

## THE DISPATCH.

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## THE SPOILS SYSTEM.

In view of both political parties in Canada having endorsed in the past, what is known as the "spoils system" as one of their unwritten laws, we may naturally expect when the present opposition, after a quarter of a century's waiting, comes into their own, there will be a redistribution of provincial gifts among their friends and supporters. If a clean sweep of every petty office holder is made it will only be a repetition of the past. The new government will be no worse than their rivals.

We confidently believe, however, their friends could do better than follow the precedent of former party leaders in this respect. It may require a stiff hand to resist the importunity for political rewards of the district boss. Even now the small politician may be heard fairly shouting his demands on street corners. He particularly is a believer in the old creed "to the victors belong the spoils," and he is all too impatient for his portion of them. But no one can fail to see that public feeling is changing greatly in this matter, and a government that yields to the dictation of this type of partisan, cannot long enjoy the Country's confidence.

In the somewhat difficult task of keeping the peace among party workers, the dispensers of patronage would do well to remember, they have not only to satisfy the demands of their friends, but to reckon with a public opinion that will roundly condemn any outrageous abuse of their new authority. It is true, every government office holder accepted his position in the past and will take it in the future, so long as the spoils system obtains, expecting his tenure of office is not apt to survive the life of his party. But for all that, we believe there is a better opinion growing among disinterested public leaders today demanding a more discriminate use of the political axe. Indeed we believe a considerable portion of this country already hold in general disfavor a policy that would displace faithful and efficient public servants who neither misused their position nor lent their personal influence in an aggressive campaign for party advantage.

But all the office holders in this portion of New Brunswick unhappily for themselves do not enjoy a reputation for being above political suspicion. They may accept "the fortunes of war" philosophically enough. If there is the usual slaughter among an incompetent and partisan officialdom, there will be no great surprise and perhaps less sympathy.

## THE MODERN CONCEPTION OF PUNISHMENT.

Last week when addressing the Grand Jury at the opening of the Assize Court, Chief Justice Howell referred to the great number of serious charges that were laid against foreigners in the following manner: "Well, they are here, gentlemen; shall we drive them out of the country or hang them or teach them? They have not had a fair chance, it seems to me, in the race of life. In the country they came from the sidewalks of the town were not made for them; the roads were good enough for them, amongst the horses and swine. If the landlord came along they got down on their knees and bowed their faces to the ground. They could not go from their native village to another without a passport without being arrested. They come to this country and here the sidewalks are for them. They can go as they please, and liberty becomes license. By all means punish them when they do wrong, but punish them justly and kindly."

On Feb. 17th a large proportion of citizens of Breathitt Co., Ky., sent letters and petitions to their Governor pleading for a commutation of a wife-murderer's sentence. "The plea of the petitioners is that the prisoner, brought up in a Godless community, never had an opportunity to know right from wrong; that his parents died when he was very young; that the wickedness of his wife unbalanced his mind, and that he killed her, not because he hated her, but because he loved her."

Here are two statements, one of an eminent jurist, the other of a whole countryside of law abiding citizens, and they seem to say criminal law no longer expresses the moral ideas of modern society. The great number of miscarriages of justice in criminal trials within the last few years are due, it seems, to a conviction among jurymen that capital punishment does not deter crime. All the world knows, in no country has it failed so miserably as in Russia, where it has been religiously carried out. There the crimes of anarchy have invariably been met with certain and awful punishment. An ever-vigilant system of espionage, an unrelenting and pitiless executive have checked the crimes of all-Russias in no appreciable degree. The terror of the law is daily being challenged with the terror of lawless-

ness. And no more does it hold in awe the anarchy of our own land. The ignorant and degenerate criminal here remains quite unchanged in character though half his fraternity lose there wicked heads.

A justice that is satisfied with inflicting punishment is no longer the spirit of this civilization. It must do more. It must educate and reform.

