

IS THE HAZEN GOVERNMENT NON-PARTISAN?

able Speech in the Legislature by Mr. Leger---Hazen Has Not Improved Agriculture---How the Bridge Money Was Spent---Must Support Hazen or Can't Sell School Books.

Fredericton, March 28.—In a speech the other night, a speech which was admitted to be one of the most effective he had ever delivered in the House, Mr. Leger of Westmorland devoted considerable attention to the farcial agricultural policy of the present government. He showed that since the government came into power that the number of butter factories and cheese factories has greatly decreased. In the case of one the decrease has been more than 25 per cent and in the other upwards of 50 per cent. New Brunswick is still importing very large quantities of beef from the other provinces. Pork raising has not been encouraged. There is no proper provision for making good seeds easily available to the farmers of New Brunswick. As a matter of fact, practically nothing has been accomplished towards the improvement of the agricultural conditions of the province, though the government supporters cry out loudly that the administration is more favorable to the encouragement of agriculture than any other ministry has been. They protest too much and thus defeat their purpose, particularly in farming districts where the people know quite well how little the government has really done.

In this connection it may well be pointed out that Mr. Byrne of Gloucester, in his speech touching upon agriculture, gave figures to show that in 1907, the old government, which has been so roundly condemned by Premier Hazen and Dr. Landry and their associates, had given one dollar out of every \$24 of its comparatively small revenue for the encouragement of agriculture. In 1909 the present ministry which claims to be so deeply interested in the welfare of the farmers, devoted to agriculture \$1 out of every \$30 of its income, which, by the way, is considerably larger than the revenue was when Mr. Robinson held office. In 1910 the Hazen government did a little more in a financial way, at least, for the agricultural than it did in the preceding year. Last year it gave \$1 out of every \$25 of its revenue for agriculture. This figure, it will be at once seen, was less than the figure in the case of the old government in 1907. Moreover, it may be pointed out that under Dr. Landry's direction the expenditure for salaries, office expenses, etc., in connection with the department of agriculture are steadily becoming greater. In 1910 the expenditure in this connection was more than \$1000 greater than the expenditure for similar purposes in 1909. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the administration of the department is very satisfactory to Dr. Landry and his associates, who are well paid.

Mr. Leger also drove home some other very pertinent facts in his speech. For instance, he said that in the case of some bridge work not far from his home, lumber was purchased but the bridge inspector condemned it as unfit for use for the purpose for which it was intended. Did that condemnation result in the timber being rejected and unpaid for under this government? Not at all. Friends of the man who provided the lumber had some influence with the Hazen Ministry, and the result was that the timber condemned by the inspector, was paid for out of the public treasury, was never used and is today lying in the ditch, near the place where the work was to be done.

Another remarkable case was that of a bridge in the Parish of Dorchester. Here there was not only one superintendent or supervisor, or whatever he should be called. It is hard to keep track of the titles where there are titles for nearly everybody. On this bridge there were three bosses. One of them was a member of the highway board. He was paid \$90. The other two were paid \$23 between them. The total outlay for supervision was thus \$122. The amount spent otherwise on the bridge was \$124, so it cost \$122 to supervise the expenditure of \$124. Mr. Leger drew attention further to a bridge in Westmorland, on which Mr. E. P. Goodwin, one of those favored and hard-worked superintendents, was paid \$4. The other item of expenditure in connection with this bridge was the purchase of \$14.88 worth of stone. Mr. Goodwin thus seems to have been paid \$4 for the onerous labor of buying \$14.88 worth of stone.

That you must vote the Conservative ticket or you cannot even sell the New Brunswick school books under the present arrangement, has been well-known by followers of provincial affairs for sometime, but it remained for Mr. Leger to furnish official proof that none but persons recommended by Hazen patronage dispensers, are appointed vendors under the wonderful school book system, which was evolved by Hon. Mr. Flemming.

In the House the other night Mr. Leger made a strong speech in the course of which he declared that the government would not allow their political opponents to act even as school book vendors. On this Hon. Mr. Flemming emphatically shook his head and Mr. Munro, a government supporter, said, "that is not so." These gentlemen and other government men were notably discomfited when Mr. Leger produced and read the following letter.

"Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 25, 1911.
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"I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th, in which you ask to be appointed vendor for school books for that place. I would say in reply that this office does not appoint any vendors except the applicants are recommended by the members of the House from that county, or, in counties where there are no Government members, by those men who look after the Government's interests.

"I have submitted your letter to one of those gentlemen in the County of Westmorland, and as soon as I hear from him, will let you know further concerning this matter.

Yours Respectfully,
(Sgd) A. D. Thomas."

