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THE SPOILS SYSTEM

The Tory flag-flapping organs are endeavoring to justify the ruthless dismissal of public officials by the Borden government by contrasting its action with that of the Laurier government in 1896. A long list of officials alleged to have been decapitated by the Liberals in 1896 has been prepared and is now going the rounds of the Tory press. It is not denied that the Liberals made some dismissals in 1896 as the government service in those days was little more than a huge political machine, but it is a well known fact that they retained in office and treated with great liberality many men who had been notoriously partizan. Cases can be cited without going outside of the city of Fredericton and county of York to prove the truth of the assertion, but it is not necessary to do so. We will let a respectable Conservative newspaper the Toronto Telegram, speak for the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government treated Tory office holders in 1896. Here is what it says:

"The Laurier Government set a high standard of decency and fairness in its dealings with Conservative office-holders in Ontario after 1896. There were cruel and unjust dismissals here and there. But for one Ontario Conservative office-holder who was dismissed without cause scores of Conservative office-holders were kept in office by a Government that could have easily found pretexts for the dismissal of its enemies if that government had gone into the records of all the office-holders, LAURIERISM WAS NOT CRUEL IN ONTARIO. There would have been a good many empty saddles in Toronto Post Office and Custom House if the Laurier Government had dismissed every office-holder who meddled in politics prior to 1896. The Laurier Government dealt almost as fairly with its enemies of the Federal service of Ontario as Sir James Whitney has dealt with his enemies in the Provincial service of Ontario.

"THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT CANNOT AFFORD TO THROW THE POSTMASTER OF ORANGEVILLE TO THE WOLVES. The fate of the postmaster at Orangeville is important only as an index to the fate of other postmasters. If a case can be trumped up against the postmaster at Orangeville a case can be trumped up against postmasters and other appointees everywhere. The result of Hon. R. L. Borden's consent to THE TURNING OF PUBLIC OFFICES INTO CARRION FOR THE VULTURES OF PARTY GRIED will be to weaken the Conservative party and to brutalize the politics of this country with a new root of bitterness."

Mr. Borden went into office pledged to civil service reform and the abolition of patronage in every way, shape and form. How has he kept his pledge. The elections were no sooner over when a scramble was begun for the public trough, the like of which had never before been seen in any civilized country. Tories big and little hastened to Ottawa and so bitter was the contest over the division of the spoils that men of the type of Mr. E. B. Osler, M. P., publicly declared that they were ashamed of the office seeking element in the Conservative party.

The carnival of spoils and patronage is still in full swing and the head hunters are after Liberal officials. Country postmasters and other office-holders drawing a beggerly pittance, considering the services performed in many cases, have been dismissed right and left without investigation of any kind. Only a few months ago Tory patriots claimed to be fighting to maintain the integrity of the Empire. Today they make no secret of the fact that they are fighting for the spoils of victory. Great is Toryism.

Tory barnstormers in this and other counties during the recent election declared that if reciprocity carried, the Canadian market would be flooded with Australian mutton which would be admitted free of duty under the favored nations treaty. Now we have the announcement from Ottawa that the Borden government is anxious to have reciprocal trade with the Australian colonies and will shortly make a move in the matter. This is a good illustration of the difference between Tory preaching and Tory practice.

Provincial Secretary McLeod should not embarrass his political friends in the York Municipal Council by clinging to the office of County auditor. It is not in the interests of the county nor is it in the interests of the province for one man to fill the two positions. Evidence is not lacking these days to show that there are many men in the Conservative party who are anxious for office and there should be no difficulty in finding a capable man to audit the accounts of the Municipality.

The announcement that postage stamps are to be printed in both French and English in future will be scarcely likely to create much enthusiasm in certain districts of York. Had such a proposal been put forward by the Laurier government what a howl of protest would have gone up from Tory agitators in this county. It all depends on whose ox is gored.

Moncton Transcript: The Union Jack is a common emblem of the country. It is the heritage of both political parties and the political party which uses the Union Jack as does the Conservative party merely for functional purposes acts treacherously to the best interests of the Dominion and disloyalty to the true interests of the Empire.

