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PASSING OF THE PARTY ORGAN.

A report has just reached here from Toronto, that the News which has had a high standing as an independent paper, has been purchased by the Conservative party to supersede their present organ the Mail and Empire. For some time past the latter journal is said to have lost its grip of public confidence. Its willingness to dance attendance on its party on all occasions, to be an ultra-partisan organ of machine politics, has proven such a sort of service as to be utterly futile in advancing the interests of its friends. The party in seeking a more independent supporter in the News, has passed a significant judgment on the mere hiring that faithfully reflects the opinions of its masters. It is a judgment in which Canadian people generally concur. An intelligent public is less inclined today than at any time in the past to accept garbled accounts of their political opponents' doings, and to submit to a one-sided and dishonest editorial comment on their policy and their proceedings. There is, indeed, no better sign of the nation's political sanity than its growing desire to repudiate a journalism that is representative of bossism, and blindly follows it "through thick and thin." At the same time, is far from true that the public is always ready to give its financial support to a fair and independent journal. If the inside history of this transfer of the News was known, doubtless it would be found its independence was a stumbling block to its success. It could not be at once the best specimen of Canadian journalism and a successful competitor with other high-class papers that happen to have back of their own merit a claim on party loyalty for subscriptions and for advertising patronage. Though it does not appear the public is prepared to lend other than a moral support to a courageous independence of present day journalism, it will give unstinted praise to such a paper as the News for its constructive criticisms and for its spirit of absolute fairness.

Some time ago, the Toronto Globe indicated what should be the true place of the party paper. It may not be an ideal place. At least it reflects what W. T. Arnold held that "on terms, a journalist could keep his soul and his brains. There must be no uncritical assents in politics to fashionable second-bests, no vending to foolish people of expression for their foolish thoughts. He must beware of reflecting public opinion; he must say, not what his clients may like, but what he believes." What the Globe said was: "The meeting in Toronto last week of the Canadian Press Association gave distinct emphasis to the growing sense of responsibility to the public which dominates and directs the Press of Canada. To the public rather than to the political parties is that responsibility felt. More than ever before the party newspapers stand for independence within party lines. They are loyal to what is essential in historic Liberalism or historic Conservatism, but with increasing determination they resolve not to be dragged noliens volens in the train of their party or to dance attendance on any group of men who for the moment chance to be prominent and busy in the affairs of this or that party organization. If they are not consulted by the leaders and if they are not admitted to the caucus they decline to have their approval taken for granted. If they approve of a policy or support a line of action it is because it carries their judgment as being in the main in the public interest and consistent with the party's best traditions.

From the public point of view this independence in party journalism is a hopeful sign. The modern drift of party leadership is set so steadily in the direction of autocracy, and the caucus so frequently kills freedom of discussion and independence of judgment on the floor of the House, that it becomes more necessary for the Press of the parties to claim and to exercise the rights of free speech within party lines, if democracy itself is not to be strangled in the very home of free institutions.

For the Press itself this attitude of self-respecting independence is necessary if it is to draw to its service men of intelligence and force. The money rewards of newspaper work do not compensate for the drudgery it involves. It would be intolerable had it not other attractions than those of the salary list. But those opportunities for public service are destroyed the moment a journal betrays what it knows to be the public good to what it feels to be mere short-sighted party expediency. The press is too big to be the slave of the political opportunist. It was designed for larger service, and unless it is true to itself and to its own best ideals it will forfeit at the last even the poor ends of money returns and party influence for which it sells its soul. The public first, and the party only as a means to public ends—this is the sphere of service in which the press can both save itself and minister to the deepest needs of the political party with which it is allied."

HARTLAND and VICINITY.

Hartland office in charge of Fred. H. Stevens, at Commercial Hotel Bld'g, where orders for Advertising, Printing and Items for publication may be left.

Mrs. W. E. Thistle of Bridgewater was the guest of Mrs. C. Humphrey Taylor from Tuesday to Saturday.

There will be Church of England service in Hagerman & Baird's hall next Sunday at 10.30 a. m.

One night last week there was a "party" at the home of Charles Stevens at which about twenty-five young people spent a pleasant time.

A report reached here last week that the seven-year-old grandchild of Ephraim Burlock had been drowned in the Big Presque Isle at Blaine, Me. The family until recently lived at Somerville.

Rev. J. N. Barnes has been holding a series of special meetings at Mainstream.

There were many delighted ladies at C. Humphrey Taylor's store on Saturday and Monday, the days of his millinery opening. He has this year by all odds the finest display ever shown in the corner store, which means a good deal. The head milliner, Miss Peacock, was ably assisted by Miss VanWart and Miss Burbar and many sales of ready-to-wear hats were made. The prevailing shapes this year are shown in great variety, and among the display was noticeable a very pretty creation in Copenhagen blue, white and lilac. Another attractive piece of head-gear was a "Merry Widow" in the ever popular brown tones, while the Spanish turbans figured prominently. A particularly fetching effect was a white moiré on one of the popular shapes. The window was tastefully trimmed, and the pattern-hats having a delicate background of lace with an abundance of real carnations and roses.

Pneumonia still prevails in the surrounding districts. Mrs. A. W. Estabrooks of Rockland is seriously ill with the disease and Willie Dickinson of Upper Brighton has been having a serious time of it. Vernon Noddin is also down with the malady.

