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LIBERALS LEAD With less than fifty votes betwee them and victory the Liberal ticket

took the field in Sunbury County Satcluded, cost considerably less than in urday under highly encouraging ausiny other province of Canada. The pices. The candidates chosen by a conbooks in most common use-arithmetic. vention unusual in size and marked by grammar, history, geography, algebra, a hearty fighting spirit are both good geometry and readers-cost in New men, who enjoy the acquaintance and Brunswick a total of \$6.65, in Nova esteem of practically every elector in Scotia \$7.05, in Prince Edward Island the constituency which is their home \$7.22, in Quebec \$8.13 and in Maniand in the interests of which their pertoba \$8.25.

sonal interests are intimately con-But because the books are cheaper cerned. this province than anywhere els Dr. Peake is a young man of excel t does not necessarily follow that lent ability, who signalized his enthey are as cheap as they can be, and trance into the political field five years to find out if there is any way of lightago by running only 93 votes beening the expense upon New Brunshind the leader of the Opposition, who wick parents the government proposes at that time had deluded a large part in the immediate future to appoint of the electorate into the belief that the a well-informed and unprejudiced comcontest was to end with his assumption mittee to go thoroughly into the matof the office of Premier. Since then Dr. ter to see if the New Brunswick school Peake, stimulated rather than discourbooks at present in use are as good as aged by the result has worked hard practical and fair way they can be and constantly and stands immeasurably stronger with the people than made cheaper without injuring their

when as a young and untried candidate | quality. he first sought their franchise. His running mate, Mr. Thurrott, is a far-

more friends than he

politics.

A BURDEN REMOVED mer with commercial interests which have brought him into personal and The early amendment of the postal

business association with every district in Sunbury. Probably no man in the county has a larger acquaintance and Together the two make a team fitted to give Messrs. Hazen and Glasier the fight of their lives-a fight which, if the Liberal workers of the constituency are not too desirability of preventing the influx of a pure election. This is pure bunconfident, will add two more to Premier bogus advertising literature under the combe." Robinson's following in the next House guise of legitimate newspapers and and will leave Mr. Hazen free to indulge his ambition to enter federal

The nomination of the Liberal ticket

f extortion and graft.

in Sunbury fills the last gap in the a bit of absurdity, the only value of there is room for fair play and truthranks of the Government candidates which was to cover up the provin- fulness even in politics. throughout the province, while the clalism of the few upper Canadian Opposition are still in frantic search for publishers and business men who feit ment for joint effort to suppress corleaders of forlorn hopes in Madawaska the American competition, and the ruption, the government committee of In Gloucester also laziness of department officials who Kings has voluntarily bound its own and Restigouche. there are signs of Opposition disinte- cHng to the idea that the post office party to abstain from the illegal use gration, and it is doubtful if nomina- exists for the purpose of providing of money and liquor, no matter what tion day finds any regular Opposition them with salaries with as little re- practices the opposition might favorstandard bearers in the field there. As turn in labor as possible. During this and this in spite of the fact that it the campaign stands row, three weeks brief trial the new system has failed had certain knowledge that the oppofrom election day, the battle is prac- utterly to prevent the abuses against sition had already accumulated tically won. From every constituency which it was directed. What effect it campaign fund of at least \$3,000 and now held by the Government come con- has had has been almost wholly had already used some of the money fident reports; from places where the against those newspapers to which for bribing voters. From the standfight was desperate in 1903 come certain exiles in other lands look, Jaily or point of "practical politics" the Liberassurances of victory and even such an weekly, for the old home news, and by als of Kings have placed themselves Opposition stronghold as Northumberthe better class of magazine literature. at a disadvantage in thus committing land gives unmistakable evidence of The yellow journals with their delir- the party to a purity pledge fully as preparation for surrender.