Winnipeg Telegram: Injury is wrought to Canada by language divisions and the races will remain separated just so long as there is determination to perpetuate officially two languages on this half of the continent. The chief sufferers by language conditions are those who do not speak the English tongue.

Brockville Times (Conservative): If it were made an offence punishable in the first instance punishable with a heavy fine and after with a jail term for one man to buy a drink for another, there would no doubt, be a marked decrease in the drinking habit.

ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS IN ST. JOHN AND FREDERICTON

(St. John Globe)

The number of arrests for drunkenness in St. John last year was unusually large, 1,151, and naturally there was a feeling, when this fact was announced, that the evil of intemperance has too strong a hold on the community, and perhaps that the license law was to blame. When one looks at the record in Fredericton, however, where the Scott Act is enforced as well as public opinion will permit, it cannot be said that St. John suffers by comparison. The arrests for drunkenness in the capital city last year numbered 220. Now, Fredericton has a population of 7,202 which is slightly more than one-sixth of the population of St. John. One sixth of the arrests for drunkenness here last year would be 192, compared with Fredericton's 220. Charlottetown, where prohibition is in force, makes a better showing. With a population of 11,198, the arrests for drunkenness last year was 200. The number seems large for a city in a province where no liquor is legally sold, but the figures compare very favorably with license St. John and Scott Act Fredericton. It must be remembered, however, in comparisons of this kind that the circumstances may not be similar for in some cities men are arrested if found on the street, slightly under the influence of liquor, while in other places they may not be disturbed unless they are "dead drunk." Anyway it is evident there is too much drinking in the Maritime Province.

Under license, Scott Act and prohibition and that there is a large field for the work of the temperance reformer who would direct his appeal more to the hearts and reason and conscience of men and less to legislation.—St. John Globe.

MILITIA APPOINTMENT

The Canada Gazette contains the following militia appointment:—73rd Northumberland Regiment.—To be Lieutenant: Rufus Palmer Steeves, gentleman 16th December, 1911. Lieut. Steeves is a son of Inspector Steeves of Sussex and is well known in Fredericton having attended Normal School here.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(Continued from page one.)
PROVISIONS NOT FURNISHED.

"The Indians did not eat all the provisions that are shown in the account," said Mr. Smith, "and the only thing I can say is that they were not furnished. Three days before the quarantine was lifted Mr. Watson supplied provisions to the amount of \$176.90, although he knew the quarantine was to be raised. One family was given \$37 worth of meat, eggs, etc. I don't know how they could have eaten half of it."

In reply to Coun. Essensa Mr. Smith said that Indian Commissioner White had stated that Mr. Watson's bill would not be considered by the department. A similar answer had come from Ottawa. He expected another reply shortly. If payment were finally refused the board would fall back on the provincial government as the premier had instructed him "to crush it out, regardless of expense."

In reply to Coun. Grant, Mr. Smith said the account was largely not itemized. The councillor said such an account should not be paid.

"I wouldn't go through such a thing again for a hundred dollars,"

wailed Mr. Smith. "Everywhere I go I'm asked if the bill is paid yet. I've worried so much that I can't sleep at night."

SUIT THREATENED.

In reply to Coun. Essensa, Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Watson knew he could not sue an incorporated body and had said that his (Smith's) farm was good for it.

The full amount of Mr. Watson's bill was \$687.30. The Council reduced it to \$465.00. Twenty-five dollars was held back.

Coun. Sloat and Coun. Fawcett thought the amount decided upon, \$475.00, should not be exceeded.

Mr. Smith said that his proposition to pay \$75 in addition was to avoid a possible law suit.

EX-COUN. BREWER HEARD.

Ex-Coun. Brewer of the Board of Health, was heard with regard to diphtheria cases at Burt's Corner last fall. Six cases had cost the county \$38.00.

Coun. Colter said Ex-Coun. Brewer was to be congratulated upon the manner in which he handled the diphtheria cases at Burt's Corner.

COUN. GREEN CRITICAL.

Coun. Green stated that the bills from the Board of Health were excessive and that if the smallpox epidemic at the St. Mary's Reserve had been properly handled the county would not be in the present difficulty. Indians were federal wards. When the quarantine was put on the Reserve it should have been reported to the Indian Department. There was room for much improvement in the Board of Health.