The fact which this letter exclusively proves, provides astonishing evidence of the length to which the Hazen government has allowed its partisanship to carry it. Here is Mr. A. D. Thomas, strong partisan of the ministry, for whom an office was actually created by the government, openly stating that the administration does not appoint any person as school book vendors unless the applications are recommended by supporters of the government. What gross hypocrisy for supporters of Mr. Hazen to try to convince people by words that the administration is non-partisan when there are official documents, such as this letter, to prove that in every little ramification of the public services, partisanship so patently exists.

INTERESTING COMPARISON

The Voters List of Campbellton as Compared with Last Year's

The Town Clerk has prepared the new list of voters which makes interesting comparison with last years. In ward I there are 148 names on the list; last year had 146; ward II 314; last year 368; ward III 306; last year 225. Total number on roll, 768; last year 739, an increase of 29. It was to be expected that the western ward would be materially increased, but the striking thing is the fact that Ward I, which was expected to go very far down, has an actual increase of 2.—Graphic

The establishment of a number of plants from the Atlantic to the Pacific is contemplated by the Associated Portland Cement Company, of London, England, one of the richest corporations in the world, and H. K. Bamber, managing director, and H. D. Anderson, associate, are in Vancouver and Victoria negotiating for a desirable site.

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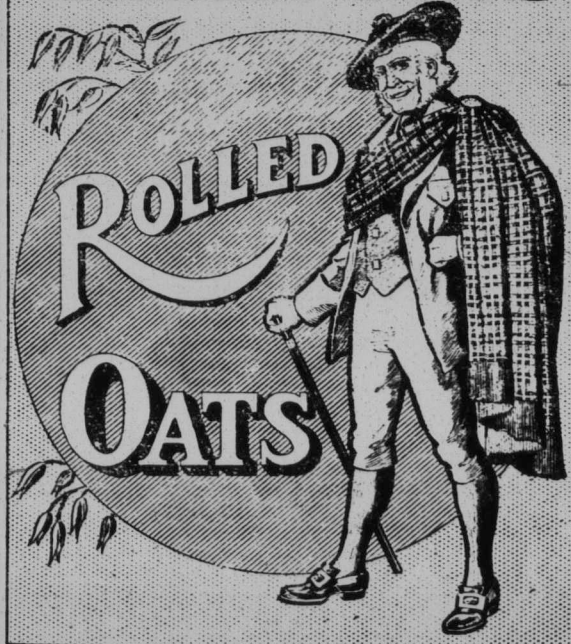
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DALHOUSIE

The Campbellton Graphic hands a Little Advice Regarding the Issuing of Bonds

We notice that the Town Council of Dalhousie are craving legislation for the issue of new bonds to the amount of \$12,000. This sum is required for the proposed granting of a free site and improvements to Messrs Chappell Bros. in accordance with the mandate given the Council recently, when the election voted favorably in the plebiscite.

We are however of the opinion that the town should move very cautiously in the matter, and ask first of all, "As a business proposition, will it pay?"

If the answer to that question is satisfactory, then we ask still to delay, for the following reasons, 1st. the increased burden of taxation will fall on the shoulders of the property owners; not the working classes, and due regard should be given their interests, even going the length of having a vote of the property owners taken, who after all, are the only persons who should be qualified to vote in a case of this kind.

2nd. It does not seem a square deal that industries already established in the town should be assessed on higher figure in order that a rival in trade may have the benefit of a privilege, enabling them to under-sell on what should be open markets, in other words giving a preference to a new firm which has all to gain and nothing to lose.

3rd. On a business basis it is not good policy to overload the town with debt, WHEN NO PROVISION IS MADE FOR A SINKING FUND for the redemption of even the present bonded indebtedness.

4th. It is a very open question whether the town will benefit or not by any increased influx of labour. The cry of "Buy at Home" so far has been but a by-word, and the home-spending proclivities of the average man, are limited by the length of his purse and the breadth of his tastes. The average merchant thinks you should buy from him but allow him to buy his supplies in St. John, Montreal or Toronto, as he likes.

These are a few thoughts which appeared to us in passing, but doubtless there are many persons in Dalhousie who can speak on this subject with more power than the Graphic. Taking a broad view of things we do not see the necessity for the Town of Dalhousie going hat-in-hand to any large corporation pledging for their support, promising free sites, free water, free everything else, and free passes to Heaven, pardon, bodies corporate don't get there! No Sir.

Let Dalhousie wake up and do a little boosting for itself. Let the provinces know what are the resources and facilities of the town, get a hustle on and get that main line through the town instead on the junction, then there will be no

necessity to go bowing and scraping to crave the doubtful benefit of any industry unable to stand on its own feet without the prop of municipal beneficence.



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