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BAITING MR. HAZEN

The St. John Sun continues to pursue with an astounding relish its course of self-condemnation. When Premier Robinson was increasing the number of members of his cabinet until there were eight of them, the Sun applauded him, and would as cheerfully have endorsed a dozen as it did eight members. But harken to the Sun today:

"New Brunswick does not need six paid ministers and forty-six members, or one for each 8,000 of population. Nova Scotia, with more business to handle than we have, gets along with three ministers and a member for each 12,000 people. Ontario and Quebec elect only one member for each 20,000."

It is much to be regretted that it is necessary to defeat a government in order to reform a newspaper—if the reformation of the Sun be sincere. But, really, the public should not take the upstart journal too seriously. If it had ever given Premier Robinson any advice, it had ever found the slightest fault with any act of the government—there might be some reason to assume that its present utterances are entitled to some weight. But that "fearless and independent" journal had only words of laudation for the government and all its acts. Whatever Mr. Hazen may do or decide not to do, he will have no cause to fear the influence of the Sun. That journal, like the government, has been weighed and found wanting.

TEACHERS' PENSIONS

At the state house in Boston one evening last week four different bills relative to teachers' pensions were presented. That which was presented by the school committee, and which is favored by the teachers' club of one thousand, is thus described by the Boston Transcript:

"In this bill it is proposed that the school committee shall immediately establish a permanent school pension fund for the payment of pensions in accordance with the provisions of the act to members of the teaching and supervising staff of the public day schools of Boston at a rate not exceeding \$180 a year, this amount being the annuity now paid to teachers coming under the provisions of chapter 237 of the acts of 1900 creating a teachers' retirement fund. In order to meet the sinking fund reserve necessary for such a pension fund the bill proposes that there shall be levied five cents to the assessed tax on each \$1000 of valuation. Mr. Storow, chairman of the school committee, said it was the purpose of this bill to place with the \$180 of the teachers' retirement fund another \$180 supplied by the city, so that the pension that the teacher would receive would be \$360 each year. It is figured that the provision for the fund would give about \$63,000 to start with, and that this would increase just as the school fund has increased. There is now provided a tax of \$2.75 on each \$1000 to pay the running expenses of the Boston schools. The present pension is compulsory. He did not think that so complicated a bill should be given a referendum, which was not required in the police or firemen's pension funds, where the city pays the whole.

"Daniel A. Ellis, of the school committee, speaking for the bill, said when the present school committee took hold, two and a half years ago, the first work was done in protecting the entrance of the teachers into the service and so they had enacted a school committee civil service law by which it is impossible for a teacher to get employment unless he or she is one of the first three on the list for the different departments. The second problem is making the increases of salary conform to the increase of efficiency, and now the committee is trying to round out the whole by adding a pension system."

CONGO REFORM

King Leopold of Belgium, whose responsibility for the horrible atrocities in the Congo region have won for him the title of the arch-murderer of modern times, is to be compelled to lose his grip but is not to be deprived of his ill-gotten gains. Nothing in modern history equals in utter savagery the treatment meted out to the natives of the Congo, on the rubber plantations, by the slave drivers of the Belgian king. The world shuddered when the story was first told,

and Great Britain and the United States have been exerting their influence to bring about reform. The Belgian parliament appointed a commission, and on its report a scheme has been prepared, which will probably be adopted, and by which the control of the Congo, except one small section, shall pass to Belgium. The king, however, is to be paid an enormous sum of money, in addition to the millions he has already derived from the exploitation of the Congo region. A cable from Brussels gives the following interesting account of the scheme presented to parliament:

"The text of the new Congo annexation treaty was submitted to parliament today by Premier Schollaert. It confirms the forecast that King Leopold agrees to abandon the crown domain and the crown foundation to Belgium, but it requires that Belgium shall not only assume all the Congo obligations, but undertake also to continue the king's usufruct in the Congo revenues during his lifetime. Belgium is required to respect the concessions granted to two American companies in 1906 in which Thomas F. Ryan is interested. The Congo revenues are charged with the following annual allowances: \$24,000 to Prince Albert, son of the Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold; \$15,000 to Princess Clementine, the king's third daughter, and as an especial token of gratitude to the king the sum of \$10,000,000 in fifteen annual instalments for his use in constructing hospitals and schools and forwarding scientific work in Africa. Furthermore Belgium must expend \$9,000,000 in work for which contracts already have been made. In addition King Leopold retains in fee simple 40,000 hectares of land at Mayumba for coffee and cocoa growing experiments, and during his lifetime he is to enjoy his interests in Congo concessionary companies and the property in Belgium and France which he purchased out of the Congo foundation. Upon the death of the king all this property would revert to Belgium. All the special colonial funds must be devoted exclusively to Congo expenditures.

