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## THE RECORD OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Telegraph prints the text of a want of confidence motion proposed at the late session of the Legislature. It falls to explain that the motion was after full discussion defeated by a majority of 28 to 12 in favor of the following amendment. It may be observed that Mr. Burchill, Northumberland, a Liberal, whose election the Telegraph still claims as a triumph for its party, voted for the statements in this amendment:—

"Resolved that the present administration was sworn to office on the twenty-fourth day of March, 1908, and has since then adhered wherever practicable and in the public interest to the principle of competition and tender in the carrying out of public works and services and has always accepted the lowest tender."

"And whereas it is not true as stated that the present Government has been carried on in the interest of the conservative party and to the detriment of the Liberal party, but on the contrary has been conducted in the interests of the people of New Brunswick irrespective of party politics and has continued in office very many months, some of whom in the past have been active opponents of the present administration;

"And whereas the Government in pursuance of the mandate given to the people of this province previous to the last Provincial election passed a law repealing the Highway Act of 1904, and enacted a measure vesting the control and management of the roads of the province in Highway Boards, the majority of the members of such boards being the county councillors; and has placed the control of the taxation for the maintenance of roads, and the fixing of the rate of remuneration for those who work on the highways absolutely in the hands of the County Councils, and has vested in the Highway Boards the appointment of all officials necessary for carrying out the act effect and the expenditure of all moneys upon the roads including the grants from the province, and has made it optional for every ratepayer to pay his road tax by the performance of statute labor in the district in which he lives, and has sought and received the advice and opinions of the different County Councils in perfecting of the measure;

"And whereas it has been estimated that a thorough and complete valuation of our Crown lands would involve an expenditure of at least several hundred thousand dollars, and while the matter has received and is receiving the earnest consideration of the Government it has not deemed sufficient to undertake this important work, but has already taken effective steps for preventing forest fires for the honest collection of the territorial revenues, the preservation of the game, and for the conservation of the forest wealth of New Brunswick in a way that has never been undertaken before;

"And whereas there has been inaugurated a new system of immigration which gives promise of excellent results and has already had the effect of supplying farm lands in different sections;

"And whereas the Government at the first opportunity passed an act providing for the appointment of an agricultural commission, which commission after holding sittings throughout the province and visiting institutions of agricultural education elsewhere, has submitted a report to the Legislature which has been received with approval;

"And whereas as a result of the meetings held by the commission an increased interest has been aroused in agricultural matters as is evidenced by the fact that ten agricultural societies have been established and are in course of formation and organization;

"And whereas the Government took advantage of the opportunity existing in the United States during the past year to make an importation of thoroughbred horses and were purchased at most favorable prices and were sold at figures that resulted in no loss to the province, and the first time in New Brunswick that such a desirable result was accomplished and it is the almost universal opinion among persons possessing a knowledge of the breeding interest in the breeding of horses that such an importation will have a permanent effect for good in raising the stock;

"And whereas it has been announced that the Government will act upon the recommendation of the Agricultural Committee and assist in an importation of draft horses during the present year;

"And whereas the Government has already taken steps which the prices of some of the school books in the common schools have been reduced by about 40 per cent, and arrangements are being made for the completion of large reductions in other school books at the commencement of the next school year; and it is incorrect as stated that the reduced cost of school books is more than offset by the increased cost of Government in handling the same, but on the contrary the cost of handling the books has been kept at a very low figure;

"And whereas the members of the Government have increased the capacity as members of the Board of Education and have sought to extend and encourage education in the general schools of the province and have had under consideration a scheme for the granting of pensions to teachers who have been engaged in teaching in this province for many years, and have in contemplation the passing of a measure for this purpose at a future session;

"And whereas the Government has introduced a new up-to-date system of book-keeping and has passed an act which has invested the Auditor General with the duty of an independent official responsible to the Legislature and not to the Executive, and which will prevent recurrence of overdrafts and suspense accounts in different departments and the disgraceful condition of affairs which was found to exist under the late administration;

"And whereas the Government in the interest of economy and sobriety and at the request of the moral reformers of the country has introduced and passed amendments to the Liquor License Act, which have had the effect of making it the most advanced and progressive measure for the regulation of the Liquor business that the province has yet had;