Mr. Smith—"Coun. Green should remember that we have to have some schooling in Board of Health matters."

Coun. Green—"Yes, but it's very costly to the county." (Laughter.)

Coun. Sterling moved that the Council approve of the decision of the Board of Health to offer further payment of \$75 to effect a settlement.

Coun. Morrison moved in amendment that the report of the Board of Health be tabled.

Coun. Sterling withdrew his motion and Coun. Morrison his amendment.

Coun. Fawcett moved for adjournment until 2:30 p.m. Carried.

CASCARETS CURE A BILIOUS HEADACHE

Gently but thoroughly cleanse your Liver, Stomach and Bowels and you feel great by morning

You're bilious, you have a throbbing sensation in your head, a bad taste in your mouth, your eyes burn, your skin is yellow, with dark rings under your eyes; our lips are parched. No wonder you feel ugly, mean and ill tempered. Your system is full of bile not properly passed off, and what you need is a cleaning up inside. Don't continue being a bilious nuisance to yourself and those who love you, and don't resort to harsh physics that irritate and injure. Remember that every disorder of the stomach, liver and intestines can be quickly cured by morning with gentle thorough Cascarets—they work while you sleep. A 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you and your entire family feeling good for months. Children love to take Cascarets because they taste good and never gripe or sicken.

NEW MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS

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spite little squabbles over financial matters between them and the members of the Marysville town council.

Ex-Warden Scott expressed the opinion that the new Councillors would prove efficient. He emphasized the necessity of appointing good assessors and collectors.

Ex-Warden McNally spoke briefly expressing satisfaction on account of the sound financial position of the county.

Ex-Coun. Pond also spoke giving a few words of advice to the new Councillors.

Secretary Treasurer Bliss was called upon. He thanked the new members of the council for the entertainment received. He hoped all would take to heart the remarks made by Warden Skene in his address of the afternoon.

Mr. J. W. Smith, chairman of the Board of Health of the county was also called upon. He referred to the great change that had taken place in the personnel of the council.

Ex-Coun. Brewer of the Board of Health also spoke briefly.

NEW COUNCILLORS

Warden Skene proposed "Our hosts the New Members." Those who responded were, Coun. Walker, Coun. Neill, Coun. Griffin, Coun. Grant, Coun. Sloat, Coun. Hugh Smith, Coun. Harry Smith, Coun. Murray, Coun. Stairs, Coun. Cowperthwaite, and Coun. Pickard.

"The Press" was responded to by the representatives of the local newspapers.

A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Ada M. Schieler for the bouquet provided for the supper.

County Secretary Treasurer proposed the health of Mayor Hatt of Marysville, who responded by singing "Annie Laurie."

Mr. J. O. Keenan of St. John, arrived in the city today.

Mr. F. W. MacLean of St. John, arrived in the city last night. He is at the Queen.

January 17th, 1912

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DISTRICT ENGINEER ARRIVES.

Mr. S. B. Wass and family of Coburg, Ont., arrived in the city yesterday and are at the Barker House. Mr. Wass has been appointed district engineer for the St. John and Quebec Railway and will make his headquarters in this city. He will probably take a house here.

Mr. Alex. Thompson of St. John, is at the Barker House.

Mr. A. H. Hainington of St. John, is in the city.

Mrs. F. H. McNaught and Master A. Brown of Woodstock, are registered at the Barker House.

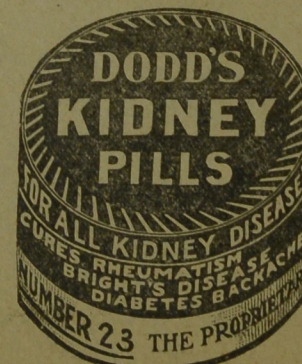
TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

TO LET

TO LET—The Hazen house on University Avenue. Possession apply to FRED COLTER, at Custom House.

DIED AT ST. JOHN

A St. John despatch to The Mail says that Charles Beal, wholesale liquor merchant, died at that place today aged 57. He was a native of Sackville and leaves a wife and two children.



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