yesterday to frame a mutual agree- without resorting to abuse. ious Sunday supplements have found binding as any joint agreement, and There never has been, outside the entry in quantities as large as ever. leaving the opposition to the unhamment for a pure election, the Liberals STANDARD OIL CI repetition. Mr. Morrisey must know, turn it for the Government up in March of Kings through their authorized comimagination of Opposition leaders ex- being shipped by express and distrifact does know, that figures pered enjoyment of their campaign cited by recent changes in government buted by agents or on news stands. fund; but we believe that the volunmittee, stand pledged to conduct a showing the exports of lumber TWO RECORDS CONTRASTED from this province bear no rela- TWO PLATFORMS; A CONTRAST clean campaign regardless of the policy personnel, any reason for expecting Admitting the failure, the Postmaster tary surrender of whatever influence other than a repetition of the results General has now arranged for the re- corrupt methods may have will be of their opponents. In taking this stand The government of New Brunswick ing the stumpage dues collected by the Liberal committee, while accepting of 1903. A government so strongly en-moval of the burdensome tax upon more than off-set by the favor the act It must also be taken into account in large risk from a standpoint of increasing the public debt beyond lumber cut in Quebec and Nova Sco- opposition success or the extent of newspapers, which return to the old will win from honest men of both in a time of prosperity without grave postal regulations, and a mitigation of parties. "practical politics," has made an ap-what is necessary for the well being tia, as well as in this province, is ex-probable opposition defeat in the ap-ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. peal to the honesty and fair play of of the province. In a pamphlet issued ported from St. John. He must know proaching contest that the platform the community which, we are confident, will meet with an anthusiastic response inder the direction of Mr. Hazen it is that much of the export lumber is cut under the direction of Mr. Hazen it is that much of the export lumber is cut upon which Mr. Hazen is appealing for hearing for taking test the provisions regarding magazines so sition have utterly failed to advance. action brought by the II that legitimate publications of a scien As will be noted elsewhere in a detailed Government to dissolve asserted that in the first year in which on private land and does not appear support is not nearly so commendable from all friends of clean politics and Mr. Blair had control of the finances in government returns at all. Figures as the one he put forward in 1903. tific literary or news nature are to be QUEENS COUNTY study of the opposition platform, Mr. Dil Company of New Je will strengthen the party, not only in of New Brunswick there was a deficit. showing the lumber export from New Hazen has been unable to suggest one handled as before. fourned this afternoon There is no county in the province ---progressive change, one reasonable and No more untrue statement was ever Brunswick include the cut from about much longer. It had fourteen planks; morning, ex-state Senato which the opposition have made such While it is a matter for regret, on business-like improvement in the Gov- THE OPPOSITION AND ITS Deam of Cheshire Mass. public grounds, that the Conservative and his successors is compared with out of which only 7,000,000 acres old one contained promise of some legmade. When the record of Mr. Blair 17,000,000 acres in this province, desperate efforts to capture as Queens. ernment's policy. Practically all the representatives were unwilling to co- that of those who preceded him in the are crown lands stand. Mr. Deam's testin It is unnecessary to recall the shameground which has been offered the peo-LEADER t is unnecessary to recall the sname-operate, in honor and good faith, in a management of the affatrs of the prov- the government can collect stumpplementary to that of Th ple upon which to pass a verdict adfrom which islation which the government had not gen ,of Springfield. Mas county in former elections, canvasses Conservative representations to the verse to the Government is composed of contrary notwithstanding The Sun has calculated to stir up religious bigotry already passed: promise in which the nesses are to testify alo ince any unprejudiced student of the age. Is it not natural that there ditions in this historic battle ground, vague general charges against the prespolitical history of New Brunswick can should be a difference between the ex- those perusing it with a desire to find line. Mr. Deam's testime and the worst feelings between people the outcome, from a party standpoint, no desire to deal otherwise than fairly ent management of the provincial effect that he obtained a not but be convinced that the affairs port statistics and the stumpage reand gently with Mr. Hazen. That he who ought to be friends. Fortunately is all that Liberals could desire. Whatfinances, charges which they dare not ground for admiration of Mr. Hazen the Standard Oil Compa of the province have been adminishas marked ability in leading an op- for the credit of the people of Queens ever the Conservatives hope to gain by make in a form permitting investigaturns? Cah a man who has publicly there could be found in that 1903 platposition party we have made no atand of the province, these attempts improper methods will be more than tered with greater care and conserva- made such a comparison as Mr. Morbuying oil was refunded t tion, and which they have refused to form one or two clews incicating actual tempt to deny, and could not if we have been wholly unsuccessful. The off-set by the decent indignation which would. It is the business of an op- opposition, instead of gaining strength will reward the action of their comtism during the past twenty-five years risey here presents and has based upon between the open and cor submit to impartial arbitration