"And whereas the electors of the province at the general elections of 1903 pronounced against the platform of the then opposition of which the Premier was leader, which platform declared in favor of abolition of the office of Solicitor General and the amalgamation of other departments of Government;

"And whereas the Opposition platform in 1908 did not contain any declaration in favor of such changes, and whereas the Government is willing to promote legislation vesting the appointment of the third revisor in the Municipal Councils whenever it appears by resolution of such councils or otherwise that such a change is desired by the people of the province;

"And whereas the decrease in the travelling expenses of members of the Executive and the abolition of the charges for coach hire for the Executive Council, which always existed under the previous Government amount to a much greater sum than the increases in salary to the Chief Commissioner and Surveyor General and it is not true that the expenses of the members of the Executive have increased but on the contrary the province receives better service at a lessened cost;

"And whereas the members of the Executive have since assuming office devoted themselves with zeal and industry to the discharge of their duties and have given the province honest, progressive, and economical government;

"Therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this House, the Government is deserving and worthy of the confidence of the House and of the people of the province."

## THE SUN AND THE PARTY MANAGEMENT.

The Sun is still anxious to separate Mr. Robinson from his late colleagues and associates, making him a sort of virtuous traveller who has fallen among thieves.

It is admitted by the Sun that the late Government was bad, and that Mr. Robinson is now working with a corrupt and evil group, who are seeking their own personal advantage. But Mr. Robinson himself is described as a man of honor and frankness.

If this be so Mr. Robinson must be a man of marvellous and persistent stupidity. The traveller in the Scripture, who fell among thieves, found it out after he had been robbed. Mr. Robinson in his capacity of Provincial Secretary was regularly plundered. He was finally left by the wayside half dead. Yet he seeks the company of the same buccaners, to use the term of his apologist. Mr. Robinson commends the banditti. He tries to place the public treasury again in their way.

The Sun's apology for Mr. Robinson has a sting in its tail. It is, perhaps, offered for the purpose of introducing the sting. The commendation is a neat opening to the description of the other party leaders, and of the element in St. John now conducting the campaign against Mr. Hazen. Here is the closing paragraph of the leading article in the Liberal Sun of Thursday:—

"If Mr. Robinson is open to fair criticism as a political leader—as an individual, he is a man of honor and fair dealing, against whom there is no breath of reproach—it is because he does not sufficiently assert his leadership. HE PERMITTED HIMSELF TO BE WEIGHED DOWN TO DEFEAT WITH THE OFFENSES OF OTHERS IN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND IN THE CONTEST NOW UNDER WAY IN ST. JOHN COUNTY HE TACITLY SUBMITS TO THE DOMINATION OF AN EVIL ELEMENT WHICH CLINGS, LIKE A PARASITIC OLD MAN OF THE SEA ABOUT THE NECK OF THE LIBERAL PARTY AND WHICH UNLESS SHAKEN OFF, WILL BRING THAT PARTY, LOGICALLY, TO DESTRUCTION."

"The offenses of others," means that Mr. Robinson has not repudiated Mr. Pagaley, and the other former ministers. He did not denounce the stumpage swindle, the Central Railway scandal, the bogus accounts, the overdrafts, and the other deals and grafts.

That is a pity, but it is not yet too late. Mr. Robinson is to take part in this election campaign. He will address a meeting tomorrow. Let him then give his candid opinion of the offenses, and explain why they escaped his notice after they were visible to the naked eye of the public.

The Sun laments another failing of Mr. Robinson, that here in St. John "he tacitly submits to the domination of an evil element which clings like a parasitic old man of the sea about the neck of the Liberal party."

It seems to be more than a tacit submission. Mr. Robinson rejoices in the domination. He cultivates the parasitic old man of the sea, and assists to load him on the neck of the Liberal party.

Mr. Robinson gave every sign of contentment with his late surroundings when as treasurer of the province he kept the offenders around him. He seems to be satisfied with his present associations and managers in St. John. He may not know the local parasitic old men of the sea so well as the Sun does, but he has had unhappy opportunities for knowing some of the offenders whose record he still endorses.

## MR. COPP AND HIS RECORD.

A. B. Copp, M. P. P., of Westmorland, is one of the campaigners in St. John county against the Hazen Government. He will have something to say against the present administration, and in favor of the beautiful regime which has been driven out.

