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ANOTHER QUICK CHANGE

Premier Robinson has discovered that he cannot treat the leaders of the opposition with contempt. He has at last been led to see that the tide is running against him all over the province.

When Mr. Fleming first issued his challenge to the leader of the government to meet him on the platform in this city and make good his statements concerning that gentleman the premier assumed an air of lofty disdain, and scoffed at the idea of engaging in a debate before a few hundreds of people. This deliverance by the premier at Moncton was applauded by the St. John Sun, Moncton Transcript, Fredericton Herald and other government papers as a remarkable evidence of advanced statesmanship.

But Mr. Robinson has come down from the heights, and now his organs will with equal cheerfulness applaud his latest action.

The premier, when first challenged, replied that he would get an expert to report on the finances. He had a young man from Toronto engaged at Fredericton for some four or five days, and doubtless has received the report of this gentleman, based upon such data as were presented to him.

Perhaps this report will be produced this evening, as conclusive evidence that the financial affairs of the province have been properly managed for the past twenty-five years.

The premier realizes that something bold and desperate must be done or all is lost. So he once more changes his mind and consents to do that which he seemed to do a few weeks ago.

The lesson is not lost upon the province. The election will be slow to observe that only desperation would bring about this latest change of tactics. What the gambler calls a "big bluff" is to be put up this evening, in the hope that the tide of fortune may change to the advantage of the government.

So far as the public are concerned, and especially the opposition leaders, they will welcome the opportunity to have the financial question thoroughly debated. It may, we presume, be taken for granted that if any report from the alleged expert enquiry is to be submitted, the opposition leaders will have been presented with a copy in advance, so that they will have time to discover exactly what it does and does not contain.

It will be noted, however, that Premier Robinson did not accept Mr. Fleming's challenge as it was given. He has submitted an entirely new one, which would give that reckless politician, the attorney general, the last three quarters of an hour. At time of writing the exact terms of the debate are not known. Mr. Fleming might fairly stand upon the terms of his original challenge, and any departure from it would be a concession to his opponents, such as he ought not in fairness be asked to make. The debate should be between the premier and Mr. Fleming alone.

WHERE IS MR. ALLEN?

What's this? What's this?
Hon. Mr. McKeown to assist Premier Robinson in the debate on provincial finance?

Where is the Hon. E. H. Allen—the Napoleon of provincial finance—the new provincial secretary?

Premier Robinson owes the public an explanation. A Toronto young man mastered the situation in four or five days. This is Mr. Allen's eleventh day as provincial secretary. Why is he thus slighted by the man for whom he relinquished his duties as I. C. R. claims agent to confront the opposition party?

Why did not the premier say to Mr.

Hazen:—"Sir, I am challenged by one of your lieutenants—your financial critic. Let him meet my minister of finance upon the public platform—I have no time for trifles."

But no. The premier comes himself and invites his attorney general to his aid, to confuse the issue with words—words. Mr. Allen may be as forgiving a man as ever muddled figures or produced a surplus out of his head; he may even forgive and forget like Mayor Sears—but surely this indignity will rankle in his bosom, and cause the people of York county to rise in wrath against the premier.

The new provincial secretary has been wounded in the house of his friends.

AGAINST BRIBERY

The agreement of the leaders of the parties in this city to avoid the use of rum and money in the elections should be respected by every member of each party, and enforced as far as possible by the alertness of the reform league. The exercise of undue influence is the curse of Canadian politics. The present movement in this province is an encouraging indication of better things. It is perhaps too much to hope that hardened political ward workers on either side will be absolutely bound by an agreement, but there should be no serious difficulty in preventing flagrant acts of corruption. As the Times has before remarked, it is a pity that some plan could not be devised to punish the federal bribers who seek to influence whole constituencies in a provincial campaign by the promise of large federal expenditures. However, the people can give these would-be corruptionists their answer on March 3rd.

ON THE RUN

No other opposition candidates have received such assurances of distinguished consideration on the part of the government in this campaign as those extended to Messrs. Woods and Slipp of Queens county.

