

FOUR GREAT MEETINGS LAST NIGHT FOR MOSHER--PARTY POLITICS NOT AN ISSUE IN THIS CAMPAIGN, SAYS CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Continued from page 1. of the Assembly can dismiss the auditor.

MR. HAZEN IS ENTITLED TO YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS ALONE. (Applause.)

Only A Keen Business Man. "Do you recollect that Mr. Robinson was called the heaven-born financier?" Mr. Fleming only a plain business man, but the born financier borrowed \$1,500,000 in London and paid five per cent. and by the way Mr. Fugley got \$500 for giving an opinion on the bonds.

There are times before the subsidy and crown land money come in that the province must make temporary loans. The new Government paid 5 per cent on these, the new Government 2 3/4. (Applause.)

They say we are expending lots of money. We are, and we mean to do it. We have it to spend. When we called them extravagant they were borrowing money to spend.

Expenses Within Income. "WE ARE KEEPING OUR CURRENT EXPENSES WITHIN OUR CURRENT INCOME." There were \$600,000 in January 1907 and in January 1908. Replacing bridges in 1900 cost \$150,000 and it all worked so that you pay interest on it all the rest of your life. The freshest of 1908 was bigger and will cost \$200,000, but we will not borrow a dollar. (Applause.)

Mr. Morrissey is head of that department AND HE SEES THAT THE PROVINCE GETS VALUE FOR THE MONEY, and that no man gets a dollar without the proof that he has earned it.

We have more money to spend because we get what is coming to us. We get it out of stamps. The old Government let the big operators win, but made the small ones pay. Last year we collected on 161 million feet. We got out too late to collect all, but we got more than was ever collected before. This year with no more cut, we get stampage on nearly 200 million, forty millions more because we do it honestly. (Applause.)

That Scolding Story. Amid great laughter Mr. McLeod told the story of the Kirk scale. This scolder had made a return of three and a half millions in a certain district. He was sent to do it over again and a scale back reporting five and a half million. Laughter. Then another scolder was sent who reported more than seven millions. (More laughter.) Still we were not satisfied and sent the Superintendent of Scales, WHO FOUND THAT THERE WAS THIRTEEN MILLIONS. (Cheer.)

They'll Vote For Mosher. "That shows," said the solicitor, when he got a chance to resume, "We treat all alike, big dealer and little dealer. If you like the old way vote for Mr. Bentley. If you like our way that way?"

"WE VOTE FOR MOSHER," was the response.

The Basis Of Our Rights. "All right," said the speaker, "don't be stampeded by the cry of Liberals. Your vote is your best right. It is the basis of all other rights. It grows and complain and nobody will care. The only thing they care about is your vote. If we have dealt with you man fashion, deal so with us. If not turn us out."

A False Statement. "The statement that the present Government is responsible for any increase of debt is not true. We have kept within our income. The debt was made by the Government. All we did was to gather it together and put it in one place at lower interest."

After discussing the school books, and the stock importations Mr. McLeod referred to the compensation act. He was now applauded at every sentence.

"This Government is entitled to your support for this legislation. For years and years the laboring men asked for it. What did they get? SUNNY SMILES, (Laughter), promises, and an Act that was no good as you well know. (Applause and "Yes we know it.") They were afraid to legislate. (Applause.)

When this Act (Mr. McLeod had it with him) was introduced, it met determined and persistent opposition. Great delegations came to Fredericton to kill it (A voice: "we saw them there.") Did the Government back down? No. Mr. Hazen stood by his Government, and by the Act and by you. He put it through. (Loud cheers and long continued applause.)

And They Will. "I am sure," said the Solicitor General, "that there is enough manhood in the people who got the benefit of this Act to stand by the man who stood by it. I ask you to vote for Mr. Hazen and for the Compensation Act, and for yourselves. (Cries of: "Yes, we will.")

Before closing Mr. Copp made a brief reference to Mr. Copp. "When he speaks here tomorrow, ask him what he did for \$1,425 HE GOT OUT OF CENTRAL RAILWAY. No one else can find out. The Commissioners could find nothing. There was nothing in the books to show what he had done. So you had better try and get an explanation out of him here."