of exthought on the part of the writer and Counsel for both the go than in the first fourteen years after that comparison charges of dishonesty pert accountants. This, and the silly also a desire to reform some things position to criticise and find fault, and confederation. the company will conclu misrepresentation regarding school in Queens, have been steadily losing mittee in declining to enter under fair against honorable men-can he hope which needed reform. And, strangest here as quickly as possi we doubt if even Mr B L Borden it During the period when the friends to be rated as honest and sincere; can and reasonable conditions into an effort books, the Central Railway and the contrast of all, the older platform sughimself, given as little ground for International Railway, hardly provides This can be easily shown by the figwhich demands the cordial support of of Mr. Hazen administered the affairs he hope to have his statements, in hearing is scheduled for gested in one or two instances a method criticism as Mr. Hazen has had, could of the province they withdrew from ures of recent elections. Mr. every honest and patriotic citizen. on February 24. political matters at least, accepted as force enough for the overthrow of a of reform. have found fault with the government the surplus at Ottawa and gave away fair and true? government whose present strength, Woods, who is a candidate for Queens At the conference, the Liberals, be more persistently and energetically at the coming election, was also a can-There was plank No. 5 for instance. compared with the opposition, is four lieving, and having excellent ground to political friends for railway subsi-**OLDEST CALICO PR** Mr. Morrisey's untrustworthiness is than Mr. Hazen. "Immediate abolition of the office of didate in 1899. On that occasion, the for the belief, that the Conservatives dies the enormous sum of \$2,305,564.67. more fully apparent when it is reto one. But Mr. Hazen considered as a can-Solicitor General having in view the Hon. Mr. Farris defeated him by a had accumulated a large campaign Besides this they gave away for the The people will judge, and rightly, membered that in the Legislature in didate for the premiership is a horse majority of 128. At the general elec- fund and had already used some of it reduction of the salaried members of that a government which has held construction of the New Brunswick 1904 he made similar insinuations upon IN UNITED STAT the executive and the amalgamation of of another color entirely. To lead a power for a quarter of a century, and tion of 1903, Mr. Woods was again a for corrupt purposes, quite reasonably Railway 1,647,772 acres of the crown similar grounds against the predecessor offices at present existing." One wonin that time has given cause for not fully demands constructive rather than government energetically and successcandidate and was defeated by the Hon. took the ground that the committee lands, worth at the very lowest estiof the present Solicitor General but ders that something of this nature does Mr. Farris by a majority of 393, an in- which was authorized to act for the mate \$4,943,316 -a sum equivalent to one definite charge of malfeasance, when challenged to formulate charges critical capacity, optimism rather than not appear in the present platform in-RIVER POINT. R. L. F the total bonded debt of the province and produce his evidence, retired imcrease of 265 over the previous figures. though constantly under the search-Opposition in the matter should give pessimism-qualities of which Mr. Ha-It is quite likely that in the coming evidence of its good faith by disproving stead of these vague pledges for inin 1906. They sold to political favorites light, is a pretty honest government; Greene, President of the mediately into the background and has definite economies. Surely that plank zen has lamentably failed to give evidelection the Hon Mr. Farris and Mr. the charges of corrupt practices, or at and that an opposition which in the 218,669 acres of the best forest lands of never since referred to the subject in corporation, and said to ence during his service in the legissame time has been unable to frame a lature. Under his easy tuition there must have caught the fancy of many; Carpenter will still further increase least by denying its complicity with the province at from 50 to 80 cents an the House. It is possible that the gov oldest calico printer in policy containing one new progressive has developed nothing better than a people of economical turn of mind. them. If the charges were false the ernment may not get all the stumpage this majority over Mr. Woods and Mr. acre. These lands today would be States, died suddenly tonis Of the same nature was plank No. worth \$654,207 at a modest valuation. from lumber cut on crown lands befeature has little claim for promotion. Slipp, the opposition candidates. Opposition committee could have had ting in a chair at his r school of politicians whose wearisome "The reduction of the number of No county in this province has been no reason for refusing to take this In addition they created a bonded debt cause of dishonest officials, but that was 83 years old. Mr. Gree ---members in the House of Assembly to boast is that in matters pertaining to better represented during the past ten course; and until some such action was of \$891,200 and left Mr. Blair as a legacy it vigorously endeavors to do so is ly known in textile manuf MORE SCHOOL BOOK DECEIT the development of the province they 38 and the division of the province into years than the County of Queens. Mr. of their misgovernment a floating inproven by the dismissal of officials taken, the Government committee was cles. He was formerly P would do as the government has done, 38 electoral districts, each returning The evening opposition organ pub-Farris and Mr. Carpenter are practical justified in declining to act with men debtedness of \$321,374.47. On the eve of found guilty of making incorrect rethe Rhode Island Agricult only more efficiently and perfectly turns and by the