PREMIER HAZEN IN ABLE SPEECH SHATTERED PETTY CRITICISM OF OPPOSITION MEMBERS; GOV'T WILL PRESS FISHERIES CLAIMS

Following is the official report of Premier Hazen's speech in the Legislature, last Thursday and Friday, on the address and reply to His Honor's speech:

Hon. Mr. Hazen congratulated the mover and seconder of the address. He said he had heard many speeches made in this house on similar occasions but at no previous time had he heard the members acquit themselves better than the mover and seconder had done today.

Untruthful Statements.

The leader of the opposition had marred his otherwise pleasant speech by several unfortunate references. He would have this house believe he accepted as gospel truth all he sees in the partizan press. He (Hazen) did not wonder the honorable member would not assume responsibility for the article about the Surveyor General which he had referred, one of the most mendacious and untruthful articles even those unreliable papers had ever printed. If the honorable member had the courage to make a charge every opportunity would be given to investigate the charge. Members of this house do not desire the time to be taken up in discussing newspaper slanders and a member who referred to and quoted such language does harm only to himself and his party.

Unwise Criticism.

The hon. member's criticism about the farmers was very ill-advised, because it reflects solely upon the old Minister of Agriculture whom the hon. member supports. Hon. Mr. Pugsley had sole charge of the visitors, the Scotch farmers, and although, in response to his (Hazen's) request, he had previously promised to do so, he gave this government absolutely no information as to when they would visit this province or their itinerary. The Government learned through the newspaper press that the farmers were coming here they sent a representative to accompany them to show them as far as possible the agricultural resources of New Brunswick.

The Session.

The hon. gentleman had also referred to the date at which this session opened, the 18th of March. HE WAS THE SAME GENTLEMAN WHEN PRIME MINISTER, CALLED ON AN ELECTION IN MAY AND THE HOUSE COULD NOT MEET UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF [illegible]. He says the reason why the house was not called earlier this session was because the government wanted a new paper started at St. John on account of the Carleton election. These are more opposition lies and utterly without foundation. Had the house been called earlier it would have had to separate without the report of the Agricultural Commission or the Central Railway Commission, also the departmental reports could not have been printed, and not for distribution. Referring to the fact that no special mention was made in His Honor's speech to the St. John valley, Hon Mr. Hazen said that project had been the football of the former Government for many years. It would be brought up just before every election and made the duty for the party in power. Two years ago this legislature authorized the guarantee of bonds of [illegible]000 a mile for this railway and the premier assured this house that Mackenzie and Mann were ready to go on with the construction of the road. It was afterwards stated that there was absolutely nothing in that statement. He believed the St. John valley should have a road. This province has spent millions of dollars in constructing railways in other sections and this very important part of the province was entirely without railway communication and at this season of the year practically is about as inaccessible as any part of New Brunswick. The whole country is now aroused over this matter and the government is alive to the situation. He understood deputations would wait upon the government about this matter and he could assure the house and the deputations that they would receive a most sympathetic hearing, and this government would go as far as possible to encourage and assist in the building of this very necessary railway.

A Necessary Purchase.

The hon. member was quite facetious regarding the horse importation and many papers supporting him took a most unpatriotic course by doing all possible to create prejudice against these horses and make a failure of the sale. Unlike the former government the present administration did not send a member of the government away to purchase horses, but employed a judge, Peter Clinch, a man of high superior as a judge and in this province. For the first time in the history of horse importations in this province, this sale was a business financially and did not rob the people one cent, a striking contrast to the $5,000 or $4,000 and [illegible],000 deficits on former importations. Mr. Hazen then moved the adjournment of the debate.

On Friday Hon. Mr. [illegible] order of the day was called, resumed his remarks upon the address. The leader of the opposition, he said, in referring to the Courier ARTICLE PUBLISHED ATTEMPTED TO THE FACT THAT THE HERALD DID NOT ALLUDE IN ANY TO THE FACT THAT HON. H. R. EMMERSON, THE PREMIER, APPOINTED HIS OWN BROTHER AS JUDGE OF PROBATES OF WESTMORLAND. DID HE STATE THAT [illegible] P. JONES, WHEN A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT HAD HIMSELF APPOINTED JUDGE [illegible]S FOR CARLETON. [illegible]est to his honorable friend was only the other day that the Prime Minister of Canada, SIR WILFRID LAURIER, CONGRATULATED THE SURVEYOR GENERAL UPON THE SPLENDID PROTECTION GIVEN [illegible] FORESTS LAST YEAR AND [illegible] ABSENCE OF SERIOUS FOREST FIRES.

