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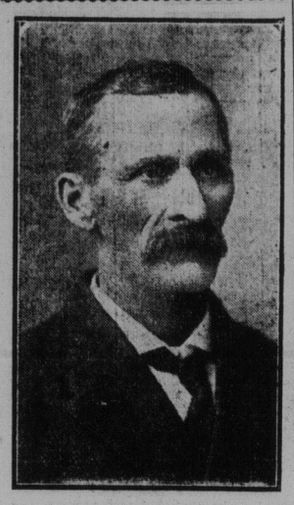
BELIEVE IN FAIR PLAY AND A GOV'T THAT DOES THINGS

Prominent Liberals and Co-workers of Mr. Lowell in Last Campaign Now Actively Seeking Mr. Mosher's Election---David Delaney, Member of Executive Committee for Mr. Mosher, Was Secretary of Liberal Committee in Last Dominion Election; Thomas Boyce, Now Chairman of Organization Supporting Mr. Mosher, Was Last Year in Executive Committee of Other Party---Charles Savage, a Staunch Liberal, is Also Working Hard for Government Candidate.

A fine object lesson of the political overturn in St. John county can be had by a visit to the Milford committee room. One familiar with last year's campaign might suppose that he had run into a McKeown and Lowell committee room by mistake

Supporting Mr. Mosher Now.

Fully half the members of Mr. Mosher's executive at Milford today were last year in the executive against him. The chairman of the Hazen committee was on the executive of the other side last year. The secretary of the Government executive was secretary of the executive working for the



MR. DAVID DELANEY.

late Government. One of the most influential Liberals among the millmen who was secretary of his party in the last Dominion election is now a leading spirit among the supporters of Mr. Hazen. These three together with several other active workers for Mr. Mosher, all former opponents of his, were prominent in the Fairville meeting on Thursday.

Mr. David Delaney.

Mr. David Delaney has long been recognized as one of the active and influential members of the labor organization. He has taken some interest in politics as a Liberal and was secretary of the Liberal committee in the last Dominion election. He is now a member of the executive working for the election of Mr. Mosher.

To The Standard Mr. Delaney explained his position. HE DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT PARTY POLITICS ENTERS INTO THIS CONTEST. Mr. Hazen undertook to give the people honest Government for the benefit of all classes. He had done this so far as Mr. Delaney knew. He saw no reason for striking a blow at a Government which had started so well. Mr. Hazen was keeping his pledges. "WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE COMPENSATION ACT," said Mr. Delaney, "and our opinion is that THIS LAW IS A GREAT CREDIT TO THE GOVERNMENT."

Appreciate Government's Efforts.

Mr. Delaney recognized that a Government made some sacrifices in taking up the case of the workingmen in this way and thought that those who benefited should recognize the service done them. It would be poor encouragement for any public man to take up such a reform if he were to be condemned at the next opportunity by the very people he was trying to help. It was Mr. Delaney who said THAT HALF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE WITH WHICH HE WAS NOW WORKING WERE FORMERLY IN THE OTHER CAMP.

Mr. Thomas Boyce.

Mr. Thomas Boyce is now chairman of the organization supporting Mr. Mosher and the Hazen Government. HE WAS LAST YEAR ON THE EXECUTIVE OF THE OTHER PARTY.

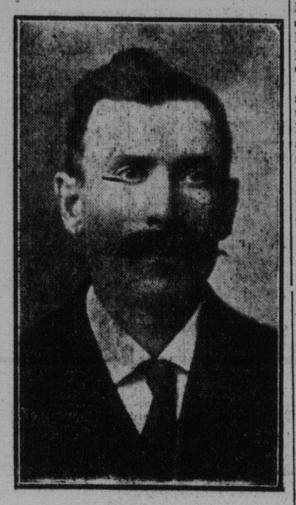
He too, spoke of the Compensation Act as one reason for the stampede from the ranks of the former supporters of Messrs. McKeown and Lowell.

The benefit of the bill, he said, was not so much the compensation that might be recovered, but THE GREATER CARE THAT WOULD BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE MEN. It was not damages but safety that the men wanted. Asked about the factory inspection act both Mr. Boyce and Mr. Delaney said it would have been a useful law if it had been observed. But there had been no real inspection and would not be until an officer was appointed who understood machinery and mills and who was a good deal more vigilant that Mr. McMulkin had been. Mr. Boyce said that as to general politics he was in favor of giving the present Government a chance. It had begun well and seemed to be in every way an improvement on the old ministry. So far as he could find out the Milford electors would vote according to their knowledge on what this Government had done, and not on party grounds. They would not be influenced so much by party cries as by what a Government actually did.