stringent instructions one member." Were Mr. Hazen to put farmers, who know their county thora general election they passed a railwhose professions were so flagrantly at lishes a tabulated statement to show Indeed Mr. Hazen might have saved at Kingston. this forward again today we oughly, and its needs. Mr. Farris holds odds with their practices that it is issued to every scaler by Honorable that the school readers in use in Nova aimself the effort of composition if for road subsidy act which is responsible should be moved almost to support him Mr. Sweeney when he first took office. an important department in the govern- impossible to accept their procedure in for additions to the debt of \$1,008,500. Scotia cost fifty cents less, instead of a platform he had tabulated government as Commissioner for Agriculture this matter as other than fraudulent. If there is any leak it is not the fault in spite of his manifold infirmities in As a direct result of this reckless admore, than the aggregate price of the ment performance and added in qualiother directions. This was a record of the government. and administers that office with much A few days ago The Sun made public ministration of its affairs the annual New Brunswick readers. fied acquiescence "So mote it be-and plank, a sensible plank, a popular ability and acceptance. Mr. Carpenter the fact that after promising Dr. G. N. income of the province was decreased And in thus unfairly attacking the The method by which this result is more so." The present campaign plank. Why was it dropped? is a man who has had large experience | Pearson of Sussex the Opposition nom-\$326,258. Had Mr. Blair and his succrown land policy of the government-SAD reached is both simple and character- might then take on the character of in municipal affairs. He is an excellent ination, the Kings County Conserva-transfer and a guilty couple of scener tives made a demand when him for lands alienated for railroad subsidies the territorial revenue and has insured Then there was number 11, "the reistic. The list is left incomplte. an antiphonal chorus in which the gov. duction by at least one half of the One of the readers which Nova ernment candidates would recite the amount allowed the Attorney General that Queens receives justice. The peo- \$1,000 for their campaign fund, and the province the possession of its rich or practically given away to lumber-Scotian children are compelled to use aims of the government as manifested ple of that fine constituency are not when he indignantly declined to thus to settle succession duties, reduction in men who were political friends and forest areas in perpetuity-Mr. Morif they reach as high as the seventh by the actual accomplishment and the A young girl named Man likely to favor the candidature of the participate in questionable election mepublic printing, reduction in travelling supporters, and had he not been com- risey is but following the example laid grade is omitted in the calculation. In opposition candidates would at each applied at the North Er oft-defeated Woods and the non-resi- thods, was crowded off the ticket. It expenses and the controllable expendia pelled to provide for the interest on the down by his leaders in other matters, pause interrupt the people's applause tion last night for ass Nova Scotia they have, all told, nine dent lawyer, Mr. Slipp. There is no is known that Mr. Jones and Mr. Murture of the province and in the exliabilities contracted by his predeces- Of Mr. Hazen, for instance, in his fake readers, including primers. The Times, by a querulous "So mote it be-only girl's plight is an unfo constituency in the province of New ray, two of the candidates nominated, penses of departmental machinery." sors, there would have been ample comparison of New Brunswick school leaving out the most expensive reader, more so." through no fault of h means to pay for the construction of book prices with the temporary bar-Why do we hear no more of this? Can Brunswick that is safer for the governsubmitted to a similar demand and stranded in the city That such a method, however artfully used in the seventh and eighth grades, ment than the County of Queens. all the bridges erected in the province gain sale prices in Ontario, never menpaid at least \$1,000 each into the fund. gives only eight, which contain about disguised, has its disadvantages not She left Halifax on 7 the hope that he will one day be At-This has been publicly stated in the without adding a single dollar to the tioning the fact that New Brunswick ---to go to Gardiner, Ma even Mr. Hazen will deny. It is an the same amount of matter, and even torney General? bonded debt. With a greatly reduced books have been and are, with this press and on the platform and has excellent method for a man who desire THE SECRET BALLOT Apart from these three features parents have been living fewer pages, than the two primers and met with neither denial nor explana- area of crown lands to work upon the temporary exception, the cheapest in five readers which make up the full list to occupy permanently the official posiwhich alone of the whole structure she got to St. John sh tion. Indeed, so far from denying the present government has been able to Canada. Of Mr. Flemming in his man-The opposition are basing some of by the U. S. immigrati tion Mr. Hazen now adorns. Extreme display any original capacity, the old in New Brunswick. increase the revenue three-fold com- ufacture of charges of financial mal- platform was the same as the one now The petty deception of The Times' the next election in the operation of in its formal declaration submitted at the secret ballot, provision enacted yesterday's conference practically adtheir proposed confidence regarding and persistent reticence in the utter nsisted that she should ance of constructive ideas invariably statement is characteristic of the major lars in her possession 1 an unprejudiced jury of experts. Of part of the opposition campaign. The such reforms as a secret ballot and creates the popular impression that enter the