[illegible] hon. leader of the opposition referred to the stumpage collections and based his remarks again [illegible] the meadacious reports in the press supporting him. He would point out that last year collections for stumpage were the largest ever made from lumber cut on Crown Lands as being 3,335,388 feet. The estimated that the cut last year was about sixty per cent of the average while the collections for stumpage were greater than ever before. He would refer to only one instance in district No. 23, where the scaler, Mr. Kirk returned the cut from Crown Lands in this Province. The scalers Surveyor General had reasons to think that this was an under estimate and had Mr. Kirk make a new report when he this time made the cut as 5,355,388 or two millions more than his first return. Still believing that this figure was too low the Surveyor General sent another scaler, Mr. W. H. Berry, who found the cut to be 12,934,000 feet and on that amount stumpage to the amount of $10,000 was paid. That was only a sample of the way in which the Surveyor General is conducting the business of his department. A superintendent of scalers has been appointed and he has other superintendents to assist him. The gentleman of the opposition are taking their information from the unreliable statements they see in the newspapers. This government will know neither friend nor foe in the administration of the Crown Lands. They will be handled on a fair and square business basis so long as the present government has charge of their administration.

Not a Good Prophet.

His honorable friend had indulged in pleasantries regarding Carleton and Northumberland. He had indulged in some prophecies. He was not a great success as a prophet. He (Hazen) remembered some gentleman dictions which the hon. general had made previous to last year, elections in this province and he went so far as to prophecy that he (Hazen) would not be elected in Sunbury, that he had no more chance of electing minister of Canada, becoming prime, his hon friend was So, as a prophet, a success.

Gives Fair Show.

He must say that had the present government done as its predecessor did would have left Carleton and Northumberland unrepresented in this legislature for many months. But that is not the way the government of this day is doing, and it gave those counties the earliest possible opportunity of selecting their full complement of representatives in this house. The result in Carleton was but a reflex of the federal election. He had this to say about Carleton that Mr. Owens had conducted an absolutely clean election and HAD NOT EXPENDED ONE DOLLAR TO BRIBE A VOTER AND THE GOVERNMENT FRIENDS IN THAT COUNTY DID NOT BELIEVE THE SAME COULD BE TRUTHFULLY SAID ABOUT THE OPPOSITION CANDIDATE. As regards Northumberland it seemed that the leader of the opposition was willing to take almost any one for a candidate. Gentlemen opposite thought it was reprehensibile for him to take a part in Dominion elections, but it was all right for their patron and leader, the Minister of Public Works of Canada to leave his duties at Ottawa and come down and take an active part in the campaign on behalf of the gentlemen opposite. HE WOULD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE HIS RIGHT AS A CITIZEN TO TAKE WHAT EVER PART IN ELECTIONS HE THOUGHT BEST. He had the support of many Liberals in the last elections.

A Healthy Support.

HE HAD THE SUPPORT OF MANY OF THE BETTER ELEMENT IN THE LIBERAL PARTY, MEN LIKE SENATOR ELLIS WHO WERE WILLING TO SINK MERE PARTY NAMES FOR THE GOOD OF THEIR PROVINCE. The hon. gentleman himself had taken part in Dominion elections and in censuring him (Hazen) he condemned his own course and that of his leader, Hon. Mr. Pugsley. He also repeated another newspaper story that this government has dismissed many officials because they are thought to be opposd to us politeically. That statement was not true. Compare the record of the government with that of the Liberals when they came into power in 1896. Look at the list of civil servants at Fredericton and name one who has been dismissed. The same with the registrars of deeds and of probates throughout the province not one of whom have been dismissed. It is true that there are a number of annual appointments and as these were made the offices were filled with friends of the Government rather than to appoint their opponents. And the government will do this and is justified in so doing. All this talk is merely to try and disaffect the hundreds of Liberals who are supporters of this government.

The Highway Act.

The Highway Act and the importation of horses has also been sneered at by the hon. gentleman. He would remind the house that last year the Province was under the same Highway Act as had been in force since 1904. One had only to look around and see the great amount of road work done last year to be convinced that the money was judiciously expended. One could go to any parish in the Province and he could hear the assertion that under the present Minister of Public Works more work was done on the roads last year even though less money was spent than in any previous year. In former years the road superintendents had many overdrawn accounts and unpaid bills, but not a single instance of this was permitted last year. The hon. gentleman said that a lot of work was done last fall that was not paid for. I would inform him and the House that every dollar's worth of work done up to the 20th day of October was paid for and under the new system of bookkeeping the Auditor General would not pass any accounts after the 20th Oct. although there were some three thousand dollars of an appropriation unexpended. The hon. gentleman has suggested that this government had a lot of work to do on the roads to help Conservative candidates in the Dominion elections. Did he wish to infer that the commissioner of public works would use the influence of his department and the money of the Province to help the Conservative party.