"The terms of the new treaty were given a mixed reception, but the general impression is that the annexation of the Congo Independent State to Belgium on the proposed basis is possible. It is probable, however, that the clauses recognizing the vast concessions accorded to the American forest and mineral companies, in which the king is heavily interested, will encounter much opposition.

"The sweeping concessions made by the king in the new treaty are attributed to his dread of British intervention, backed by the United States. The king, it is declared, would rather run the risk of facing an international accounting of his stewardship than the former contingency. King Leopold showed his resentment at the attitude of Great Britain and America at a recent court ball, when he displayed excessive coldness towards H. L. Wilson, the American minister, and Sir Edmund Phipps, the British diplomatic representative."

The declaration day speakers in Sunbury county facetiously paid a tribute to the aid afforded the opposition by Col. McLean. It is a notable fact that with the Colonel working against them Messrs. Hazen and Glazier rolled up the largest majority ever gained in a contested provincial election in the county of Sunbury. The secret ballot is a vote-winner for the cause of good government.

The Victoria Colonist remarks: "Since Germany had her fricas with the natives in West Africa, and the United States tried its hand at suppressing the Filipinos and France has undertaken to deal with the Moors, we do not hear quite as much as we did about the inability of Britain to accomplish things in a military way."

The purity movement made some headway in St. John in the recent election campaign, but there appears to have been some treating by both parties, and the story told in today's Times shows that there was more than liquor to be had after the election was over—by those who were presumed to have "delivered the goods."

The citizens should remember that the civic elections are soon to be held. There should be a keen contest with strong men in the field.

The latest New Brunswick Rhodes scholar is Mr. Rupert Rive of Caraquet, nominated by St. Joseph's University at Memramcook.

STANLEY CUP HOCKEY

Champions of Manitoba League in Montreal to Play Wanderers

MONTREAL, March 9 (Special).—The Maple Leaf team champions of the Manitoba League arrived here tonight for the Stanley cup series, which starts on Tuesday. There are ten players in the party, all in good shape after the long journey, and they are hopeful of lifting the cup. The line up for the first game, it is stated, will be Winchester, Forester and Holden, defence; Shaw, Campbell, Kennedy and Lake, forwards, and Lee. Weather conditions are the mildest of the winter, the thaw that set in Friday night showing no signs of a break.

G. H. Arnold arrived home from New York Saturday.

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DULL STRENGTH IS THE FEATURE OF THE MARKET

(J. S. Bache & Co's Report.)

NEW YORK, March 7.—A significant item in the news of the week confirms the opening of the new mines of the Amalgamated Copper Co., as well as the Butte and Northern Butte companies, putting 7,000 men at work eventually. While it is authoritatively stated that it will be at least four months before the idle mines can produce any copper for marketable purposes, attention is called to the fact that one smelter dated and turned into blister copper can be drawn against and copper sold against the product, thus making it immediately available for sale for future delivery.

What effect the resumption of the mines will have upon the market is problematical. The resumption means an increase in production of from 150 to 175 million pounds a year. When the Washoe Smelter of the Amalgamated Copper Company was closed, it was authoritative announced that no resumption would take place until the company could be convinced that the smelter could be operated permanently. The action means, then, "an admission on the part of the Amalgamated interest that they are convinced that copper trade conditions are on the mend; that there will be no further enormous accumulation of stocks to menace the market, and that prices can be maintained at least around present levels." With a very large surplus of the metal in speculative hands in London, still overshadowing the market, though strongly held, and

Judge Forbes left Saturday for Ottawa and London (Ont.), where he will attend a Billie Society meeting. Rev. G. M. Campbell and Joshua Clawson will go this evening.

THE EMPTY NEST

I find an old deserted nest, Hair hidden in the underbrush; A withered leaf in phantom feet, Has nestled in it like a thrush With weary, palpitating breast.

I muse as one in sad surprise Who seeks his childhood's home once more, And finds in it a strange disguise Of vacant rooms and sanded floor, With sudden teardrops in his eyes.

An empty nest! it used to bear A happy burden when the breeze Or summer rocked it, and a pair Of merry tattlers told the trees What treasures they had hidden there.