Mr. Charles Savage.

Mr. Charles Savage, jr., is so well known in School Districts Numbers 13 and 14 (Milford and Randolph) that every elector has a personal acquaintance with him. Mr. Savage is a Liberal in Federal politics and a strong, untiring worker. In local politics, Mr. Savage has always supported the present opposition, and has been on its executive generally, acting as secretary at Milford. He worked very strongly against Messrs. Mosher and Clark in March, 1908, but being a strong believer in fair play, thought age is confident that with the large turn-over in the parish of Lancaster there can be no question as to the election of Mr. Mosher.

Mr. Boyce, Mr. Delaney and Mr. it only right that the Hazen government should be given a fair trial and reasonable time in which to show what they can do. He therefore after full consideration decided that he would give his support to Mr. Mosher and he left the opposition party and has become secretary of the government Milford committee, bringing the experience of many campaigns and a host of friends with him. Mr. Sav-



MR. THOMAS BOYCE.

Savage are mentioned as types. Several other committee workers could be mentioned who have withdrawn from the ranks of the late government supporters. So far as The Standard could gather from conversation with some of these, AT LEAST HALF OF MR. LOWELL'S FORMER SUPPORTERS IN MILFORD WILL VOTE FOR MR. MOSHER. There are many reasons for this change besides the labor legislation. The electors who have changed are by no means all workingmen.

Mr. Lowell has done his best to hold his former supporters, but he is not succeeding. It is reported he once boasted that he could, if he wished, elect a yellow dog in the Parish of Lancaster. OF LATE HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ELECT HIS CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILLOR and other local positions. The Milford section of Lancaster is not the only part of the parish which is witnessing a political revolution. That was evident at the Fairville meeting on Thursday.

MR. ROBINSON FAILED TO SHOW UP LAST NIGHT

A meeting, not overly enthusiastic, of the Opposition party was held in Orange Hall, Fairville, last evening, Mr. W. F. Barnhill presiding. As the hours dragged by people gradually became wearied and left the building, which caused the chairman and speaker to entreat those who chanced to pass the hall and looked in, to come up and fill the many vacant seats.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, who was advertised as a speaker, failed to put in an appearance.

Mr. A. F. Bentley the first speaker, talked for an hour or so. He emphatically explained that he was obscure and unknown and was not very good at the business. He made an unsuccessful attempt to criticize the Highway Act.

Mr. E. H. McAlpine then followed with his usual stereotyped speech, in which he excused the wrong doing of Dr. Pugsley on the ground that it was only human nature for man to sin. He pointed out that "extraordinary rain storms had caused the bad condition of the roads when the old Government was in power." He also talked some of the Boer War.

James Lowell, M. P. P., spoke next. He thought it very unfair that Mr. Maxwell should criticize the Highway Board.

Mr. A. B. Copp, M. P. P., of Sackville came in in the last act. He said he dreaded coming to Fairville as he might be taken to the asylum there. He thought the decrease in the price of school books was mis-stated by Mr. Flemming when he spoke of it as 40 per cent. It should have been 35 per cent.

Although the hour was then late and many had left the hall, Mr. Copp thundered away at great length. When he finished more than a third of the audience, which at no time showed any great enthusiasm, had left the hall. It was a dreary contrast to the great meeting in the Government's interests held in the same hall the evening before.

THE TELEGRAPH DESCRIBES THE ROBINSON GOVERNMENT.

(Telegraph, Jan. 24, 1908.)

"The Government issues bonds to pay interest on bonds. It boasts of a surplus and yet issues yearly a bond to pay a sum like $2,500. The very form of its financial statements is notoriously a confession that it does not have the courage to tell the people what it is doing with their money."

GREATEST MEETING EVER HELD IN SAINT MARTINS

Cheers and Applause from Enthusiastic Audience Greet Premier Hazen, Hon. Mr. Flemming, Dr. MacRae and the Candidate, Mr. J. P. Mosher, Last Night --- Striking Exposure of Deceased Government's Financial Recklessness --- Mr. Robinson Will Have to Eat His Words --- Splendid Benefits Resulting From the New Highway Act---Mr. Mosher's Record in the County of St. John --- He Often Worked for Its Good Without Profit to Himself.

Special to The Standard.