Incidentally it would not be a bad idea for Mr. Copp to explain his own connection with the federal, provincial and Central Railway treasuries. For example, Mr. Copp figures in a mysterious payment reported by the Central Railway Commissioners.

"Payment to A. B. Copp, \$1,425," is the heading of the story, which reads as follows:— "Of this amount Mr. Copp was paid \$1,050 from July 7th, to October 29th, 1905. On March 26th, 1908, he was paid the balance—\$375. NO VOUCHERS OR ACCOUNTS were filed giving the items making up the above amounts. Mr. Copp stated in evidence that he had visited Ottawa once pressing for a settlement of the extra subsidy on the fifteen mile section and once interviewing Mr. Emmerson in reference to the purchase from the I. R. C. of some old steel bridges. That he had also settled some outstanding accounts among others, that of Rhodes, Curry & Co., and James Barnes.

"Perhaps the services of a lawyer might fairly be employed in the first named Ottawa visit to double subsidy, but we think THE FEE PAID WAS EXCESSIVE." "So far as the other services of Mr. Copp were concerned it is not clear to us why a paid officer of the Company could not have effected these settlements as successfully and much more cheaply than a lawyer could have done. As a matter of fact Mr. McAvity stated in his evidence that Auditor Sharpe had adjusted the Barnes claim.

"Mr. Copp's evidence shows clearly that HE HAD NOT PREPARED HIMSELF TO DO WORK OF ANY VALUE, AND WE BELIEVE HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WERE ACCORDING TO HIS PREPARATION."

What Mr. Copp did for this \$1,425 could not be ascertained from his own evidence, but he might explain it now.

Ottawa accounts are more detailed and it seems that Mr. Copp received \$1,068.69 for conducting an inquiry into charges made against Captain Prout of the Curlew. Of this sum \$900 was paid him for attendance at inquiry 26 days at \$25 per day. There was \$50 for writing the report, and \$221.34 for travelling expenses. The remainder was for witnesses &c. So the stenographer took down and transcribed all the evidence for \$35 it will be seen that Mr. Copp did not put in 26 very laborious days.

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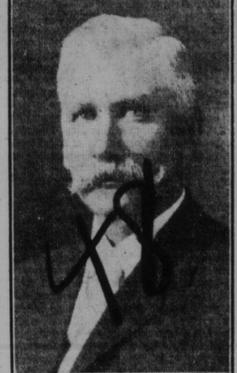
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Yours truly,  
J. P. MOSHER.



July 20, I solicit your votes as electors desirous of Honest Government for the Republic, irrespective of party lines.

## PERSONAL

Mr. W. P. Eaton, of Halifax, is at the Park.

Mr. J. S. Thompson, of Fredericton, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. John C. Brown, of Fredericton, is at the Victoria.

Hon. J. K. Flemming is at the Victoria.

Mr. R. T. Caldwell, of Berwick, N. S., is at the Park.

Mr. Percy P. Gunn, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCallery, of Fredericton, is at the Royal.

Mr. A. O. Leger, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. J. C. Ellis has gone back to her home in Worcester, Mass.

Miss Bessie Saiter has gone on a few weeks vacation to visit Miss Sarah Bennett of St. John, but now of Roxbury, Mass.

W. G. Smith, retail buyer, and R. M. Smith, a buyer for one of the wholesale departments of Manchester, Robertson, Allison Ltd., left Wednesday evening to take passage, Friday, via S. S. Virginia for the British and foreign markets.

Mr. W. C. Hunter was a passenger to the city on the Maritime express today.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Russel, of Orton Heights, East Boston, is visiting the Misses Harrington, Boston House, Chlpmann Hill.

Hon. L. J. Tweedie returned to Chatham yesterday morning.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., is in the city.

Mr. W. J. McAlary came in on the Montreal train Thursday.

Hon. George E. Foster, who is summing at Apohaqui, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Strang left Thursday for a trip to P. E. Island and Newfoundland.

Mrs. C. F. Hohen, of Woodman's Point, left yesterday for Chicago, in company with her brother, Mr. Fred H. McKillop. They will be away a couple of months.



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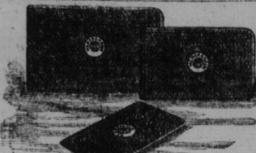
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