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KEEP TO THE POINT

The St. John Times had better find out what it is talking about before it accuses the management of the International Railway of racially conduct in its dealings with English immigrants. It would have been very easy to obtain Mr. Malcolm's side of the story—Campbellton Graphic.

The Times quoted and has in its office a copy of a letter in which the "special labor representative" and "special executive of the construction employment department of the International Railway Company of New Brunswick" offered men a free grant of 100 acres of land in "the model settlement which will be erected close to the railway," as an inducement to them to come to Mr. Malcolm's construction camps. Board and lodgings were to be "of the best." The men were to have six dollars per week clear of all expenses. If Mr. Malcolm says he knew nothing of these pledges, scattered broadcast in English cities, the public have a right to ask why he remained in ignorance of the conduct of his "special labor representative." What the Englishman may have done to Mr. Malcolm has no bearing whatever upon the point raised by the Times. The letter of an English immigrant in today's Times is worth considering in connection with the conduct of the men on their arrival at the scene of operations. Evidently there was no middle settlement in sight.

PUBLICITY NEEDED

Mr. Hazen points out that the present debt of the province and the obligations assumed total more than \$8,000,000, involving an annual interest charge of over \$400,000, in a province whose revenue is very limited. It is idle for members of the government to say that interest is not yet paid on all of these obligations. If it did not expect them to become a part of the burden the legislation would not have been passed.

The great need of this province today is a searching examination of its financial position, and an adjustment of its affairs to correspond with actual conditions. This will not be brought about by the present government, whose members are responsible for those conditions, and endorsed the legislative and administrative acts by which they were produced. The people are fully aware of the importance of having a complete enquiry, by men who have no motive for concealment, but who will introduce a new order of things. The men for the occasion are Mr. J. D. Hazen and his supporters.

WHY MR. E. H. ALLEN?

What particular qualifications does Mr. E. H. Allen possess, that he should be selected in preference to members of the late legislature to fill the office of provincial secretary of New Brunswick?

The people of his native county have not hitherto recognized in him unusual ability in this direction, or they would have made him at least a member of the legislature. Will they do so now that he is sent to them with a portfolio? What sort of provincial budget may be expected from Mr. Allen? What evidence is there that he is the man in the government ranks in the province best qualified to deal with provincial finances? This is a reasonable question, which the electors will do well to ask themselves. Why should the premier give up his portfolio to Mr. Allen? Looked at from the broad standpoint of public interest, what have the people to hope for as a result of this latest addition to the cabinet? Obviously nothing of importance.

MAYOR SEARS

If Mayor Sears accepts a nomination this evening as a candidate for the provincial legislature it will be because a federal minister is taking an unfair advantage of him to play the game of the provincial government. The mayor's acceptance of a nomination would be the evidence of a bargain which, if a bill lately introduced at Ottawa should pass, would be classed as illegal, and a violation of the purity of elections. On a federal minister thus recklessly play with the independence of a citizen to further his own political ends, and hope to escape condemnation? Mayor Sears has made no secret of the fact that he seeks an office under the federal government. If he comes to the aid of the provincial government it will be with the assurance that after the elections he will be provided for that honest politics? The answer of

the citizens will be that a government in such sore straits for candidates, and willing to stoop to such tactics, should be hurled from power.

"I made a statement at Bathurst recently that the liabilities of this province were upwards of eight millions. That statement although ridiculed by the government and the government press was absolutely correct. If the works projected by the government are carried out the result will be that in a few years our debt will be over eight millions and we will be paying interest to the extent of \$400,000."—J. D. Hazen at Moncton.

The Sun this morning, grossly understating the provincial debt, proceeds to argue in large type that it is not much of a debt after all. This sort of argument carries no weight.

With a great flourish of trumpets the government convention this evening in this city will name the candidates and prepare for the campaign. The party can have no hope of success in this constituency, unless by some unforeseen process a revolution in public sentiment can be brought about. The majority of the people are against the government.

Why should school readers cost so much more in New Brunswick than in Nova Scotia or P. E. Island? Who gets the take-off? This is a question that touches every parent of children of school age, and every taxpayer throughout the province. The government must answer it.

Victoria county has fallen into line with a very strong opposition ticket. Kings county will be heard from today. The opposition campaign goes on with the swing of coming victory. From all sections come news that the fight will be pressed with greater spirit than any in the last score of years.

The assertions of the provincial government press will all be taken with due reference to Premier Robinson's declaration that Mr. Hazen would be hard pressed to save a single seat in the province. When the premier himself set such a pace for rookeries his loyal press cannot be expected to do less than claim everything.

The government, according to the Sun, will shortly invite a committee from the Medical Society to frame plans for a provincial sanatorium for consumptives. This confirms the general impression that the government had arrived at the tubercular stage.

Bad roads forced the government convention in Queens to break up early. Even the elements conspire to remind the agricultural minister of his highway policy and its effect upon the farmers of Queens. The incident may be regarded as an evil omen for the champions of that policy.