St. Martins, July 9.—A gathering of the electors of the widespread Parish of St. Martins, which by its size caused disappointment to many at the door, last evening greeted the speakers in the first meeting of the Government campaign held at Mr. Mosher's end of the county. A hot day had been succeeded by air refreshing thunder storms and it was in an evening of delightful coolness that the people came flocking from the village and surrounding ocuntry, many of them driving in from a considerable distance.

Best Ever Held in St. Martins.

The meeting was described as the best ever held in St. Martins. While the place of meeting was almost uncomfortably crowded interest in the remarks of the speakers continued unabated to the end, and the address of each speaker was punctuated by recurrent bursts of applause. The reception to Mr. Mosher came with a spontaneity and heartiness which constituted the most reliable index to his prospects of success and which proved a surprise to his fellow speakers, well informed as they were as to his standing in the parish.

DR. A. W. MACRAE.

Highway Act One of Mr. Hazen's Redeemed Pledges.

Dr. A. W. MacRae who was the first speaker called upon, opened a stirring address by thanking the people of St. Martins for their efforts on his behalf at the last general Federal election. Dr. MacRae assured his hearers that he would be with them again on the occasion which was not very far distant when a change was due to take place in the condition of affairs at Ottawa. (Cheers.)

Dealing with the Highway Act, the speaker referred to ita s ONE OF MR. HAZEN'S REDEEMED PLEDGES, a measure which had given home rule to the parishes and had laid the control of the highway upon those who were directly responsible for their up-keep. Home rule had been granted too, in another form by the provision that the residents of each parish, who were most thoroughly acquainted with the conditions there and not the outside property owners, who knew nothing of the qualification of those seeking election, should be the only voters on questions which concerned them.

"The cry to The Liberals is raised for a selfish purpose by two owners of the Telegraph who have got more money out of the treasury than anyone else in this part of the country ever obtained."

"These," he added, "are like the three tailors of Tooley St., who called themselves 'we the people of England.' "

"The assailants of the Government were the element driven out of power a year ago, but still cherishing the idea that rule."—Hon. J. D. Hazen at Fairville, Thursday night.

Would Do it Quickly.

Not a chartered bank in the province said the speaker, would not now be glad to tender for the business of the province. This condition of affairs had been brought about IN THE SHORT SPACE OF FIFTEEN MONTHS BY THE PROPER HANDLING OF THE TERRITORIAL REVENUE ON THE PART OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY. (Great applause.)

As another redeemed promise, the speaker would refer to the decrease in the prices of school books, which was putting $1.60 every year into the pockets of every family head in the province.

Mr. Bentley Had Profited.

That same Mr. Bentley, who had walked out of this same hall when the speaker had put to him a question regarding the tariff which he was well able to answer, had been one of those who had profited by the rake-off prevailing under the old government. In the course of his address Dr. MacRae delivered several shots at the Telegraph and Times which brought a mixture of merriment and applause from the audience.

THE CANDIDATE.

Mr. Mosher Given A Rousing Reception at Beginning of Fine Address.

When Mr. Mosher stepped to the front of the platform the applause was deafening. His address was not lengthy, but was wholly to the point and proved most convincing to an audience with whom the candidate is most intimately connected. The Telegraph had said that Mr. Bentley was not well known in the county, but that it was possible to be too well known. It was the speaker's hope that he was not too well known in the county of St. John—a county in which he had spent his life-time. His interest in the county had been accorded to it ever since he was able to show it in a practical way. All the labor that he had been in a position to hire he had drawn from a radius immediately about the scene of his operations in the parish of St. Martins. MANY A TIME HE HAD BEEN WORKING IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY, WHEN IT WAS NOT PECUNIARILY PROFITABLE FOR HIM TO DO SO. (Cheers).

A Puzzling Question.

Why, asked the speaker, turning to the attacks made upon this government and excuses made for the old, had the shortage of $100,000 on the part of the late Government, not been explained away? This amount had gone into the pockets of the North Shore lumbermen who had been the real government of the province, and who had victimized the people of its lower section right through the period in power of the defeated government.

Mr. Mosher urged a little patience on the part of the people of the county. There seems to have been less speed in putting the highway act to work in this county than in some of the others, but the money was ready and could be had as soon as the work began to progress. One opposition member was now the county's sole representative in the Provincial Legislature, a member who could do nothing for the people. He had nothing against Mr. Bentley beyond the fact that he was willing to resurrect a government which had never been of any benefit to the province.

HON. J. K. FLEMMING.

How People Have Suffered Through Blunders of Deceased Government

Hon. J. K. Flemming received a wonderfully hearty reception upon the occasion of his first appearance before a St. Martins audience. His speech was a thorough arrangement of the blunders of the late government, and of the strange misstatement of the leader of the opposition, which proved even abler than that delivered at Fairville on the evening before.