states. mitted their correctness, admitting As a further proof of what has been Mr. Maxwell in his flagrantly false the increase of salaries to teachers. by the government since the last elecbashfulness and expediency are not the The girl had expected criticism of the government's financial done to conserve the interests on the treatment of the Central Railwaysole reasons for silence. Reasonable even that contributions from "other methods, crown land policy and railtion. "No longer," said one speaker Mr. Hazen was not calling in 1903, and through to her family province it may be pointed out that and of the whole opposition crew who recently, "will government employes supporters of the party" have swelled he is now, for legislation which the way policy is based upon similar mismen will require some evidence of provided herself with fu of the two millions added to the debt have undertaken the task of underat Moncton and elsewhere be herded the pot opened by the candidates. True, superior ability more convincing than government had already enacted. So representations; but in nothing have lay night she wande of the province since the change of mining public confidence in the govto the polls and forced to vote conit is affirmed that this fund is intended the oft-repeated boast of an aspirant to it is easily apparent that Mr. Hazen's until a philanthropic these unfair and misleading tactics government a million and a half is for ernment. trary to their conviction." for "legitimate expenses of the camfor a room for her at o office 1903 platform was considerably strongbeen so frequent and obvious as in As a matter of fact, a comparison of paign," but the veracity of this may permanent bridges and other import-the results in the province under the reasonably be doubted in view of the permanent bridges and other import-That the administration of the affairs Last night she stated er and more attractive than the structhe opposition treatment of the school This kind of politics does not pay. It nothing to eat since Tu of the province has not reached abso ture he stands upon now. But in 1903; book question. can only influence those who receive open and the secret balot show that fact that the admitted size of the fund for the wharves, warehouses and grain lute perfection few men will deny: but Mr. Hazen and his party were very except a small lunch When Mr. Hazen or any of his suptheir political information from one the Liberal vote has been stronger at present is largely in excess of the elevators erected by the city of St. badly beaten, in spite of the fact that taken with her to eat that the present governments has met porting speakers or papers assert that under the secret system than the sum needed for legitimate expenses in side only. and the votes of these are John on the western side of the harthey had working with them then hunand will meet the occasion and the op-The kind hearted policer fixed already. The large and growing New Brunswick school book prices are other. In Westmorland, which is quot- a constituency like Kings. bor. Had the railway policy of the dreds of Liberals who today are she told her tale offered portunity with skill, intelligence, and ed as a place where the new system twice or three times as high as they integrity, has been the belief of the number who listen to both sides. who which was eagerly eaten. was taken to the Salvation present government, by which the ad-Even leaving out of consideration the heartily in accord with and are workshould be, and promise to reduce them will have particular effect owing to the contribution made by or in behalf of vances and guarantees made towards weigh the evidence and argument great majority of the electors and we ing earnestly for the government. Yet carefully pro and con before giving Mr. Hazen professes to believe that presence of so many government em- Mr. Sproul, the fund made up by the by 50 per cent. pointing in proof of the construction of railways are sefor the night. do not discover any sufficient reason for ployes, the average Liberal vote, as other candidates and "other supporters compiled by the Moncton Transcript, of the party"-apart altogether from their statements to the prevalent prices a belief that Mr. Hezen and his party "An effort will be made t cured by mortgage on the railroad, its their verdict-the people who really dehis prospects are better now than then. termine the outcome of elections-canin Ontario, they are deliberately fakrolling stock and franchise, been adopt-We cannot see it. cate with her friends toda would possess greater ability in meetregistered on the old ballots in 1903 what has been or may be sent in from ing. They know the comparison is unnot fail to detect insincerity so patent ed at the beginning the province of ing a difficult situation with limited the necessary ten dollars. fair for the present Ontario prices are averaged 4,064, and the Conservative the general "barrel"- amounts at pres- New Brunswick would have saved at and deception so gross. esources. vote 3,546, showing an average Lib- ent to at least \$3,000. There are fifteen "There is a vast difference between for this year only and were caused by least four millions of its debt, because, Moreover, Mr. Hazen's method tends CASTORIA calm confidence begotten of a good a change in the whole system which eral majority of 520. parishes in Kings, and allowing for with the exception of one or two unim-VASTORI The Kind You Have Always Bought to destroy the habit of positive and cause and simply brag and bluster One year later, in 1904, the Dominion constructive thinking on political pro-federal elections took place and under pense for hall rent, at \$2 a night, by New Brunswick is now a good paywill make the books now in use obsol-Bears the Bignature of Bears the which may be the resort of the advoete next year, compelling the publishblems, As an evidence of that fact, the secret ballot Mr. Emmerson (Lib- would be easily within \$100. Advertis- ing property. Signature cates of the worst cause," says The Moncton Times. May be! It is.