Central Railway Commission.

Some reference had been made to the commission appointed last session, it would be improper for him to anticipate the report of the Central Railway Commission even if he knew what that report would be, but from the evidence taken and made public it would appear that about $150,000 of money supposed to have gone into the road was actually unaccounted for. The report of the commissioners of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Co. placed before the House showed a deficit last year of about $3,000. If however, they made up their accounts in the same way that the former commissioners did and charged up to capital what should properly go into current revenue they would have been able to report a surplus of about $2[illegible],000. Last year some $20,000 was expended in ballasting and a like expenditure would be required to make the road safe.

The Agricultural Commission.

The Agricultural Commission had accomplished a great good. They held over 100 meetings in which much interest was taken and which proved of great value. As one result during the past few months about a dozen agricultural societies had been organized. The government did not propose that their work in any sense. They will not rush in for provincial but will devise education for better agriculturists, better men.

Cheap School Books.

A discussion had taken place over the prices of school books which now sold at 40 per cent less than under the old government, for an unfortunate arrangement between Messrs. Flood and Co. THE PEOPLE WERE COMPELLED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MESSRS. FLOOD FOR ALL THE SCHOOL BOOKS bought from them and Co. The work of providing proper school books was being proceeded with and commencing with the next school year grammars which now sell at 35 cts. will be reduced to 25 cents, arithmetics from 15 to 10 cents, copybooks from 8 to 3 cents and healthy readers from 20 to 30 to 15 and 25 and such superior books with valuable additions will be provided. The work of arranging for the purchase and distribution of these school books had all been done by the provincial secretary department with very little expense and with great benefit to the people.

Will Press Fisheries Claims.

Referring to the fisheries question Mr. Hazen said that his government would press the claims of the province upon the Dominion government with all possible vigor and hoped to get the matter settled so that a considerable sum would be paid to the exchequer of the province.

Some Temperance Amendments.

Speaking of legislation introduced Hon. Mr. Hazen said in deference to the tremendous wave of temperance reform which was sweeping over the country the government would introduce some amendments to the N. B. license Act. Under the law at present any parish can vote on the question of one or no license, but in order to prevent licenses from being issued must have a majority of all names on the voters list which was formerly in favor of the opposition temperance legislation. The law of the Act will be amended that a majority of the votes cast decide and if the majority for no license that would come into the following year. PROVISION WOULD ALSO BE MADE FOR HOLDING THE ELECTION ON THE SAME DAY AS THE CIVIC OR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. Other changes would be made in the law which he thought would meet with the approval of all who desired to promote temperance and sobriety. Legislation would be proposed for the prevention of tuberculosis.

To Prevent Tuberculosis.

The Province of Nova Scotia had erect a sanitarium for the purpose, but many medical men thought a mistake was made in that patients where patients not only sick are housed together. It was suggested that this province establish a sanitarium that will be chiefly administrative and educational at a cost of about $10,000 in the number of light cheap structures keeping accommodation for patients. Already the government had been offered two free sites for a sanitarium, one by ex-Premier McClelan and the other by a member of this legislature, Mr. Hanington. It was proposed to appoint a commission of medical men who would give their services free to enquire into this whole question.

Gloucester Iron.

Legislation was passed in aid of the iron industry in Gloucester County. He believed within the next few years there would be great mineral developments in this province. The Gloucester deposits are the largest and one of the finest in the world. The government had under consideration the bonds of the Nova Scotia company who had acquired the deposits to assist in building a railway so that they might be able to market. He also spoke of the development of the oil fields of Stoney Creek and the shale deposits of Albert Co. He hoped that the house would maintain the honor and dignity of the house and everything would be conducted in a manner pleasant and [illegible].

THE [illegible]NY.

The Canadian [illegible] Vancouver, has recently issued a book of 163 pages, giving [illegible] Club, giving the addresses of the retiring president, and [illegible] addresses delivered [illegible] the organization [illegible] and also shows a list of those who addressed the club were Earl Grey, Sir [illegible] Hill, James Greenwood, [illegible] L. Borden, M. P.; R. [illegible] V. L. Mackenzie King, [illegible] Humphrey Ward, and [illegible].

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FEW CHANGES LIKELY AT CITY HAL[illegible]

The pot of civic politics which has been gently simmering for some time shows signs of coming to the boiling point, as election day draws near. In some cases rumored opposition to certain of the members of the board of aldermen has disappeared, in others, opposition from unexpected quarters has materialized. At present there appear to be few signs of an organized opposition to the reelection of the existing board, but it is quite possible that the future may disclose a more or less complete opposition ticket.