"Here," said Mr. McLeod, "are the two records. Remember that those who ask for support for Mr. Bentley are the same pack who stood before you last March stripped and exposed in all their shame and disgraced. Their hands are still red with their offences. They have to be entirely reprobated before they can be trusted. It is amazing that they should come and ask honest men like you to see them back again, and I think by the super of this meeting they will get the answer they deserve. (Prolonged applause.)

HON. MR. MORRISSEY heard in One Of The Ablest Speeches Yet Delivered in The County.

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So long as the Premier held to the coalition principle, so long would the speaker support him. Why were the Liberals of the province so much displeased at his supporting Hazen? It was not because of any interest in Morrissey on the part of Liberalism. It was because they wanted his help in putting Hazen out of power. He was opposed to the Northumberland deal, and was still opposed to it, as the worst deal ever perpetrated upon the people of the province.

Were Coalition Governments. Blair had said that the Government of his time was of the coalition brand and Tweedie had said the same for he had three Conservatives on his ticket in Northumberland. When Robinson had come into power, and his acts had stunk in the nostrils of the public--then the Government had become Liberal. Their aim had been to get the Liberals out of power, and to obtain his help in the desire to retain seats of office. Could any man expect the speaker to swing around from the speaker's side? His action had been to oppose them because he had trusted in Laurier, knowing them to be dishonest. (Applause.)

That expression "decoy duck" had come from Mr. Robinson in the Carleton Place election of 1906, and it seemed that he had been a pretty good decoy duck at that time.

None Decent Liberal Could SWING INTO LINE AND CONDONE THE MISDEEDS OF THAT GOVERNMENT AT THE BIDDING OF MR. ROBINSON. He would like to discuss with Copp, the Liberal policy for the past 20 years, and the treatment given them and his friends would not have Morrissey at all. Did Mr. Copp have the same peculiar love for him then as he had now? He had tried to read the speaker out of the Liberal party, as he had done with Senator Ellis WHO WAS CERTAINLY AN HONORABLE LIBERAL IF THERE WAS ONE IN THE PROVINCE. Senator Ellis was considered at least about the speaker's home. (Great Applause.)

"Copp ought to clear his own skirts. HE IS ANOTHER OF THE GAFFERS. I suppose he is still there. I have seen the remarks I addressed to him upon the floors of the house." (Applause.)

Copp had remarked about \$500 which he claimed had been voted to the speaker in the course of office. It had been \$400 as a matter of fact. COPP COULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE TRUTHFUL. He and the Surveyor General had secured these amounts by way of a bill for travelling expenses, but they desired that the people should be aware of the amounts they had got. His work last year had extended over seven months as opposed to five months on the part of the old commissioner. Yet the ex-commissioner had charged \$475 for his expenses in winter when little travelling was to be done, as opposed to his \$450 put in for the summer. In his statement of his receipts, every dollar that he had got from the Government would be found set down in black and white. (Applause.)

Does Not Hire The Men. He did not have to seek information as to how to treat the laboring man. HE HAD NO MORE TO DO WITH THE LIVING OF THE PEOPLE THAN THE MAN IN THE MOON. In two cases at least he had instructed the superintendent to raise the pay of the men. He himself had never had a dollar to spend which he had not earned honestly. COPP'S STATEMENT WAS UNFAIR AND UNTRUE. The superintendent alone fixed the wages. This Government had inserted in the labor contract AND IT WAS THE FIRST WHICH HAD DARED TO DO SO, a fair wage stipulation. He would be long sorry to have it thought that he was opposed to the welfare of the wage-earners of the province. He himself paid the highest wages to those whom he employed. (Applause.)

Improvements in Bridges. The speaker would not be surprised if every bridge in the province was in good condition by next year, because the money was going into the bridges,

and not to one man and another. Twenty bridges had been repaired in Northumberland, and this year there would be seventy more. Out here too his own. His method of dealing with this man had been to withhold the contract price until the contractor had presented a receipt showing payment to the widow. An incident of the Government in place in connection with the construction of a wharf in Kings county, and another in Charlotte. Why should he have to act as he did when men of the old Government controlled these men?

Stopped It At Once. Another instance where he had to step in and nullify the methods of the old Government had to do with their dealings with a guarantee company. He had run and had paid the bills of the campaign himself. After he had been nominated his friends wired the then Minister of Railways, and asked whether he could recognize Morrissey as the candidate for the county of Northumberland, had nominated him at a meeting in the town of Chatham.

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