THE NEWS is published every week ers with large stocks on hand to un- while every intelligent man knows by by the Sun Printing Co., Limited, St. load them far below the cost of manu- what methods the government has endeavored to bring about the ends they facture. Next year when the new syshave sought, yet no man can possibly tem goes into effect Ontario prices will naturally increase though to what exknow in what respect Mr. Hazen's administration would differ from that of to 3.747, a net Liberal gain under the ent not even the Ontario authorities the present government. Any man can ecret ballot of 426 majority. know today. But though they know say, "I would do it better," but the this Mr. Hazen and his organs conpeople will demand some more convinctinue to make this comparison the founing evidence than this of the opposidation for false and insincere charges tion's superior ability to manage the affairs of this province. Save in the instance quoted above no As the case stands before the people

opposition paper has ventured to comnow there is excellent reason for repare New Brunswick prices with those taining Mr. Hazen as leader of the New two to one. f any other province, for the very Brunswick opposition, but no good plain reason that school books are ground has yet been presented for his heaper in New Brunswick than anyromotion to a position of executive where else in Canada. As has been eral majority. shown in The Sun by bona fide and authority.

correct comparative statements, New Brunswick school books, readers in-ONE PARTY AND PURITY.

"And further resolved that the Government party in Kings county is pledged hereby to adhere strictly to

a Conservative majority. the principles of purity in this election without reference to any agreement or understanding with the Opposition party.'

factory, as contended by the govern-Ignoring this strong and creditable ment press, why does the Premier ansolution passed by the committee nounce that he will appoint a school epresentative of the Kings County liberals, pledging that party to conorgan, duct an absolutely clean election regardless of the methods of their opponents, the local government organs vesterday published the report of Monday's conference at Hampton under headlines declaring "Government against clean election in Kings," and "Government opposes plan for clean they should be and to see if in any election in Kings." In its editorial comment The Telegraph intimated that "the government committee had been

told that the party must avoid any pledge against the use of money and liquor in the coming contest." The Times, while making no mention of the foregoing resolution in its news colregulation imposing prohibitory rates umns, says editorially that "they (the upon the passage of newspapers and government committee) were playing periodicals to and fro over the Cana- what they regarded as a clever politidian border line almost atones for cal trick, and to give it the appearance its passage. The only reaonable ex- of good faith they issued a declaration cuse for the convention adopted less to the effect that, regardless of the acthan a year ago was the admitted tion of the opposition they would run

The malicious misrepresentation magazines. The alleged "patriotic" this must be apparent even to the intention to discourage the dissemina- most partisan readers of these jour- a fair profit. But it may be possible to tion of American ideas in Canada was nals and repugnant to all who believe

government publication or by the gov rnment taking the place of the mid-Failing to arrange a mutual agreedleman and transferring the books direct from the publishers to the children, thus saving the middleman's profit. In some places where these plans have been tried they have failed, but the government proposes to have the matter fully investigated, and if there is any possible way of lightening the burden upon New Brunswick parents, that way will be found.

CLEAN POLITICS IN KINGS Notwithstanding the failure of the conference between committees repre-

eral) polled 4,693 and Mr. Powell (Con- ing the meetings would require about UNDERHAND WORK IN KINGS servative), 3,747, a Liberal majority \$100 more. Allowing each candidate \$3 of 946. In other wards, the Liberal a day for expenses incidental upon vote cast increased from 4,064 to 4,693 travelling over the county for a month and the Conservative vote from 3,546 would add less than \$300. And this total of \$500 comprises all the really protest against the dishonorable treatnecessary legitimate expenses of con-In Moncton city the comparison is ducting a country campaign. Knowing, equally favorable. In 1903 under the even from their own admissions, that o-called local government or open the Conservatives have at least \$2,500 in ballot, the average Liberal vote in addition to this, and having unques-Moncton was 1.642 and the average ionable evidence that this money is Conservative vote 521, or an average already being used to bribe voters-Liberal majority of 521, or actually ne definite instance in Springfield is pecified in the government commit-In 1904, one year later, under the ee's reply to the opposition's proposal secret Dominion ballot Mr. Emmerson resterday-the Liberals believed they polled 1,245 and Powell 587, or 658 Libad strong ground for doubting the sinerity of the purity professions put The opposition must find better forward by the opposition committee, round for boasting than the secret particularly as one member of that hallot if they would convince the peoommittee was one of the men who held ple that the present government major-