The two unknown anarchists who murdered President McKinley as he was officially receiving a multitude of people and the other who shot a Roman Catholic priest the week before last as he was administering Holy Communion in his church in Denver, were both intellectual imbeciles and were incited to do their crimes by more responsible persons. Red handed anarchy is after all relatively irresponsible for its foul deeds. It must be cured by punishment administered with kindness. It needs not the isolation of a cell, so much as the companionship of some humanity. It should have not an execution but an education. It requires an asylum where the poor inmates could learn to distinguish right from wrong. When this reform at last arrives, it will change much of our criminal law and most of our prison system.

## HARTLAND and VICINITY.

Hartland office in charge of Fred. H. Stevens, at EVERETT'S AGENCY, where orders for Advertising, Printing and Items for publication may be left.

Mrs. A. W. Estabrooks of Rockland was visiting friends in the village last week.

The Sentinel says: "It will be seen that Peel, Brighton, Aberdeen and Wicklow went very strongly against the government. Money and rum contributed thereto . . . " The editor of the government organ does not often visit the parishes he calumnifies, and evidently these places seem to him so remote that he can slander them publicly without grave danger of being asked to "put up or shut up." It is the pride of the best people, irrespective of politics, that the recent election was, in the parishes mentioned, the cleanest on record. Practically no money was used for bribery, and in Hartland at least, not a solitary drunk was seen all day long. Certainly throughout the county there was less money and rum used than for years, notwithstanding at least one party was prepared to use both if an opportunity presented itself. Now that his party is very ignominiously defeated the editor of the Sentinel can do little for those whose cause he is paid to champion by whining like a whipped puppy and recklessly insinuating that only rum and money was needed to carry four of the thriftiest parishes in the county.

A Telegraph correspondent writes from Harvey Station: "Mrs. Jane Coburn arrived from British Columbia a few weeks ago and will reside with her son, Marshal Coburn. Mrs. Coburn and her husband the late William Coburn, went west about twenty years ago residing at Vancouver Island, and later at Vancouver. She is in her 82nd year but is still well and hearty and stood the long journey remarkably well." Mrs. Coburn is the mother of Mrs. Andrew Aiton and before going to Harvey spent several weeks with her daughter here.

W. S. Henderson who has lived at Windsor since his buildings were destroyed in the Hartland fire, was in the village on Friday. He intends to build a residence if he can secure a suitable lot of land.

Quite a large number of Hartland young people drove to the concert at Florenceville on Saturday evening.

D. H. Nixon returned to the Restigouche on Thursday.

Women who have difficulty in getting properly fitted with corsets, and there are many such, will welcome the coming of Miss Campbell, an expert, who will be at J. T. G. Carr's for the remainder of this week, for the purpose of consultation and fitting. Her services will be given free and patrons will be under no obligation to buy.

Mrs. Moses Hallett and son Ruel have been visiting Mrs. Hallett's daughter, Mrs. M. Howlett at Bairdsville.

The patrons of the local exchange of the N. B. Telephone Co. are very grateful to Miss Blanche Nevers, the obliging operator, who on the evening of election day gave out the returns to subscribers as fast as they were received. In acknowledgement of this extra service the government and opposition executives each contributed as follows: Victoria, \$2.50; Rockland, \$1.00; Simonds, 50 cents. Besides this John S. Leighton jr., presented the operator and her assistant, Miss Winnie Nevers, with chocolate boxes.

During the remainder of March and in April Church of England services will be held in Hagerman's and Baird's hall as follows: March 15th at 10.30 a. m.; March 29th at 10.30 a. m.; April 12th at 7 p. m.; April 26th at 10.30 a. m. On March 29th Holy Communion will be celebrated.

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Baptist church will resume their monthly mission suppers on Wednesday, April 1st, at which a good meal and a good time can be had for the small sum of 15c.

On Thursday John Good of Moncton arrived here to visit Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Archer and his niece, Mrs. James Gardiner, at Waterville. He is accompanied by his wife, and they have also been visiting at Fort Fairfield.

John R. Stephenson of Coldstream is seriously ill of heart disease. Dr. Curtis is attending him.

Mrs. J. W. Sherwood and her daughter Miss Ethel, who have been spending the winter at Victoria Corner and elsewhere in the vicinity, left for their home in Everett, Washington, on Saturday.

Mrs. S. M. Boyer continues very ill and her chance for immediate recovery does not seem encouraging.

