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SAINT JOHN, MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 5th, 1910.

INEFFECTIVE CRITICISM.

A perusal of the lengthy report in the Telegraph of the addresses delivered by Mr. C. W. Robinson and Mr. F. J. Sweeney at the recent meeting of the Young Liberals would indicate that these gentlemen, the leading lights of the local Opposition, are in no better position to criticize the Hazen Government than when their own administration went down to ignominious defeat some two years and a half ago. "The broken pledges of the Hazen Government," was the theme selected for the occasion, but we fail to find any facts presented, or any arguments deduced, which will carry weight with a thinking electorate.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Robinson devoted some attention to the debt of the province. When the old government went out of power, he said, the net debt was about \$3,500,000, while it was now about \$4,500,000. The leader of the Opposition forgot to remind his hearers that the increase in the debt is the fruits of legislation passed by his own Government. Large subsidies have to be provided for the International Railway, for which his Government and its predecessors were responsible, and the deficits and expenses of the Central Railway, which is an incubus on the province, have to be met. An enormous outlay has also been necessary on the bridges throughout the country, due mainly to the improvident and unbusinesslike methods which the late Government pursued. Mr. Robinson went on to refer to the increase in revenue which the province now enjoys, but neglected to point to the fact that it is in consequence of the honest collection of stumpage. The methods which the late Government countenanced are notorious. It is because every dollar that can be collected is now accounted for that the territorial revenues amount to nearly half a million dollars today; figures undreamt of when Mr. Robinson, Mr. Pugsley, and their friends had control of the purse strings.

The claims of this province for a share in the Halifax Fishery Award were the subject of Mr. Robinson's solicitude, and he pointed out that Mr. Pugsley had contended that this province was entitled to a proportion of the money paid over. He thought the local Government should see to it. Since coming into power Mr. Hazen's Government has pressed for recognition of the claims on more than one occasion. Mr. Pugsley's translation to the Dominion Cabinet has apparently cooled his ardor, for he has failed to give this important matter either his encouragement or support.

The forward policy of the local Government in making a survey of a route for the St. John Valley Railway, and placing an act on the statute book which will assure the road being built, in any event, has caused the Opposition much uneasiness, and Mr. Robinson as in duty bound attempted to throw cold water on the project. "I feel," he said, "that the Valley Railway is a proper subject for earnest consideration now and I feel that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's offer to take it over and operate it as a part of the I. C. R. paying the province 40 per cent. is the only proper scheme. It should not be entered upon unless properly guaranteed. To have such a railway it should be built in a way that it would not place too great a responsibility on the province. So far there is no reasonable scheme proposed except that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

Mr. Robinson's discovery that the Valley Railway is "a proper subject for earnest consideration" is of very recent date. For nearly a quarter of a century he and his predecessors in office never grappled with the subject from a practical standpoint. They did nothing. The furthest point they ever reached was certain nebulous negotiations which Mr. Pugsley on one occasion alleged he was conducting with the Canadian Northern. "Founded on two telegrams and a lot of ifs," was the way the late Mr. Hill characterized his statements. The Hazen Government is the only administration which has dealt fairly with the question by inaugurating a policy from which the people of St. John Valley can expect results.

Judging by the Telegraph's report of the proceedings the only new subject matter introduced into Mr. Robinson's address was supplied by Mr. Thomas Hilyard, one of his audience, who, with the evident desire of furnishing the leader of the Opposition with some fresh material, asked the speaker "if he was aware that Hon. Mr. Fleming, the Provincial Secretary, had received a grant from the Government of \$1,000 to repair a road in or near the Blue Bell tract of land, for carrying on lumbering operations for his own use." Mr. Hilyard further stated that he had Hon. Mr. Maxwell's authority that such a grant had been made.

In view of Mr. Fleming's categorical denial of the whole transaction, which appears elsewhere in this issue, it is not surprising that Mr. Robinson was feign to admit that he had not heard of it. He added that he was glad to learn of the matter and seizing on it with avidity, proceeded to point a moral by remarking that "it appeared the Government could divide up the money as they saw fit, and if they had money to spare, could give it to their favorites." The incident served its turn, but Mr. Robinson's joy is short-lived. Mr. Maxwell denies ever making such a statement to Mr. Hilyard, and Mr. Fleming shows that this grant was used solely for the purpose of opening up the Blue Bell tract for settlement, and further that he never conducted any lumbering operations on the land.

