$280,000, is open to those members of  
the public who have special permits on the  
afternoon at Jan. 23rd only in each year.

**LOOKS WELL IN QUEENS  
AND GLOUCESTER COUNTIES**

**Opposition Ticket in Gloucester Making Fine Progress—  
Hon. Mr. Pugsley's Position—Premier Robinson and  
His Candidates at Chipman, and Questions They Didn't  
Answer.**

Chipman, Feb. 22.  
To the Editor of The Telegraph:—

Sir,—The meeting of government sup-  
porters at Chipman last Thursday night,  
addressed by the premier and Messrs.  
Farris and Carpenter, was presided over  
by Senator King. Hon. L. P. Farris led  
off and told the people that he had done  
his very best with his department. In  
referring to the highway act he went  
straight back on his previous utterances  
on this subject, especially his remarks in  
the legislature when he said: "As for  
the highway act it is growing in popular-  
ity as it becomes understood. In Queens  
county where a protest was raised against  
it last year not a single voice was heard  
in its denunciation this year at the agricul-  
ture council board," and told the people  
that the highway act was not satisfactory.  
It was a mistake, he said, and should be  
repealed. It was the object of the gov-  
ernment, he said, to have good roads.

He took up the matter of the school  
books, and endeavored to explain the idea  
of saving hundreds of thousands of  
dollars. From his remarks on this subject  
it was to be inferred that a contract for  
furnishing books would go to some sup-  
porter of the government. The New  
Brunswick readers were cheap as in any  
province. Reverting again to the work of  
his department, he said the dairy policy  
had in many cases not been successful,  
but it had resulted in increasing the price  
of butter and cheese.

As far as the Central railway was con-  
cerned he was proud of it. It was a good  
road; the best branch line in the province,  
and for one did not regret the cost of it.  
He did not, however, nor did Mr. Car-  
penter make any attempt to explain their  
failure to protest against the govern-  
ment's failure to force the company to  
complete the railway from Minto to Fred-  
ericton and have a plant installed capable  
of lifting 500 tons of coal per day; nor  
did they attempt to deny the popular  
charge against them that they have only  
represented Senator King and his inter-  
ests rather than the interests of the peo-  
ple of Queens, and that while supporting  
the government of the day, without criti-  
cizing any of its acts in all these years,  
they had not only not originated any-  
thing for the public good but secured lit-  
tle for the county. Neither did they tell  
their audience that they had winked at  
some of the grossest acts that any govern-  
ment was ever guilty of; acts such as no  
man would accuse either of them of al-  
lowing in the management of their private  
business.

Neither did either of them state that  
the records of the house showed that  
both of them opposed the motion of Mr.  
Hazen in 1899 for a secret ballot act, or  
explain to the people why they were thus  
opposed to a man's individual right to  
vote as his conscience directed. They  
made no attempt to explain their sudden  
change of policy in regard to the highway  
act, or deny their recent statements that  
all the act required was more money be-  
hind it.

When Mr. Carpenter spoke he enlarged  
upon generalities, stating that the attitude  
of the government was generous to lum-  
ber, mining and agricultural industries,  
while the opposition's attitude was the  
reverse. He thought the road law was de-  
fective, while the Central railway was,  
he said, in better condition than the C.  
P. R. from Gibson to Edmundston. He  
went back about twenty years and con-  
demned the old government for guaran-  
teeing the bonds of the Gibson to Ed-  
mundston railway, thus accusing the gov-  
ernment of something it never did.

Premier Robinson, on rising to speak,  
had a good reception. He endeavored to  
explain his failure to meet Mr. Fleming  
in a joint debate and went on to say that  
the accounts at Fredericton had been ex-  
amined by a firm of disinterested char-  
tered accountants. The work was com-  
pleted and the report would be down

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT MEN  
BALK AT PURITY**

Opposition All Sign Agreement For  
Clean Election and Put  
Up \$1,000

Senator Gilmor Doesn't Want to  
Sign on the Filmmist Excuse—  
Liberals Want to Deposit Only  
\$500 Instead of Agreed  
Amount.

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 21.—The adjourned  
meeting of the joint committees on purity in  
elections was held this evening and each  
committee reported. The opposition com-  
mittee reported through their chairman, Col. J.  
D. Chipman, that all the members, including  
O. W. Ganson, M. P., had signed the resolu-  
tions and that the \$1,000 pledge had been de-  
posited in St. Stephen Bank.

The government party reported through  
their chairman, O. N. Vroom, that their mem-  
bers had practically all signed, but thought  
that the amount to be deposited should be  
\$500, and they had been unable to obtain  
the signature of Senator Gilmor, whom they  
stated gives as an excuse that he does not  
wish to take part in provincial politics,  
although he is on Grand Manan today.

After considerable discussion the meeting  
adjourned to meet next Monday evening,  
the object being to give both parties further time  
to arrive at an acceptable agreement, for the  
opposition is making every effort to run a  
clean election.

**Election on Moral and Legal  
Lines.**

The Temperance Federation of Kings  
county has issued a poster inviting the co-  
operation of the public in their efforts to  
have the present election run on strictly  
moral and legal lines. The pledges signed  
by the candidates of both parties are printed  
as well as quotations from the New  
Brunswick elections act, Con. Stat. 1903,  
and the New Brunswick controverted elec-  
tion act, defining the penalties attaching  
to bribery and corruption. The poster is  
signed by M. G. Harner, secretary, and  
C. W. Weyman, president of the federa-  
tion.

from Toronto in a few days and would be  
at once made public. He made the same  
what remarkable statement that all books  
and vouchers had been submitted for in-  
spection but was careful not to define  
what period the examination covered. The  
challenge, he said, had been issued to  
Messrs. Hazen and Fleming to a joint  
debate in St. John, time to be divided  
equally.

Referring to the Central railway, he  
said the government had put it in good  
condition and it was now well run. It  
would develop the coal mines of the dis-  
trict. The G. T. P. would probably take  
200,000 per year as the coal was excellent  
steam coal. He made for the Central  
would be continued through  
to Gibson, as originally intended. "The  
most important department of the govern-  
ment was agriculture," he said. "Continuing,  
the opposition were afraid to spend  
money; while the government had no timi-  
dity on that score in developing the re-  
sources of the province. The public debt  
was very small, only \$10 per head, and was  
no burden."

Regarding school books he said that the  
opposition promised to abolish the present  
set of readers, and were misrepresenting  
and making mis-statements in order to get  
into power. "Hazen now demands that he  
said at Bathurst that the debt was \$9-  
000,000. He (Robinson) claimed that Ha-  
zen had overestimated the amount of the  
debt by more than \$2,000,000. Continuing,  
he made a strong appeal to the people to  
support the local government as Liberals.  
This they could do, for the record of the  
provincial government was good and he  
would stand by it. They would abolish  
the highway act and give the people con-  
trol of the roads. They had formed a new  
department of colonization and im-  
migration, and would do a great many  
other things equally important and pro-  
gressive.

Yours, etc.,  
QUEENS VOTER.

**Opposition Will Win in  
Gloucester**

Carleton, Feb. 22.  
To the Editor of The Telegraph:—

Sir,—Victory is assured for the oppo-  
sition ticket in Gloucester. Prominent Lib-  
erals are rushing to their support, not only  
on account of their condemnation of the  
government on its present record, but also  
on account of the manner in which Hon.  
Mr. Pugsley is slighting the county of  
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