During the fifteen months that he had been Provincial Secretary, he had learned that the way of the economist was hard. It was so because the country's economists were not practical but sentimental.

Mr. A. B. Copp had been criticizing the present Government because there was more revenue and because there was a greater expenditure. All the while the people were calling for rotting gridges to be put in a passable condition. The Central Railway was now just about paying earning expenses, but its improvement and that of every public interest of the province WAS BEING HINDERED BY THE BLUNDERING POLICY OF THE DECEASED GOVERNMENT, (Applause), but for which there would now be $45,000 more per year in the Provincial Treasury to expend on roads and bridges, and like necessities (Great applause).

It was impossible for one government to send money abroad to pay the money lender, and for the other to have it to expend at home. The public facilities were limited every year to the EXTENT OF $45,000 BY THE INCAPACITY AND BUNGLING WHICH PREVAILED UNDER THE OLD REGIME. Mr. Robinson, said the Provincial Secretary, when he made the statement that the present Government had concealed a suspense account of $94,000, HAD MADE A STATEMENT FALSE AND ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE AS COULD BE UTTERED BY THE VOICE OF MAN (Cheers).

PREMIER HAZEN.

In Able Speech Exposes Mal-Practices Of Old Administration.

Although Premier Hazen spoke for over an hour he held the attention of his audience for the full time, and his exposure of the late Government's mal-practices was as complete as it was unwearying Never, he said, had there been the slightest discontent or murmuring in the ranks of the Government during the last legislative struggle and the Premier had come out of it with a heavy majority at his back and with the record of having completely thrown back into the teeth of the Opposition their outpouring of stale slanders.

While the conditions were such as these, the extra seat was not needed by the Government but the PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN COUNTY REALIZE THE BENEFITS OF ELECTING MR. MOSHER, A MAN IN SYMPATHY WITH THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION RATHER THAN A MAN LIKE MR. BENTLEY WHO COULD EXERCISE NO POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON THE GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF HIS CONSTITUENCY.

What Has Been Done.

During the present Government's year of power even though the county had not sent up a Government representative, $12,000 had been spent upon its bridges and the plans were already laid for making the highways of the country as near perfection as was possible with the best of management. The old Government had taken the control of the highways out of the hands of the people in spite of the speaker's continual protest and had compelled the ratepayers to take the money out of their pockets instead of paying it by statute labor.

Invited Criticism.

When the Premier's highway bill had been presented he had provided that it should not become law until it had been considered by the county councils of the entire province and suggestions were at the same time invited from the press and the public at large. When the councils had met in January they had almost unanimously approved of the act. Some suggestions as to improving it had been offered, and it was only after the consideration of them and the adoption of some of them, that the bill had become law.

An Appreciation.

Just before leaving St. John the Premier had received from Col. Baker a member for Madawaska, a letter stating that the road work there was nearly through, that the Highway Act was working well, that the councillors were highly pleased with it and that he believed the act would prove the finest ever placed upon a statute book.

In closing the premier said, referring to the statement of Mr. Robinson, that he had trailed his office of Attorney-General in the dust for political purposes: "I will have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Robinson upon the floor of the House at the coming session of the Legislature, and then I will make him eat his words." (Wild cheering).

As the meeting broke up, cheers were given for the candidate, Mr. Hazen, and others.

PROVINCIAL MONEYS, HOW THEY WERE USED BY THE LATE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Details of $100,000 paid out in one year deliberately withheld from the Auditor-General—In whose interests was this done, if not in the interest of the Grafters?

(Extract from report of the proceedings of the Public Accounts Committee in late legislature)

"Receipts," said the Auditor General, "for the money paid out came to him, but he never saw how the totals were arrived at. Heretofore no bridge accounts had come before him and he was going to ask the Chief Commissioner in future to have all these accounts sent in to the Auditor General's office.

"Mr. Morrison of Northumberland—Are these accounts audited at all?

"Auditor General—Not that I know of.

"The Auditor General here read the Audit Act, showing the law provides that all details shall be submitted to his office and also that any officer handling public moneys who does not furnish details was subject to a fine of $100.

"In reply to a question by Mr. Morrison, the Auditor General further admitted that there was an expenditure of about $100,000 in the public works department of previous year, not one detail of which had been submitted to him."