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CHEAP SCHOOL BOOKS

how it can be brought about.

through retailers, who have a right to

up Dr. Pearson. Consequently, the ity of thirty-five seats in the legislagovernment committee required that ture-4 to 1-is to be transformed into revious to any joint agreement being nade the opposition committee should publicly investigate or publicly deny the evidence which cast grave doubt "If the price of school books is satis-

upon the bona fides of their professed intentions. The Sun's report of the Hampton risky. meeting indicates that the opposition committee refused to meet these condi-

book commission?" asks an opposition tions and declared the negotiations off. This course is difficult to explain on There has been no contention that the creditable grounds. If the Conservaprice of school books in New Brunswick tives had worked honestly thus far s satisfactory. True, the price is lower and desired to continue an honest here than in any other province, with campaign, the conditions were reasonthe exception of the temporary barable and easily met; and if they had gain sale prices in Ontario, but it by been met and reasonable assurance no means follows that the price is satgiven that the Conservatives were actisfactory. As a matter of fact the only ing fairly and would enforce a purity satisfactory price is the lowest possible agreement, the Liberal committee deprice compatible with the best quality, clared its readiness to join in a bona and the government proposes to find fide agreement which should guaranout if this condition exists, and if not, tee an election in Kings perfectly free from any practices at variance with From the evidence which proves that the provisions of the election laws. school books all over Canada cost more When the opposition men finally re-

than in this province-the books in most fused to negotiate on this basis the common use, arithmetic, grammar, hisgovernment committee took the only tory, geography, algebra, geometry and urse open to men of honest intent readers, cost in New Brunswick a total and formally pledged their party to a at least the misrepresentation must be of \$6.65, in Nova Scotia \$7.05, in Prince clean and straight fight, leaving the Edward Island \$7.22, in Quebec \$8.13 Conservatives free to practice such and in Manitoba \$8.25-we believe that methods as they preferred. And we no appreciable reduction is possible under the system in vogue here as the hearty applause and endorsement everywhere else in Canada; that is, the of every honorable man in Kings printing of the books by private pub-

lishers and their sale to the public -----PERSONALITIES.

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reduce the price to the purchaser by If Robert Maxwell is really desirous. and we believe he is, that the campaign in this city should be conducted without unpleasant personal references to the candidates, he will do well to bring some further influence to bear upon the local opposition papers whose preferred plan of campaign so far has been to alternate columns of sneering disparagement of the government candidates with columns of oleaginous praise for the opposition ticket. The respectable element of the party has effected a suppression of the vicious attacks upon Mayor Sears, but the re form could go further in the interest of decent and dignified politics. If the opposition has a good case its organs sentative of both parties at Hampton should be able to present it effectively

While not one Opposition paper has In 1903 Northumberland elected three dared to challenge or even to comment opposition candidates. Messrs. Morupon Dr. George N. Pearson's vigorous isey, Loggie and Morrison, the only survivor of the government ticket being ment accorded him by the Kings Mr. Tweedie. then premier, whose succounty machine, Opposition workers cess was probably more a tribute to throughout the constituency are endeahimself personally and to his high office, voring to counteract, the effect of his than to the government. The conditions exposure by underhand attacks in which made this opposition success posprivate canvass. All over the county sible have been completely changed the word is being assidiously circulated since then. These very influences that Dr. Pearson's statements are false which elected Mr. Morrisey, Kr. Loggie and without foundation outside the and Mr. Morrison are today the strongdisappointment of a "sore head" endeavoring to get even with better men the four prominent and representative est guarantee of a sweeping victory for of whom he is envious; that the story gentlemen who yesterday were chosen of the promised nomination and the to carry the government standard. In 1903 the most influential Liberals tion fund are equally untrue. It is in Northumberland were actively evidently designed not to irritate Dr. against the government. Today Mr. Pearson by any attempt at public conclaims of the present government to tradiction or explanation of his stateparty loyalty and are giving it their, nent, and at the same time to destroy hearty allegiance and support. his influence and the effect of his revolt This change has not taken place in by covert knifing. Such' treatment of a day; it has been going on gradually, man who has proved that he has for the past four years. In 1904 Mr. self-respect and courage to back his Loggie, who ran second on the opposiconvictions would seem to be rather tion ticket in the provincial contest the year before, was elected as the Liberak