Both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Sweeney had much to say in condemnation of the road act. It is surprising that at the time the act was passed they did not come forward with suggestions for its improvement. It is also a cause for wonder that, at the last session of

the legislature, they offered no criticisms of the act itself. The roads of the province are 100 per cent. better than under the late Government. It is admitted that they cannot all be placed in first class condition in one, two, or even three years, but an honest administration of the road moneys is having its effect.

Mr. Sweeney travelled over much the same ground as Mr. Robinson. He professed to believe that the government was handing over the resources of the province to monopolies, and disapproved of the policy which has resulted in the development of the iron ore deposits in Gloucester. The policy which Mr. Sweeney condemned has, however, resulted in a revenue which is steadily increasing, and the developments are being carried out without any expense to the province. He also entered upon a defence of the late Government's lumber policy. As Mr. Sweeney will go down to fame as the most incompetent surveyor general the province ever had, and in view of the enormous increase in the territorial revenues since he retired from the administration, his opinions on this subject are not of much value. His efforts to secure the wardenship of Dorchester Penitentiary, judging by the tenor of his remarks, have somewhat distracted his attention from provincial affairs.

Presumably because it is the duty of an opposition to oppose, and to justify their remaining in provincial politics, it becomes necessary for the leader of the Opposition and his lieutenants to revert occasionally to such an unprofitable subject as "the broken pledges of the Hazen Government." It is unfortunate for them that, the material being wanting, they invariably fail to make out their case. They have a long way to go before they will convince the people of this province that there is anything to be gained by again entrusting its affairs to an aggregation that was notorious for its reckless, improvident, and unscrupulous administration.

FIGHT PICTURES AND POLITICS.

The Young Liberals' Club has been heard from. After a lengthy period of lethargy this juvenile organization has again entered the lists. On Friday evening last they held a smoker, endured speeches from such orators as Mr. C. W. Robinson and Mr. F. J. Sweeney, and otherwise comported themselves as good Young Liberals should. They had their reward, for they were permitted at the close to feast their eyes on the elevating spectacle of a twenty-round prize fight between Mr. Papke and Mr. Ketchell—since deceased.

Only one sad fact may have marred the pure, unalloyed pleasure of the gathering, the absence of the Honorable William Pugsley. The Young Liberals' Club owes its very existence to the Minister of Public Works. As will be remembered by all citizens, whose memories date back to that momentous time in 1908 when Mr. Pugsley entered upon his career as the champion of St. John, this collection of young patriots was called into being to act as torch bearers and general "supers" in the presentation of the various pageants designed to enthuse the people of the city. When they were not carrying torches they were manufacturing enthusiasm, and stimulating applause at the meetings during the campaign.

When their work was done they lapsed into a state of innocuous desuetude and even the peril of the Drummond-Arthabasca election was not a sufficiently potent stimulant to rouse them. Then a call was sent out. They were gathered together and it was decided that their resurrection should be signaled with a smoker. Those in charge of the event, however, doubted whether the prospect of free cigars, and free refreshments of other kinds would prove sufficiently attractive, so the word was whispered that there would be rare intellectual enjoyment for all who attended. And so there was. It took the attractive form of moving pictures of the twenty-round swat fest' between Messrs. Papke and Ketchell.

The Standard joins with those who expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Mr. Pugsley. That he himself regretted it is evident from his telegram. It would have been a moving picture in itself to have seen Mr. Pugsley surrounded by his young admirers watching intently the gladiatorial combat between such experts in the noble art. Had he been in attendance there would have been opportunity for an excellent interview by obtaining his opinion on the merits of upper cuts and jabs. A declaration on this line from Mr. Pugsley would be of more interest than some of his vague prognostications regarding Courtenay Bay and other things. We might have learned, for instance, whether he favored the right hook or a solar plexus as the more effective blow; which he would prefer to use when in a tight place, or whether he would rather save himself by dodging, at which, it is well known, he is an expert.

We have not yet learned whether these fight pictures were presented with the sanction of the Moral and Social Reform Council, or whether any objections will be raised on the ground that such sights might have a tendency to corrupt the minds of the young. They have all the charm of novelty to recommend them to political gatherings. The lead of the Young Liberals of St. John might well be followed in many other constituencies where the Liberal cause is in need of a stimulant. It is a fate which comes sooner or later to every cause which is not worth fighting for.

General satisfaction will be felt throughout the province in the success of Mr. Aitken in the British elections. A son of New Brunswick, he is worthily following in the footsteps of another prominent New Brunswicker, Mr. Bonar Law, who has made a name for himself in British politics.

Current Comment

(Peterboro Review.)