But fancy, flitting through the gleams Of youth's sunny atmosphere, Has fallen in the past, and seems, Like this poor leaflet nestled here, A phantom guest of empty dreams. —James Whitcomb Riley.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE USUAL SIZE.

"Here's another alleged humorous article about coal by that not-jokesmith of ours," said the editor's assistant. "Shall we use it?"

"What size is it?" asked the editor. "Oh, chestnut size, of course,"—Philadelphia Press.

A CHEESE COMPETITION.

Sporting Customer—"A pound of cheese please."

Grocer—"Gorgonzola or Cheddar?" Sporting Customer—"Oh, I don't care! Start 'em both across the counter, and I'll take the winner."—Illustrated Bits.

A PHILOSOPHER.

"Pa, who is a philosopher?" "A philosopher, Tommy, is a man who doesn't worry any about financial stringencies, because he never has any money."—Somerville Journal.

NOT LONG.

"Say," asked a messenger boy, "got any novels to swap?" "I got 'Big Foot Bill's Revenge,'" replied the other. "It is a long story."

"Now, ye kin finish it easy in two messages."—Philadelphia Press.

DISAPPOINTED.

"I will be your valentine," said the young man. "Ah, yes," said Senator Smugg, as he interlarded his claws in a self-satisfied way in front of his corpulence. "I got my start in life by clerking in a humble grocery store a salary of \$2 per week, and managed to save money on that."

"But," replied the astute reporter, "that, of course, was before cash registers were invented."—Puck.

TRUTHFUL TOMMY.

Auntie—"Now, Tommy, take my bonnet upstairs for me, there's a good boy." Tommy—"Boo-hoo! I don't want to!" Auntie—"And why not, pray?" Tommy—"Cause mother told me you'd got a bee in it."—Sketch.

SO CHANGED.

Madam (to the nursemaid, who has just brought home her four children from a walk)—"Dear me, Anna, how changed the children look since I last saw them! Are you quite sure they are the right ones?"—Fliegende Blätter.

A WORD OF APPROVAL.

"So you approve of your European son in law?" "To some extent," answered Mr. Cumrox. "It's a certain relief to have some of our family quarrels conducted in a language that I don't understand."—Washington Star.

DOMINION COAL CO.

SUFFERS FROM FIRE

Coal Washing Plant at Port Morien, C. B., Burned and \$100,000 Damage Done.

Glace Bay, N. S., March 8.—For a second time in two years the Dominion Coal Company's big coal washing plant near Morien Junction was visited by fire and this afternoon was entirely destroyed. The total loss is placed at from \$75,000 to \$100,000; insurance about two-thirds of this amount.

The plant employed forty-eight men. It will be rebuilt but the work and the getting of machinery will occupy some months.

THE ELECTIONS

(Toronto News.)

The political revolution in New Brunswick is entirely wholesome. For years an inner group of politicians, a system of the affairs of the province. Office has been their chief object and personal interest their supreme consideration. Mr. Pugsley is a natural product of the system. By the experience of New Brunswick and British Columbia government by coalition stands condemned. Whatever may be the faults of party government, it has produced lesser evils in Canada than the non-party system in the communities in which it has operated. In the result in New Brunswick Mr. Pugsley will find no comfort and the lesson for the Ottawa government is significant. Mr. Hazen, who succeeds to the provincial premiership, is a man of excellent character, who achieved a good position in the House of Commons some years ago, and who should be able to give a satisfactory administration of the affairs of the province. Twenty-five years is too long a term for any group of politicians to hold office uninterruptedly in any British colony, it is well that at last New Brunswick has determined to end the system which they established and maintained often with callous sacrifice of principle and audacious use of the public money and the public property.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Stylish shoes for men and women are very seldom offered at such a saving price as \$2.48. At Pidgeon's North End Store this price buys the best \$3.50 and \$4.00 values.

SYDNEY HOTEL BURNED.

Sydney, March 8.—One of the most damaging fires in Sydney during the past year took place Saturday night at the Sydney Hotel. The kitchen and laundry were entirely destroyed and the northwest corner of the building badly gutted. The extent of the damage is estimated at about \$5,000, largely due to water. The loss is nearly covered by insurance and the proprietors will begin their work today.

The hotel contained 100 rooms, forty of which are in the northwest wing and all are badly gutted. When the conflagration was about at an end a man was arrested on suspicion of being connected with it.

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YOUR EYES.

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