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Loggie, M. P., who was then an oppoition candidate, is vigorously fighting TACTICS THAT DO NOT PAY nis former colleagues; Mr. Warren C. Winslow, another active and promin-In any dispute between political par ent Liberal, to whose efforts were ties there is room for a large degree argely due that government defeat, is of honest difference of opinion and oday a government candidate, and statement. From divergent points of scores of other Liberals who distrusted view even a familiar object presents the politics of the government of five widely different aspects and responds years ago, cheerfully recognize the

to widely variant descriptions. Also representative of Northumberland in the intelligent elector has learned to parliament. Mr. Morrisey, his former. allow considerable latitude for the nacolleague on the opposition ticket, who tural and inevitable exaggeration due professed then and professes now to be to party enthusiasm or prejudice. a Liberal, not only gave Mr. Loggie no But the variations from fact which aid in the federal fight, but lent his are characteristic of the Opposition influence adversely. This naturally, campaign in this election are too exprovoked some political disturbances, treme and too frequently repeated in one speedy result of which was the the face of correction to be accounted election by acclamation of Mr. for thus charitably. It is impossible Murray, a good Liberal and a stalwart not to believe that in some instances supporter of the Government, to the sent left vacant by Mr.Loggie-a gain of intentional. One can understand the declarations of some Opposition speakone seat for the Government within two years. Since then the swing of ers upon no other theory than that they popular favor toward the Government have set themselves deliberately to work to hoodwink and deceive, by inhas increased, until today the Government ticket counts as one of its strongsinuation, unfounded charges and hypocritical half truth-hoping thus to est members a man who in 1903 was win votes which their very use of such one of its strongest opponents and has tactics proves that they know they do the vigorous support of practically all

those liberals, including Mr. Loggie, to not deserve. whose work and influence the former For instance, Mr. John Morrisev of Northumberland in his speech at an Opposition victory was wholly due. As an instance of Mr. Loggie's Opposition meeting in Sackville. Wednesday evening, as reported in the strength in Northumberland, we may Opposition press, charged that the point to the support given him in the olicitor General and other members of two parishes of Alnwick and Hardthe Government had been absolutely wicke, tarishes on the Gulf of St. Lawdishonest in their management of the rence largely devoted to fishing, where crown lands. "Exports of lumber from Mr. Loggie has large interests. In 1903 these parishes polled almost six hunthe province for every year for the last dred more votes than had been regisfifteen years were." he said. "far in excess of the returns made to the tered in the previous contest and gave the Opposition ticket a majority of 440 Government, showing a big leak somewhere ' votes, assuring its election. Mr. Log-Several weeks ago Mr. Morrisey made gle has lost none of his popularity and similar charge in a speech at Bathprestige by his excellent service to the urst, the falsity of which was fully constituency in the House of Commons and his influence which swung this shown in this paper so that even if Mr. Morrisey was sincere in his first heavy vote for the Opposition five deliverance he cannot be sincere in the years ago will be earnestly directed to

.IBERAL MEETI IN KENT Jovernment Candi Rousing Rec Everywhe BUCTOUCHE, N. F and enthusiastic m held throughout the digue,, Cocagne, Not thony, Cocagne Bar Anne. St. Marys and dressed by the three didates, Auguste I. and Jaddus Robi Cutler, attorney-at. ving, barrister. The cagne, Buctouche Pauls were also addre C. H. Labillois. The meeting with great s making a good imp

nublic meetings are b out the English pari and on Saturday ev Village, and the fol Louis public mee dressed by Hon. C. H the candidates. The attention of the g didates of Kent Cour to a statement publish ton Times, the St. Joh the Moniteur Acad they had been challe sition candidates to of provincial politica Marys, on February

had refused.

It appears that billed for the Honora lois at St. Marvs on ond at two p. m., and seven p. m. the sa have been impossi meetings at St. Marvs then travel thirteen Marys to St. Pauls h the way, to attend the ing, and had the cha ed, it would have been out the meeting at the candidates well there would have bee their sole object bein a Honorable C. H. Labillo advertised.

Now this is to give not opposition candidates th ment candidates will h Harcourt on Friday ev teenth instant, com o'clock, at which time opposition candidates ar tend for the purpose of sion of the matters at

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