Evangelists usually have to say something extravagant to "make good" with the crowd. We have heard scores of evangelists, from Moody to Chapman and from Chapman to Sam Lattrell. They are right on the job when it comes to nailing a spectacular story on the audience just at the proper time. They can hand the crowd an awful roast and get away with it. If the minister did it, there would be the devil to pay. But the audience jame the church and listens and gives the "thank offering" freely, and the evangelist goes on to stir up another town, and the poor parson is left to fight on and keep up the fever heat.

(Hamilton Herald.)

Lloyd George's condemnation of the peers is rather too sweeping. When he said on Saturday that they are incapable of feeling sympathy for the poor he ignored the fact that the greatest friend of the British poor in the nineteenth century—the man who did the most practical good for them—was a peer, the Earl of Shaftesbury. His whole life was devoted to the work of ameliorating the condition of the poor.

(New York Journal.)

After a man has been sick in bed as long as two days he begins to look about as attractive as an onion peddler after it is cold; but a woman has so much special scenery for a sick-room that she looks well after a six weeks' siege.

The Standard's Old Reporter

Owing to the lack of asbestos paper the burning words of the orators who addressed the Young Liberal Club on Friday evening had to be omitted from this great family journal, but it is felt that some space may be given to the principal feature of the entertainment without scorching the press. We have no doubt that the profound and brilliant poem read by Hiram Hornbeam, of Hornbeam Settlement, will be voted by all who were not there to have been in a class by itself. Hiram indeed brought down the house and his efforts met with as much appreciation as the pictures of the prize fight.

Here is the poem which Hiram read with one eye on the Times New Reporter and the other on the door—

Who made the heavens and the earth,
And all things else of any worth?

'Twas Pugsley, Laurier and Co.

Who made Oom Kruger drink small beer,
And Kiser Billy tear his hair?

And filled the world with fright and woe?
'Twas Pugsley, Laurier and Co.

Who made "Our Lady of the Snows,"
As pretty as a wild-wood rose?

Who gave her all the dainty clothes,
And prinked her hair and trimmed her toes?

Who taught her how to smirk and how
To play the fiddle and milk the cow,
And make herself a holy show,
Flirting with Uncle Sam, you know?
'Twas Pugsley, Laurier and Co.

Who made the harbor of St. John,
And turned the tap of traffic on?

Who first discovered Courtenay Bay,
And steered the G. T. P. this way?

Who made the drydock project rise,
Then stand at gaze before all eyes,
Like Joshua's sun at Ascalon?
Who gathered schemes that gave a show
To greedy grafters high and low?
'Twas Pugsley, Laurier and Co.

Who put the sun upon the blink,
And made the Evening Star to wink
At all the follies of the Times?

At this point there was an interruption in the shape of a beautiful tomato which hit Hiram in the eye and knocked him out through the window.

SEIZURE OF LIQUOR IN QUEENS COUNTY

Scott Act Inspector Davis Found Whiskey Hidden Under Drying Clothes in Bushes—Hoop Poles Stolen.

Waterborough, Dec. 2.—Robt. F. Davis, Scott Act inspector, with Constables Gale, Ferris and VanBuskirk, acting under a search warrant, seized a quantity of whiskey on the premises of Mrs. Mary Jane Ferris, here yesterday morning. The officers spent some time in searching the house, barn and other buildings, and one of the officers espied a white label on a bottle among some ornamental bushes over which there were some clothes hung to dry as the weather has been very wet. These aroused his suspicions, and there was found the whiskey which it is alleged a man by the name of Webb Herrington, who lives at Mrs. Ferris' house, had received by train from St. John on Saturday last. Mr. Herrington has been suspected of selling liquor contrary to law, for some time.

Hoop poles are a pretty small thing to steal C. H. Mett found the other day when he was out hunting on his property in Union Settlement with a friend that some parties had only cut the hoop poles, but they shaved them into hoops in the woods and then carried them out on their backs.

While Mrs. Wm. Ferris, of Union Settlement, was walking near the store of D. W. Panjor, yesterday, she was attacked by a dog belonging to Robt. Barton and only the presence of Mrs. Barton at the store saved Mrs. Ferris from being torn. The dog was later shot at Mrs. Barton's request.

There is much interest among the people of Union over a post office which is about to be established at that place, some of the stalwarts of the Liberal party feel that they should not be slighted in the choice of a postmaster, but it is thought a good Conservative will be the winning man.

Recently a vote was taken as to who would be the most suitable for the position, and it is currently reported that a good Conservative will get the post.

Rev. H. H. Gilles, who has been stationed in Vancouver, B. C., for over a year, has resigned his church there and is now in New York. He passed through here last Sunday, calling on a few friends, and owing to the very disagreeable weather there was no service in St. Luke's, where Rev. Mr. Gilles intended to meet a large number of his many friends who would have been so pleased to have seen him.