McGoldrick Likely Safe.

Ald. McGoldrick of Stanley, has the honor of being the Nestor of the Common Council and is likely to serve at least one more term at the board as no opponent is in the lists against him. The name of L. R. Ross, has been mentioned in connection with Stanley Ward, but it is probable that the demands which his business makes upon the time of Mr. Ross, will prevent his being a candidate.

In Landsdowne Ward.

In Landsdowne it is possible that Ald Rowan may be oposed. It is understood that a prominent North End druggist is being urged by his friends to allow his name to be placed before the public as that of a candidate for this ward.

Ald. Holder's Opposition.

In Lorne ward Ald. Holder is opposed by H. R. Roberts and in Dufferin a three-cornered fight is expected between Ald. Willett, M. T. Coholan and H. E. Codner.

T. O'Brien Running.

Kings will have the same candidates as it had last year. Ald. Hamm and T. O'Brien will battle for aldermanic honors. B. W. Wigmore, having retired from the contest.

Ald. Pickett Retiring.

In Victoria, the retirement of Ald. Pickett has left the lists open to new aspirants to the dignity of alderman. Wellington Green, James Milligan and R. R. Patchell are the men before the public.

Ald. Lewis Opposed.

Ald. Lewis, of Sydney Ward, will be opposed by George A. Troop and in Duke's, Frank L. Potts will again run against Ald. Vanwart.

On The West Side.

Stirring contests are expected in the West Side wards. Dr. Kenney is mentioned as an opponent of Ald. Baxter in Brook's Ward and J. Fred Belyea will run against Ald. Baskink in Guy's.

For the office of Alderman-at-large, E. J. Armstrong and the present aldermen-at-large are the candidates. As was expected no opponent to Mayor Bullock has appeared.

HAD A GOOD TIME.

The St. Andrew's Club Curlers ended the season in an enjoyable style Tuesday evening, entertained by some of the Club's talent.

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AN EX-ST. JOHN MAN HONORED IN THE WEST

G. Vincent White, formerly of St. John, was recently tendered a banquet by a large number of his friends in Missoula, Montana.

The occasion of the banquet was Mr. White's departure from Missoula to Kalispell where he was to assume charge of a large wholesale hardware establishment. Mr. White is a brother of J. Hunter White of this city and was formerly with W. H. Thorne & Co.

Concerning the banquet the Daily Missoulian says:—

One of the most delightful dinner parties ever given at Ye Olde Inn was the midnight banquet last night in honor of G. Vincent White, who is about to leace Missoula to take up his residence in Kalispell. The affair was in the nature of a farewell, and was as cordial a testimonial of esteem as was ever tendered. It was well into the morning hours when the stirrup cup was drunk and those assembled about the table sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" with an earnestness that left no doubt of the sincerity of the expressed wishes for Mr. White's long life and continued prosperity.

Captain Fairweather was toastmaster and graced the head of the table with his very presence. His cleverness was never more in evidence than during the hours of the speech-making, and his sallies called forth responses that were brimful of sentiment and good humor. There were funny speeches and there were speeches that were sad; there were bright, sparkling speeches and there were speeches that were subdued with regret that was in the mind of each one over the prospective departure of a right good fellow who has been a comrade for years.

Mr. White goes to Kalispell to take charge of the wholesale department of the hardware section of the Missoula Mercantile company's store at that place. He has been in Missoula for years and has enjoyed deserved popularity amongst his associates and friends. He is not, however, a stranger in Kalispell, as he was stationed there for some time before coming to Missoula. He returns to the Flathead country bearing the best wishes of all who have known him here.

Those present at the banquet last night were: Messrs. G. Vincent White, William Fairweather, Frank Dennison, Ollie Harris, F. H. Freeze, Rule Cosner, R. D. Pugsley, Horace Allen, E. B. Hord, Jack Clifton, Ward Rathburn, Lewis Perley, E. H. Boos, H. J. Morrison, John Wisterman, William Reid, George Heimbach, Owen Kelley, Beverley McLeod and Howard Schroeder.

The Olde Inn management exerted itself to make the occasion a success and its efforts were successful to a marked degree. The table was handsomely decorated and the banquet room never looked better than when the guests assembled. The entire affair was highly creditable and thoroughly enjoyable.

ARMY IMMIGRATION.

The Salvation Army is bringing a party of immigrants to be employed on the farms of New Brunswick.

The army is anxious to find out how many will be needed in New Brunswick before the St. Lawrence River is navigable, as all the laborers will then have to go to Quebec and Montreal and it is not so easy to bring them down after they reach there, to the Maritime Provinces. Those who need help should apply to Staff Captain Jennings, Box 477, Halifax, N. S.