"Of course the government press treats with derision the statement that these gentlemen will be elected. The public are assured that there is no opposition at all in places like Chipman. And yet, to the great mystification of the same public it is discovered that first Senator King and Col. McLean, and then Premier Robinson himself hastens to Chipman to address the people."

Why this waste of energy in Queens county when there is such need of it in other constituencies?

The answer is plain. Hon. Mr. Farris and Mr. Carpenter are going to defeat, and realize their danger; and so the senator and the colonel and the premier are summoned to the rescue.

No higher compliment could be paid to the popularity and effective campaign work of Messrs. Woods and Slipp, the coming representatives of Queens county in the legislature.

THE CENTRAL RAILWAY

At Chipman last evening Mr. Carpenter is alleged to have stated that the Central Railway had only received \$12,000 per mile from the government. This is a sample of the incorrect and misleading statements made by government speakers.

The Central Railway has cost about \$20,000 per mile, and is condemned by Mr. Morse of the G. T. P. as utterly unfit for heavy traffic. Its grades are too heavy, its rails are too light, its bridges include some that were condemned as too light for use on the I. C. R., and its rolling stock is wholly inadequate. For the money that it cost the Central should have been fit to be made a part of the great transcontinental line without having any additional expenditure made upon it. More than that, the government utterly failed to fulfill its pledges to extend the line to Gibson. There is no provincial history no record of government wrongdoing and incapacity more glaring than that of the Central Railway. Who got so much of the money that should have been spent on the road?

The Sun has great news from Gloucester. The Conservative (government) ticket is sweeping everything, while the Liberal (independent) ticket is nowhere. The good Liberal who reads the Sun must rub his eyes when he reads this news from Gloucester. How can the Sun and Dr. Pugsley square this Conservative government ticket with the great Liberal campaign throughout the province? But there are other news from Gloucester, and it is that the government ticket has a very large and heavy contract on hand, and is staggering under the load.

When the Hazen government is organized one of the first duties will be to make a thorough investigation and disclosure of the conduct of the financial affairs of the province for years past. It will be a task of some magnitude, but will be necessary in order to have a fair beginning of a new and better regime. Lips that are now resolutely closed will then be opened, and there will be less difficulty in getting at the facts. No fair statement can be expected from the present government, since a full disclosure would be its own condemnation.

Business men will be much interested in the article on West India trade which

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The Times copies today from the Maritime Merchant. The question of improved trade relations between Canada and the West Indies is the subject of much debate at present, and it is therefore of value to learn the state of sentiment in the islands, which appear to be moving in the direction of a tariff preference.

Business men are gravely asked by the government press to believe that in a few days an accountant could make a complete and satisfactory statement of the financial condition of the province. It is too large an order. The people are not deceived by this campaign device.

The ferocious barbarism of Russia is illustrated in a manner to shock the civilized world by the condemnation of General Stoessel to death for the surrender of Port Arthur. Surely the Czar will not permit this crime to be committed.

POLITICAL PSALM OF LIFE

Tell me not, oh, fellow-members,
That we ought to put on steam;
Let the flame die down to embers
While we sit around and dream.

Say revision to your sorrow!
Let us fritter time away,
Angry as that each tomorrow
Finds us where we are today.

Talk is cheap and time is fleeting,
Let the foolish public remind us
How to make our lives sublime.
It's enough that we keep meeting
And most generally behave.

Though the critics would remind us
I have made our lives sublime,
Let us act so they may find us
Doing nobly all the time.

If by chance a foolish brother
Should rebel or make a kick,
Trust your "Uncle Joe" to smother
His ambition mighty quick.

Let us then give up pursuing
Ways and means to legislate
Standing pat with nobles' deities—
Golly, fellows, ain't it great!

—J. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record Herald.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A REMEDY.

"Frost and his wife are living in restaurants now."
"How's that?"
"He wants to break her of the habit of smoking."—Life.

APOLOGIZING FOR IT.