The late Premier Peters of Prince Edward Island enjoyed to a very large extent the confidence and esteem of the people. He was eminently successful in the politics of his province, and his death is a loss not only to his province but to the dominion.

The Sun charges Mr. Hazen with making a bitter personal attack upon Premier Robinson in Moncton. Careful scrutiny of a very full report of Mr. Hazen's speech in the Moncton Times fails to reveal any such attack. The Sun is not keeping in line with the facts.

The government is apparently not anxious to have the votes of Englishmen. Thus the Campbellton Graphic says:—"When opposition papers in this province take up the cause of a lot of rascally Englishmen it shows about where they stand."

Dr. McAllister, of Sussex, is said to be willing to accept a place on the government ticket in Kings county. If he has political aspirations it would be unfortunate to begin as an apologist for the government that ought to be defeated.

It is due to the opposition that we have the secret ballot for the coming elections. The government opposed it, and only consented to it in order to get Solicitor General McKeown elected without opposition.

The water board acted wisely last evening in ordering the director to test himself whenever a break in the system occurs. That is what directors are paid to do.

The municipal council of Kings county has re-appointed Mr. C. W. Weyman Scott Act inspector. Mr. Weyman and the advisory committee will no doubt make things lively for violators of the law.

Mr. Whitehead objected to the importation of Mr. E. H. Allen into York county as a candidate in a federal campaign. No doubt Mr. Whitehead will remonstrate with Premier Robinson.

It may be noted that the opposition is not compelled to create offices and hand out portfolios in order to secure candidates.

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Shure, I'm wise enough to see
That the cause of all your glee
Is the ancient cut of me
An' me old high hat.

Arrah! lads must have their play
So I've not a word to say;
An' I followed, when she died,
Where they soon will lay me, too.
It has served me all these years,
Shure, me lads, an' me tears,
As it's sharin' now the jeers
O' the likes of you.

Now we're worn an' old an' sick,
But there's joy to think, ye see,
That ye never held a brick,
An' there's some that can't say that,
So they needn't be so shy
When they smile an' look their eye,
All them lads, when we go by,
You an' me old hat.

—Catholic Standard and Times.

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"An airship."—Life.

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GOING THE ROUNDS.

"Did your country cousin you see entertaining make the city rounds?"
"Should say he did. Was half the morning trying to get through a revolving door."—Baltimore American.

MUST HOLD HIS OWN.

"Would you send a man who uses profanity to congress?"
"I dunno," answered Farmer Cortesol. "Of course, I don't approve of profanity, but I'd want him to be able to hold his own in any of them arguments that comes up."—Washington Star.

THE DREAD OF SOAP.

"Why is it," asked a young mother that personal cleanliness is a taste only acquired with years? "My babies have been scrubbed from infancy upward, till you wouldn't think they could endure a speck of dirt. And all I seem to have accomplished is a regard for outside appearances."
"The other day my husband phoned me from the office that he wanted to take Jack to a ball game and asked me to have him ready and at the subway station in half an hour. Jack was wild with joy, and I sent him upstairs to dress. After fifteen minutes he appeared, his hair wearing an expression of keenest anxiety as he asked:
"Oh, mother, may I wear my gloves or must I wash my hands?"

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Alfred B. Kittredge

Hon. Alfred B. Kittredge, United States senator from South Dakota since 1901, was born in Cheshire county, N. H., on March 29, 1861. Senator Kittredge graduated from Yale College in 1883 and from the Yale Law school in 1885. He moved to Sioux Falls, S. D., where he still makes his home, in 1885, and began the practice of law with much success. Four years later he was elected to the state senate, where he served until 1893. On the death of Senator Kyle in 1901, Mr. Kittredge was appointed to fill out his term, and was re-elected in 1903. He is a bachelor.

MAJOR PYM WAS EXAMINED TODAY

English Officer Denies That He Worked Against the Ross Rifle Company's Interests.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 29 (Special).—Major Pym, an English officer, who has charge of inspection of the Ross rifle, was examined at the public accounts committee today. It has been alleged that the major rejected rifles which ought not to have been rejected with a view of putting the company out of business. This was emphatically denied by the witness today.

The major was recommended by the British government for the position he now holds. Previous to coming to Canada he served in the Royal Marines, and acted as superintendent of the royal small arms factory. His appointment was dated February 22, 1906. Some weeks later he took up his duties.

The system of inspection of the Ross rifle was the same as in England. To the accusations that he either delayed the inspection or endeavored to put the rifle company out of business, he gave a complete and specific denial. He offered the committee to produce all the records of his office to establish that what he stated was correct.

ENGINEER KILLS HIMSELF

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 29 (Special).—Grieve Macrone, assistant engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific, at Kitimat, shot and killed himself yesterday. His widow lives in Vancouver. Mr. Macrone had been with the company for some years.

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