MR. HAZEN ANSWERS PUGSLEY'S EXCUSES FOR LAURIER'S SILENCE ON VALLEY RY. PROPOSITION

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., July 9. — A meeting of the directors of the St. John Valley Railway Company was held here this afternoon. Mayor Chestnut presided, and only the directors resident here were present. A letter from Premier Hazen to the company was read during the meeting, and after some discussion it was decided to have a copy forwarded to Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works. Further than the above no statement was given out. After the meeting the directors, however, stated that that Premier's letter was very satisfactory.

Mr. Hazen's letter was as follows:

The Premier's Letter.

St. John, N. B., July 5.

C. Fred. Chestnut, Esq., Fredericton, N. B.:

I have yours of the 23rd, enclosing copy of Hon. Wm. Pugsley's letter of the 19th, addressed to J. J. F. Winslow, Esq.

After careful consideration of Mr. Pugsley's statement and suggestions, I am still unable to understand why you have not received from the Federal administration the early answer which was promised you by Sir Wilfred Laurier, when he met your delegation on the 16th of April. At that meeting the Prime Minister, in the presence of the Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Railways, stated that the proposition you submitted from the New Brunswick government was a definite proposition, and would receive careful consideration and an early answer. I expected that you would long before this have received a reply, and communicated it to me so that we might have proceeded at once with the necessary arrangements to go on with the work if the answer were favorable, or that the provincial government might take up other negotiations if the offer were not accepted.

In view of Sir Wilfrid's statements to the delegation you and your colleagues would hardly be prepared for the suggestions since made by Mr. Carvell and subsequently by Mr. Pugsley that the proposition submitted by you from me was not sufficiently definite or not authoritative since neither Sir Wilfrid nor Mr. Pugsley nor Mr. Carvell nor any member of your party saw the necessity for more detail. But while I still think my proposition contained all that was necessary for a general agreement, our Government is and always has been prepared to answer any further questions which the Federal Government may ask, and to make the proposition in writing in such form as to leave no room for doubt as to our position. For this purpose, as I told you before, three of our number have been appointed a sub-committee to give Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government any further information that may be required. Though Mr. Pugsley mentions the absence of Mr. Fielding and other Ministers as an impediment to such communication, I think it will be possible with the Premier, the Minister of Railways, Mr. Pugsley himself and six or seven other Ministers present for the Federal Government to discover any further details that need to be taken up at this stage.

Mr. Pugsley specifies certain standards which he proposes for the railway in case the Federal Government should operate the road. Should the Department of Railways decide to take over the railway and make it part of the Intercolonial, the engineers of that department will naturally make stipulations in this regard and our Government will be equally anxious to have the road built to a standard at least equal to that of the Intercolonial. Therefore there should be no difficulty on that score.

I have therefore only to repeat that our Government is still ready to recommend a guarantee of $25,000 per mile on the conditions stated to your delegation, that we are prepared to give any assurances usually made in such cases and are prepared to accept from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's administration the same form of undertaking that we ourselves offer.

Let me again ask you to remind the Dominion Government of our readiness to give any information required, whenever it is asked, and of our anxious desire to have an early answer to our proposition. I am

Yours truly,

J. D. HAZEN.

"Why should St. John refuse to support the administration? The Government itself could get along without this seat. It would have the same majority as before if Mr. Mosher were not elected—and the majority is large. But the Government naturally desires the approval of the people, and the county will surely be better represented by a member who will assist the Government in doing its best for the people, than one like Mr. Lowell, who seems disposed to make the work here as difficult as possible.—Hon. J. D. Hazen at Fairville, Thursday night.

CONTRACT LET FOR NEW SECTION OF MT. ALLISON LADIES' COLLEGE

Special to The Standard.

Sackville, N. B., July 9.—A meeting of the Mount Allison executive committee was held this afternoon to consider the tenders for building the new section of the Ladies' College. Five tenders have been received. The one accepted is that of James Reid of Moncton, who built the brick ell of the Ladies' College and the Centennial Hall. He is also well known as a builder throughout the provinces. The new bank of Nova Scotia in Truro is one of his latest buildings. The college building is to be of stone four stories high, on the site formerly occupied by Lingley Hall. Work will begin immediately. The contract calls for completion by March first.

The new Ladies' College building which is to be erected at Sackville, will greatly add to the appearance of the buildings of Mount Allison University and will also afford much better facilities for carrying on the educational work of the institution. The brick wing built by Contractor Reid some years ago is to be incorporated in the new building. Of the amount necessary for the erection of the new building $20,000 was given by the late Jairus Hart, of Halifax, by a provision of his will.