James Irvine of Mount Pleasant was in Hartland on Thursday.

Rev. C. M. Corey who has been a missionary in the Northwest, will preach in the United Baptist church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. James Underhill of Somerville has been confined to her bed by a severe attack of rheumatism.

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Baker left Woodstock for British Columbia on Thursday. They were accompanied by Miss Iva Cox, of Somerville, who will stay with them for a year, and also by Mrs. Woody Prosser, of Carlisle, who goes west to join her husband.

W. T. McArthur of St. John was calling on business friends on Friday. He registered at the Commercial.

James Drysdale of Woodstock was in the village on Friday, the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. C. Watson.

Mr. Bernard Travers of St. Thomas was in Hartland on Friday for the first time since before Christmas. He has been in very poor health all winter, but carries his eighty-odd years with a vigor creditable to a man in his sixties.

S. S. Miller spent Sunday in Woodstock where Mrs. Miller has been during the past week.

Merril Taylor who has been ill of lagrippe is able to be around.

Mrs. J. W. Montgomery was in Woodstock a couple of days last week.

Spurgeon Tompkins has suffered a relapse of lagrippe and has been compelled to lay off from work for two or three weeks.

Jack Atwaters came from Houlton on Saturday to spend a few days at his home at Middle Simonds.

On Saturday the death took place of Henry Smith, an aged coloured man who has for some time been living at W. P. MacMullins. He was eighty years of age and old age was the cause of his death. The remains were taken to Woodstock for burial.



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Miss Blanche Nevers, Miss Bertie Sipprej Heber Hatfield and Deane Shaw drove to Florenceville on Saturday to attend the concert given by the teachers of the Consolidated School.

Three hundred suits of clothes readymade for men, youths and children at Keith & Plummer's. Splendid values from \$2.50 upwards.

Mrs. Louisa Glass continues in a feeble of health.

Philippus Baker has moved from Victoria Corner to the J. W. Stevens house at Somerville. He continues to work with the J. W. Boyer Co.

Joseph McGee of Somerville offers to rent on very reasonable terms 12 or 14 acres of land ideally suited to potato raising. It is well drained and only 100 rods from Hartland Station.

John Clouse, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Jarvis Hayward, of Ashland, were calling on his son Joseph at Somerville on Saturday.

We have 600 pairs of boots and shoes for men, women and children. Prices to suit everybody. Latest shapes, best qualities, and a full range of sizes. Keith & Plummer.

Bertram G. Rideout spent Sunday at Florenceville.

Misses Lue Vanwart and Mattie McCollom drove to Woodstock on Monday.

Frank McCollom of the Bank of Montreal, spent Sunday at his home here.

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Keith & Plummer's new spring goods are arriving daily. Dress goods, clothing, groceries, a car of Five Roses flour, house furnishings and everything required by any family.

Mrs. Henry Gallivan of Williamstown was here on Monday.

Mr. Ryan of Ryan Bros. the brick makers of Fredericton was here on Monday looking after the proposed new building operations to be carried on here the coming summer.

A large quantity of spruce, fir, pine and cedar logs has been cut on the rear of Jarvis Hayward's farm and elsewhere in Ashland, and hauled to "big brow" at Pokiok. Next summer the logs will be rafted to Hayden's mill at Woodstock.

B. N. Shaw and Stanley Shaw of Windsor were in Hartland on Monday.

George R. Burt returned from his visit to Norfolk, Virginia, on Monday.

J. C. Everett was taken suddenly ill in church on Sunday evening and on Monday afternoon was very little better.

Clinton Grey of Caribou was the guest of H. N. Boyer over Sunday.

Hartley Boyer left on Thursday for Boston where he will enter the employ of a drug gist.

M. L. Hayward is in Edmunston on professional business this week.

Arthur Avery of Knowlesville has been at MacElhiney's hotel undergoing treatment for an injured leg. Mrs. Avery is with him. Dr. MacIntosh is the attendant surgeon.

Miss Ethel Armstrong returned from Andover on Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Nevers was in Woodstock on Friday.

Gurston Day went to St John last week to visit his brother at the Provincial Hospital.