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PETTY PARTIZANSHIP.

The union government idea does not seem to have struck the Tory patronage dispensers of the County of Charlotte very favorably. The election for the repeal of the Scott Act in that county has been fixed for September 13th, and the proclamation sets forth that the poll, instead of being held at the court house in the shire town of St. Andrews, will take place at the town hall in the town of St. Stephen. It might have been thought that St. Stephen, having lately secured the editor of the St. John Sun, who has POLITICIANS Governorship, would have been content to allow the smaller town of St. Andrews to retain what rightfully belonged to it; but the patronage dispensers and party bosses thought retirement from the editorial chair. otherwise. The Federal member for the county is Mr. T. A. Hartt, whose home is at St. Andrews, but it seems he lacked the necessary backbone to stand up for his home town, and permitted the Tory bosses of St. Stephen to put one over on him. Sheriff Stewart, who has held office for many years and enjoys the confidence of all classes, was passed over without cause in the choice of a returning officer, and a resident of St. Stephen named McBride was chosen.

The St. Andrews Beacon, a paper now owned and edited by Dr. Wallace Broad, a gentleman of independent political views, denounces in scathing terms what he styles the "outrageous innovation," in the last issue of his paper, and incidentally pays his respects to Mr. Hartt. The Beacon says:

"The only conceivable reason for substituting the Town Council chamber of St. Stephen for the Court House at St. Andrews, and an accountant in St. Stephen for the High Sheriff of the county, is to gratify a section of the community at the expense of the whole, and to dispense pernicious political partisan patronage in its most offensive form. That Mr. T. A. Hartt, M. P., is directly responsible for this indecent innovation, this outrage of time-honored custom and established prerogative, must be believed until it specifically repudiated by him. The government of the day, unsolicited by the representative of the constituency would never have selected other than the county town as the place to re ceive returns for a county plebiscite or vote; nor would they have appointed for returning officer to supervise and record such vote any person other than the sheriff of the county, unless at the request of the county's parliamentary representative.

inis outrageous innovation accentuates what has been going on for a they are for the neighbors to eat. long time, and for which the day of reckoning is at hand, the steady, and, we may say, insidious attempts of some of the people of the border towns to dominate the whole county; and to dominate the whole county; and see—unless it's those who won't be-that Mr. Hartt, if he has not been an lieve anything they can't see. active tool in aiding and abetting this state of affairs so little to the liking of the rest of the county, must be regarded as a passive fool for not registering his protest and for not making an effort to stem the adverse current and to remedy this most undesirable condition that has came to pass And if we are not mistaken, he will that when he looks for his reward for his perfidy to the shire town he for his perfidy to the shire town he will find himself repudiated by the section of the county he has striven so much to placate. The gratitude of some of the people in the border towns, he will probably discover, consists largely of a lively sense of favors to come; and for those future favors they may think it more advantage ous to work an oracle other than the one who has served their purpose for the past six years.

"Sheriff Stewart may lose a small fee by this indecent (probably illegal) usurpation of his prerogative, and the old shire town may be placed once again in an anomalous position, but unless we altogether mistake the sentiments of the townspeople they will find their vindication in quiet resentment for the slight that has been put upon the sheriff and upon the town, and in fostering the hope that they have the sympathy of the majority of has asked the police to secure inforthe people in other parts of the county in the condition created by this unnecessary and unjustifiable action on the part of the administration at Ottawa, for which action our present parlia-

mentary representative is to be held ersonally responsible."

While certain of the Tory leaders at ersonally responsible.

Ottawa are crying out for a union gov ernment, hoping thereby to save themselves from the wrath of the electors, their henchmen throughout the country are playing the game of politics for all it is worth. The Beacon's criticism is amply justified by the facts, and it is to be hoped that the stinging rebuke which it hands out will not be ost on the spineless representative of he county at Ottawa.