"Proud" echoed Mr. Dustin Stax.
"Why, I have a force of accomplished press agents engaged in apologizing for it."—Washington Star.

NECESSARY TO BE EXACT.

"Was that you I kissed in the conservatory last night?"
"About what time was it?"—London Opinion.

LOVE AT LONG RANGE.

Punch, in a recent issue, has a cartoon representing a Japanese in national costume standing on the seashore, while Miss Canada, in a sort of Indian costume, bars the way. The cartoon is styled "Love at Long Range," and under it are the words: "Japan—Lady, I recognize that my advances are distasteful to you, but I trust I still regard myself as a friend of the family."

"Canada—if you'll promise to let me see as little as possible of you, I don't mind being a sister to you for mother's sake."

KNEW HIS WEAKNESS.

Virginians are telling with much amusement of a Jamestown exposition incident in which the governor of one of the Southern states was an important actor. The governor, so the story runs, was crossing from his state building to the executive offices of the exposition. He was about to pass through the gateway when he saw an old negro carrying a large box.

"You go through, first, uncle," said the governor. "You have the largest load."

"Yes, sah; ah, but now," replied the aged darkey, "but his' early in de day yit."—Judge.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The seam of a double-fold or wing collar is always evenly dampened before folding in Ungar's Laundry. This prevents cracking.

Be good to your feet. There is no excuse for wet, cold feet, and the risk of pneumonia, when you may be comfortable in overboots at the price quoted by C. B. Pidgeon on page 8 of this issue.

The unprecedented nature of the bargains offered at Gilmour's clearance sale of men's clothing should deeply impress all those whose work soon renders their clothes shabby, or who are at all desirous of making their earnings go as far as possible. The bargains will be unequalled in their money-saving possibilities that every reader will be convinced of the determination to clear our stock regardless of the low cut.

AMATEURS MADE A BIG HIT AT THE PRINCESS

Last night was for amateurs at the Princess Theatre. The theatre was packed to the doors, hundreds were turned away unable to gain admission. The prize winners were Fisher and Carral, dancers; Willie Butt in, John Liberty, as Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; Bell and Lawrence, jugglers; Andrews and Andrews, Irish sketch. The patrons went away well satisfied they had seen a first class vaudeville performance. See adv. for today's features.

GREAT SHOW FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Tomorrow afternoon the programme at the Nickel will be designed chiefly for the entertainment and education of the school children and will be nearly one hour long. The chief feature will be Mr. Sydney Beckley's Travel Talk on London, as motion photographs of the world's great metropolises are thrown upon the curtain. The Banjo Quartette will play at every show.

Why Is This?

A poster which has been exposed near the various government committee rooms in the North End is a source of comment among the supporters of Premier Robinson's party there. This particular poster is of the usual election kind, but there are some striking peculiarities in its make up. The general effect is like this:

Vote for
PURDY
Lantulum, Skinner and
SEARS.

The question is asked if this is not a tacit admission on the part of the government that they can hope to elect only two of its candidates. On the other hand the friends of Messrs. Lantulum and Skinner are asking why the names of these two gentlemen should be, as it were, overshadowed by those of their running mates. These are points which many think ought to be explained.

DO THEY DRINK LESS?

Giving as a reason "poor business," Detroit brewers have notified the city that renewals will not be asked for two hundred and twenty-five of the 1,800 saloon licenses renewable on May 1st. The deduction is that the temperance propaganda is reducing the drink expenditure of the city.

But his workshop will no doubt make a good postmaster.

The government candidates in Kent declined to meet their opponents and Mr. Morriay in joint debate at Rexton. Mr. Morriay is in the fighting line and in great form in this campaign.

The office of I. C. R. claims agent has not yet been filled. Mr. E. H. Allen may get the appointment after March 3rd.

The opposition advance all over the province goes with the swing of victory.

The Best Styles of Go-Carts
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DOUBTS HIS ABILITY TO CARRY
ON THE WORK SATISFACTORILY."

—St. John Globe, Feb. 8.

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Suits Half Price—\$5, \$6, \$7.50 for worthy tweed suits.

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