Rev. Mr. Gilles has gone to New York, where he will preach in a Brooklyn church.

Thos. M. Wiggins has been confined to the house for a week with "La Grippe."

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Luke's church, met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edith Wasson.

The local trappers and fur buyers, report that fur bearing animals are very scarce in this locality, this fall. For some extent in the early fall, Racoon were quite plentiful in the farmers' corn fields.

Spots on My Butterfly.

The teacher of the primary department in a superior school, placed on the little fellows as to who shall get the most spots in his butterfly. One of them is the son of a preacher, and a few nights ago when saying his prayers at his mother's knee, after offering his usual petitions, he paused a moment and then added in ardent tones, "And please Lord, put some spots in my butterfly."

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RICHIBUCTO.

Richibucto, Dec. 1.—The Board of Health has decided that the disease in William Curwen's family is not smallpox.

G. E. Martin from Chatham office of the Public Works Department was in town Wednesday on his way to Buctouche to look over some government work.

Rev. Mr. Ross, field secretary of the N. B. Sunday school Association, will hold meetings in the county from Dec. 12 to 15.

On Wednesday of last week the marriage took place at St. Martin's rectory, Harcourt, of Elizabeth I., third daughter of Thomas Farrer, Main River, to Fred E. Pearson of Bass River. Rev. F. H. Thomas officiated.

During the recent storm a horse belonging to A. & R. Loggie went through the wharf. It was rescued with great difficulty uninjured.

Eggs are very scarce and are selling for twenty-five cents a dozen. Egg buyers think the farmers are holding them back to get big prices later on. Collector of Customs B. E. Johnson has a flock of hens laying now that were hatched last June.

Rev. F. H. Thomas, in charge of the Episcopal church at Harcourt, is planning to leave there in a few days to take charge of a church near St. John.

Miss Maggie Morton, of Pine Ridge, left Monday for Reading, Mass., to visit her sister, Mrs. Hadley. Miss Grace C. Fraser, of Hexton, is visiting friends in Chatham. Frances Wood returned this week from Boston.

On Saturday the death occurred at Kouchouague, of James Callendar in his 81st year. Services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Archibald and Rev. Mr. Livingston.

Mrs. H. D. O'Leary died at her home here on Saturday morning in her 82nd year. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning from St. Aloysius church, Rev. Father McLaughlin officiating. She leaves a husband and six small children.

CRUISERS ON WAY TO MACAO

Hong Kong, Dec. 3.—The authorities at Pekin today ordered a Chinese flotilla to Macao where there was a revolt recently in the Portuguese army and navy forcing the governor to make certain concessions including the driving out of the religious orders.

The Italian cruiser Calabria has also gone there to protect Italian interests.

St. David's Y. P. A.

The programme for the meeting of the Young People's Association of St. David's church this evening is being arranged by the musical committee, and a programme of unusual excellence is promised. In addition to vocal and instrumental solos and readings, there will be a couple of choruses. The entertainment is free to all.

Ten Deaths.

Ten burial permits were issued last week by the Board of Health as follows:
Phthisis, 2; Senility, 1; Uraemia, 1; Apoplexy, 1; Pneumonia, 1; Bronchitis, 1; Abdominal Tumor, 1; Tubercular Meningitis, 1; Intestinal Obstruction, 1.

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BIRTHS.

Mullin—At 114 Wentworth street, John, N. B., on Sunday, Dec. 4th, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Mullin, a daughter.
(Montreal Star and local please copy.)

DIED.

Ross—In this city in the General Hospital, December 4th, 1910, the late Mrs. Ross, wife of Samuel Ross, in the year of her age, and daughter of Jeremiah Thompson.
(Boston papers please copy.)
Phinney—In this city on the 2nd inst., Gladys Amelia McKenize, in the 58th year of her age, four sons and one daughter.
Funeral from her late residence, Germain street, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.
McKenize—At St. Sereps Station, 2nd, 1910, Gladys Amelia McKenize, aged two years, daughter of and Amelia McKenize.
Funeral at 2.30 today Monday inst.
Brenan—In this city on the 2nd inst. after a short illness, Ernest, son of N. W. and the late Chas. T. Brennan, aged 30 years, leaving wife and five children.
Funeral on Monday, the 5th inst. from his late residence, 58 Germain street. Service begins at 10 o'clock.

I. O. F.

The Officers and Members of Rockwood, No. 1470, are requested to attend the funeral of our late

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