The Regina Leader says: The Bor den government has failed to solve Canada's war problems. A business administration can do it. The Liberals will inaugurate such an adminis-

One would think that the Borden government, when it is handing out Senatorships to British Columbia, could not very well overlock the a-tives Limited, Ottawa. claims of Mr. S. D. Scott, the former couver News-Adertiser. Recently Mr. Scott's paper was taken over by the Liberals, which of course means his Surely Hon, J. D. Hazen, who owes so much to Mr. Scott in a political sense will not allow his claims to be over-

Canada for months while members of the cabinet squabbled over the quesments were sadly needed by the men Ottawa than any legislation. of the first division.

Topeka Capital: It is all right for failure, but a wise husband will disagree with her.

New York World: The British government may decide to adopt a policy it has a long lead in brutality to overcome if it hopes to catch up with Ger-

Through Our Sieve

The wages of sin is debt.

Even the din of battle has a sort of

Soldiers are slaughtered by red tape entanglements as well as by the barbed wire kind.

It must be because wash day comes next to Sunday that cleanliness is said to be next to godliness

None so blind as those who can't

The theory in China just now seems to be that if no one else will dismem ber the country she'll do it herself. Do you remember the good old days when the only thing threatening was

the supposed cyanogen gas in the tail of Halley's comet?

test for character. Watch the man dea question who has'nt made any

Women are more optimistic than men. No matter how poor a stick a woman's husband may be, she always wants her daughter to get married.

Unveiled Roll of Honor

sted for service in the present war. There was a large attendance, many members of the Orange order and kindred societies being present. There was an address by Mr. A. D. Thomas P.G.M. and one by Rev. Allan A. Rideout of Dorchester, Mass., P.G.M. There also were readings by Mr. J. B. Al-len. During the evening refreshments

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ature hovering between ninety and one hundred in the present parliament buildings, the politicians can Sydney Record: By the way, Sir think of only one thing-how to keep Robert Borden has never denied the cool. They have lost all enthusiasm statement of Sir Sam Hughes that the for the main sport in the capital second Canadian division was held in political gossip. There is little interest in the political situation, and Ottawa has not even a solitary rumor to day. The whips will have difficulty tion as to how the patronage in con- maintain a quorum this week if the nection with motor trucks for the hot weather continues, as many memforce should be divided. And the de- bers are away and those who are here, lay came at a time when reinforce more interested in the beaches around

Most of the week in the Commons promises to be devoted to the income taxation of Sir Thomas White. This a woman to pretend her dinner was a defernoon there was a debate on the O'Connor report. Mr. George W. Kyte is moving a general resolution and condemning the government for not having taken action sooner and for appointing a new inquiry board.

As for the Senators they are lamentof reprisals for German air raids, but ing their fate that they will have to devote their attention this week to the military service bill. The vote is expected any time after Wednesday. With the new Senators the government expects a reasonable majority.

There is considerable interest in Ottawa in a manifesto which has been issued by Mr. N. W. Rowell, and which being circulated among the war Liberals at the capital. The manifesto s regarded as highly significant at he present juncture, issued as it is just before the Toronto "win the

Since his return from the front Mr He did this from a knowledge of con The strawberry and raspberry don't ditions from personal observation, seem to keep within hailin' distance of each other as they once did.

The this from a conscription observation, and now in referring to his position on conscription says that he felt it his duty to take that stand.

Proverbs and aphorisms are not cooked up for one's own stomach—
they are for the neighbors to

To Wed on Thursday.

Mr. Frank Miles the popular express messenger on the St. John & Quebec Railway, is to be married on Thursday next to Mrs. Laura Pickard

The 236th Highland Battalion with the exception of small rear party will be away from Fredericton by tonight. About one hundred men, chiefly re cent recruits from the United States will leave this evening for Valcartier Spontaneous action is a good little by C.G.R. The pipe band will accompany the detachment. The officers will be Lieutenants Baldwin, Brewer and Seeley.

> Capt. J. D. Black, the quartermaster, will be the only officer left and a rear party of fifteen will be the only portion of the battalion. These will go to Valcartier later. Private Percy C. Clark one of the re-

The members of L.O.B.A. Star of the East, met at the Orange Hall last night for the purpose of unveiling the honor roll of members who have ensome time but arrived last evening in company with Lt.-Col. Guthrie.

He attended the Maritime Baptist convention in this city two years ago

Boy Stole Bicycle.
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