G. F. and Mrs. Neales spent Easter-tide in Woodstock.

Carey Dickinson of Victoria and Miss Myrtle McFarland spent the holidays with Mr. Dickinson's sister, Mrs. D. H. Boyd at Fort Fairfield.

Both John Currie and Mrs. Currie have been ill, so that on Sunday Dr. Curtis was called.

For the first time this winter the C. P. R. ran freight trains on the Sabbath. Four "double-headers" passed through Hartland on Easter day and as many more with but one engine.

Miss Helen Alexander has accepted a position as secretary with the DISPATCH at its Hartland office.

Saunders W. DeWitt and Herbert N. Dickinson left on Friday evening for a short visit to Boston.

Warren Rideout and wife, of Somerville, have been spending a few days at Caribou.

Miss Bertha Sipprell and her little sister, Robina, spent Easter with friends at Woodstock.

Miss Sadie Barnett came from Canterbury on Friday to enjoy the holidays at her home here.

Last week five or six carloads of potatoes were shipped from this station, going to St. John and to Ontario points.

The other day the dead grass on Burt's hill caught fire and made such a furious blaze that it was extinguished with some difficulty. An alarm was rung but it was not necessary

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J. T. G. CARR,
HARTLAND.

March 16th, 1908.

to turn on the nose.

Miss Mary A. Peacock, a student at the provincial normal school, was the guest of her sister Miss Sue Peacock, during the holidays.

Theodore Cain, of Knoxford, was in Hartland several days last week.

Arthur Curtis, son of Dr. Curtis, has been taking special courses in the works of the Bell Telephone Company at Montreal and Toronto. He has now returned to St. John and will at once enter upon his duties as superintendent of the company's affairs on the north shore.

Rev. Dr. McLeod preached to a large congregation in the Baptist church on Sunday evening.

On next Tuesday evening the young people and congregation of the Baptist church will hold a reception for the new pastor and his wife. The affair will be held in the church and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Mr. Jenkins is expected to arrive on Monday.

The Houlton Times says that Gordon Neal of Green Road has sold his farm and removed to Hartland.

Miss Grace Tompkins of Florenceville was visiting friends in Hartland last week.

The latest copies of the DISPATCH are always on sale at this office, directly opposite the Bank. Orders for job printing have the promptest kind of treatment, and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed.

Keith's & Plummer's millinery opening last week was especially attractive.

The other day W. R. Gillin bought from Wilbor Tompkins of Florenceville, a thorough-bred Durham bull that tipped the scales at more than 1800 pounds. The value of the brute was over \$80.

During the Easter holidays the Bank underwent a thorough cleaning and renovation.

Miss Eva Snow of Woodstock, was the guest of Miss Blanche Kelly from Saturday to Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Morgan have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. Sterling King, of Brownsville, Kings Co., for a few days.

William Rideout and wife spent Easter at Perth.

Charles Morgan and wife came from Fredericton Saturday to visit friends here. Their son, Charles jr., who has been visiting Frank Hurst, returned home with them.

Some of those who spent Easter here were: Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Kimball of Fort Fairfield with Rev. and Mrs. Archer; Frank McCollom of Woodstock with his parents in Lower Brighton; Marion Lindsay with the Misses Alexander; Epsey Craig, accompanied by her normal school "chum" Miss Carvell, with her parents; Carvell Craig and his aunt, Mrs. Sewell, of Millinocket, with Aaron Craig; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Manuel with Conn. William Rideout at Middle Simonds.

Among those who went elsewhere to spend the festive season were Mrs. James Montgomery to Green Road, with her father, Andrew Ray; Miss Emma Cogswell and Miss Clara Matheson at Woodstock; Marion Tompkins at her home at East Florenceville; Bessie Phillips at Pembroke and H. R. Nixon at St. John.

Mrs. Andrew Aiton was in Woodstock a day or two last week.

H. H. Smalley was in Woodstock on Friday and Saturday.

Walter Sprague spent Easter with his parents in Woodstock.

Clarence Rideout, Peel, was a caller at the DISPATCH branch office on Saturday.

Rev. S. A. Baker, Woodstock was in town on Monday.

J. D. Shaw was taken quite seriously ill on Sunday.

Don't forget to attend the mission concert in the Baptist church to-night. Admission free, but a silver collection will be taken at the door.

A young son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Atwaters at Simonds one day last week.

Miss Lide Reid has been spending a few days at Benton.

Claude Thistle of Caribou was visiting friends here during the holidays.

Miss Carrie Thornton intends to go to Lowell this week to study stenography.

Tom Simms made a trip to Bath on Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Boyed of Woodstock visited her relatives here recently.

Miss Lizzie Plummer of Waterville was the guest of Miss Lulu Vanwaat on Monday.

On Saturday James R. Ellis, of Mainstream lost an ordinary leather pocketbook, containing the sum of \$105 somewhere about this village. The finder will be rewarded—both if he delivers up the goods to the owner or if he chooses to put the money to his own use, but in the latter case not so desirably.

G. Fred Plummer returned home this afternoon from a short trip to Centreville, N. B. He was accompanied by an old friend, Wellington Craig of Hartland, who will spend a few days at his home.—Fort Fairfield Review.

On Saturday next Sheriff Hayward will sell at public auction at East Florenceville all the seizable equipment of the blacksmith. For additl Hartland news see opposite page.

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THE

Woodstock Clothing Company

Have just opened in the new Hayden-Gibson Theatre Block with a beautiful assortment of

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