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MR. HAZEN'S GERRYMANDER

A thorough redistribution of electoral districts—Dominion, provincial and municipal—has long been needed, not only in New Brunswick but in the other provinces as well. The successful rearrangements heretofore made have not resulted in anything like an equitable division.

In Ontario, each parish has generally the same number of councillors, utterly regardless of the disparity of population among those parishes. This should be remedied by allowing more representation to the more popular districts and less to the thinly-peopled sections.

For Dominion elections, the number of members allowed to each province is fairly apportioned after each decennial census; but there rarely is any honest attempt made to have each province divided into constituencies of equal population. By the census of 1901, the unit of representation in the House of Commons was fixed at about 25,000. New Brunswick's contingent was 12,000 people of British descent; the 12,000 of Quebec-Saint-Basile; the 5,000 of Kings-Albert; and the 4,000 of Westmorland, were each allotted one member of parliament. In all cases this inequality could have been rectified. In the case of Quebec—Saint-Basile and Kings-Albert, which together had just the right population for two members, all that was required was to annex enough of Western Kings to Quebec—Saint-Basile to make the two districts equal.

For provincial elections, the unit of representation is about 12,500. The 21,000 people of Victoria and Madawaska however, have four representatives instead of five; and the 41,000 of St. John City—have four legislators instead of five. Any redistribution of provincial seats made before the census of 1911 should take two members off Victoria—Madawaska and Saint-Basile and add them to St. John City and Westmorland.

Now, Mr. Hazen's Redistribution bill does not propose a fair and impartial division of the whole province, but merely proposes to separate Moncton City from the rest of Westmorland and give it one member allowing the County the other three. The setting apart of Moncton, as was done by the late Premier Blais, to St. John City, is a proper move; but so also would be the separation of Fredericton from York and of Charlottetown and its environs from Northumberland, neither of which is to be done however. But Moncton, which is growing much more rapidly in population than the rest of Westmorland County, having now about 12,000 is entitled to two members and the rest of the County to three; the increase of one member for these two districts to be equalized by the dropping of one member from the Premier's own constituency of Saint-Basile. But no such equalization and justice is contemplated. Mr. Hazen is not at all concerned with the fairness of the present method of electoral division. He knows that, while Westmorland County may be dependent upon to elect a full Liberal ticket, the Liberal majority usually comes in, firstly from the city of Moncton, the parishes outside the city being equally divided in sentiment that sometimes one party wins and sometimes the other, the majority in either case being very small. By his new scheme Mr. Hazen hopes to fix Westmorland so that the Conservatives can elect the three members allotted to the rural section, compelling the Liberals to the one city seat.

But in York where four Conservatives hold the Provincial seats, and the city of Fredericton is as apt to elect a Liberal as it is to choose a Conservative, nothing is said about dividing the city from the county. This shows Mr. Hazen's hypocrisy, and it shows the Moncton bill to be a gerrymander pure and simple.

As there is no likelihood of a provincial election being held before 1912, the fair and honorable way would have been to let the whole matter of representation lie over until after the census of 1911 shows the new figures of population, and then to make a thorough impartial division, setting aside in new constituencies both Moncton

and Fredericton and any other town that shall then have enough people to entitle it to a representative.

The ninth annual meeting and convention of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of tuberculosis is to be held in Hamilton on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20 next.

The morning of the first day will be devoted to the reading of reports and the appointment of committees. In the afternoon Dr. White of Pittsburgh association will deliver an address on "The Duty of Municipalities in Reference to Tuberculosis." In the evening of the same day His Worship the Mayor will deliver an address of welcome, after which Dr. Adams of Moncton will speak on a subject which ought to command attention. How One Can Do Most Good in Arresting Tuberculosis at the Smallest Outlay.

The topic set down for general discussion during the forenoon of Thursday is "The Duty of the People Toward the Movement for the Extinction of Consumption." Hon. Adam Beck, Mr. Downey M. P. P., Dr. Fagan of Victoria; R. C. Dr. Geo. D. Porter and a number of others, both physicians and laymen, are expected to take part in the discussion on this subject.

On Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock the meeting will adjourn to the Mount Pleasant sanatorium to attend a reception given by the ladies of Hamilton. Not the least uninteresting part of the program is the visit to the sanatorium, when it will be seen how much can be done for the treatment and cure of consumption at a moderate cost. The success of the Mountain sanatorium should furnish an object lesson well worthy of the study of municipalities contemplating action for the reduction of tuberculosis within their own neighborhood.

MONCTON WEDDING WEDNESDAY MORNING

Mr. E. H. Sinclair and Miss Mary Harris the Principals

MONCTON, April 28—A wedding of unusual interest took place this morning at the home of Mr. P. H. Sinclair, Esq., when his daughter, Miss Mary Sinclair, was married to Edward Herbert Sinclair, son of the late Edward Herbert Sinclair of Miramichi. The ceremony was performed in the drawing room by Rev. J. Eastburn Brown. Miss E. Helen Harris was maid of honor. There were no bridesmaids. Mr. Fred M. Tereoff, Chairman was best man. After the reception a buffet lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair left on the C. P. R. this afternoon for California and American cities. They will reside in San Francisco.

To the Editor of the Graphic.

Dear Sir—
Will you kindly give the space in your paper in reference to a letter signed Jacques River, which appeared in the 22nd issue of the 22nd, regarding the petition against Police protection in the Parish of Durham which letter is a tissue of falsehoods. As I am the J. P. at the upper end of the Parish, the originator of the petition, and got signatures to it, I challenge Jacques River or any other person, to prove that I made any statements to obtain names, and I thank the Editor of the Graphic for publishing the petition, and names attached, for it will speak for itself. Jacques River finds fault with so few names to the petition. I think it a good showing, considering the time we had for I did not know how long they would keep the bill safe, and wanted to show the Government that all the people were not in favor of Durham being a Police District.

Jacques River asks why the large number of concerns and heavy taxpayers are not on. Does he not know that in 1908, one of the large lumber concerns was exempt from taxes by the assessors, and the rate reduced as low as could be done, and the assessors for the Parish of Durham, for this year has not put their work in a legal shape, that we could see who are the taxpayers, without travelling all over the Parish to see parts of the election lists.

How has the assessor for making Durham a Police District acted in regard to the ratepayers, not in a manly way. The newspapers that showed that the Premier had introduced the bill in Parliament, showed also that the gentleman, who had the patronage of the county, and others from Durham, were in Fredericton about the same time that he was in his mansion. It would be better for them to have a bill introduced, making the work of the assessors legal, although their work was not completed, and would not be until some of them came home, so that the taxes of 1909 could be collected, and not be trying to add more taxes on the Parish by their bill.

Any person who knows anything about the Parish, knows full well that those who signed the petition are good reliable men and their standing with concerns with any concern in the Parish. Now, as I want Jacques River to prove his statements regarding myself, or retract them in a way pleasing unto me, I will send a copy of this letter to the Editor of the Tribune for publication.

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Abdul Hamid II with four wives, five daughters and two of his younger sons, two eunuchs and a comparatively large number of female servants, was taken from the Yildiz Palace last night and started under an escort to Saloni. The party proceeded by steam launches to the landing near the railway and a special train on which they were placed left at 3 o'clock in the morning. The Constitutionalists would like to get back part of the great sums of money that the former sultan is supposed to have hoarded, not only because the government is in need of money, but because it is desirable that he should be deprived of the resources for another coup d'etat. Speculation places Abdul Hamid's wealth at anything between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

The city is illuminated tonight and general rejoicing continues. Although this was a holiday court martials were held and several of the principals in the mutiny of the troops were condemned to death. Later they were taken outside the walls of the city and shot. Prince Salih Eddin, the nephew of the sultan, who was arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the rising, has been liberated, and his release has caused a good impression. The streets of the capital are filled with Macedonian volunteers. They are being fed by the citizens at the coffee houses and restaurants which are full of cheering crowds. A brisk business is doing in the sale of pictures of the sultan and miniature flags inscribed "Liberty, fraternity, equality and justice." Holles and Burt, who have not been seen in recent days are now reappearing in the public places and conditions are assuming a normal aspect.

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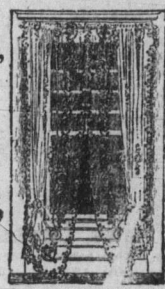


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