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GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Sackville Tribune one of the strongest Liberal organs in this province, has this to say about the patronage and jobs:

"Patronage is the most disturbing problem with which members of Provincial Legislatures and our House of Commons have to deal. When a man is elected to office by a big majority, the ego in him naturally, becomes complacent, if not over elated and he is apt to stick out his chest and say to himself "see what a great man am I." But he soon comes down to earth again—his weight brings him down probably, which may or may not mean that he is a heavy weight. Anyhow as soon as a man is elected—especially in these days of depression—he is set upon, badgered and tormented by countless people who want government jobs. Some of these aspirants take the position that because they have voted for the party in power, that necessarily they are entitled to special consideration; the question of ability to do the work is a second, perhaps a third or possibly a poor fourth or fifth consideration. Letters, almost equal in number to the fan mail of a popular idol, pour in upon the people's representatives. Hundreds of phone calls preclude the possibility of doing any work for himself; he must speak pleasantly, must answer foolish letters so as not to give offence although inwardly he may be boiling.

The prevailing opinion seems to be that all office holders, who have been appointed by a previous administration, should be discharged forthwith in order to make room for those of the other political faith, but in my opinion such a position is untenable and cannot be justified for a moment.

In my judgment efficiency should be the test always. Strange as it may appear, Conservatives in office may be thoroughly competent while Liberals may be complete failures. A man's politics does not necessarily make him good or bad, competent or incompetent, faithful or unfaithful. I believe in giving offices to friends of the party in power, but the persons appointed must be able to do the work required of them. There must be no sinecures; there must be no offices created to meet political exigencies. We must face the fact that the provinces, the Dominion, have no money to throw away. There must be the strictest economy and an earnest endeavor made to cut out graft, which in times past has moth-eaten and honeycombed the body politic. I am not a grafter myself and I have no intention of closing my eyes while others get away with the political booty.

One thing should be borne in mind by everyone, who has an appetite for a government job and that is that worth while government jobs are scarce and that is a tasy of major magnitude for those in authority to select the lucky—or unlucky winner. Every office seeker has his friends; every office seeker is impressed with his own ability to handle any government job. The desire of a man to have a government cheque reach him every month does not mean that he would be able to fill a position, important or unimportant. Sometimes it happens that men, who have made a failure of their own business, are most insistent that they should be "looked after." If a man has failed in his own line of activity what guarantee has a premier or his cabinet ministers that he will do better when he is employed by the Dominion or the province?"

OUT OF MILITARY CONTROL

Military control of the labor camps in Canada will be eliminated under the new scheme of operation being worked out by the Minister of Labor. A number of the camps, where the men are engaged on military works, such as new barracks, will remain under control of the ministry of National Defence, whose officials are carrying out the construction. The majority of the camps, however, will

be taken out of military control and there is a strong possibility that officers operating these camps will be considered as civilians, and military titles will not be used, even if the officials are retained because of their experience.

SNAPSHOTS

Drunks from the relief camp should be bundled into the big truck and hauled back to camp. Why should they be sent down to our jail?

Any man who says that sleeping in a dungeon on a concrete floor "is good enough for a man who gets drunk" is a fool. He is just as intemperate in his language as the other chap is in his drinking.

In the opinion of some narrow people a man may do what he likes even to spooning with another man's wife so long as he does not get full.

A New Brunswick paper carries an excellent cut of the new Governor General and his excellent wife. The only trouble is about the wife. She is togged out in an A.D.C. uniform and looks very much like Maj. Theo Barker. Outside of that she's all right.

A Toronto man, telephoned the Canadian Press a few minutes after earthquake tremors were felt.

"Was there a 'quake?" he asked. "On being assured there was, he hung up with: "Thought maybe I was still drunk These Hallowe'en parties, you know"

What are the authorities going to do about the disgraceful conditions at the county jail?

The conditions at the jail have Russian backed off the map. The authorities will now have to take action or bear the brunt of the matter.

Hon. R. B. Hanson's straight talk about our railway problems contains food for thought. We have to face the situation sooner or later.

F'ton City Club
Annual Dinner
Pleasing Function

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 accomplished both in private and in public. He stated that he had had great pleasure in recommending Mrs. Woods for the honors which she had recently received from His Majesty The King.

Mr. Hanson, who stated that he was out of active politics forever, also paid tribute to the Governor General and to the latter's ability as a writer of good books. Mr. Hanson dwelt at some length upon the problems confronting Canada today. One of these problems and a serious one, was the railway question. The question, said Mr. Hanson, was more serious than most citizens realized.

Owing to the conditions which the country has been going through, private ownership had failed to such an extent that it had to be assisted by the State. Seven years of the worst economic conditions had had their result. Since 1929 the treasury has been obliged to pay on operating expenses, etc. from one hundred and twenty-eight million to 152 million per year. Mr. Hanson traced the history of the railway difficulties under different governments.

Mr. Hanson said that personally he was opposed to railway amalgamation because the amalgamation would mean the biggest single influence with the government of the country. We would, he said, be at the mercy of a group of men. If possible, we should not have amalgamation of railways as the principle was a bad one.

This country, he said, could not go on and continue in its present conditions with our debts pyramiding and the citizens might just as well look the situation in the face. There are no greater problems than we have at present. No government is to blame. The people themselves must assume a measure of the responsibility. The people do not, he said, support the railways as they should. Too much money was being spent by provincial governments on the highways and the motorists who get the most benefit from these roads do not begin to pay their proportion. Common carriers such as the motor trucks used for freight and passenger traffic should be placed in the same position as the railways. Motor trucks and the like should be made to give the same service, to give the same measure of safety, and to charge the same proper traffic rates as do the railways.

In this part of the world it was necessary for the public to depend upon the railway transportation for at least five months of the year when motor traffic was practically impossible. The public should recognize this and give the railways a more generous support. Otherwise the governments will have to support them through some system of taxation. The situation is a serious one, said the speaker. We will have to make up our mind to tax ourselves to keep up the

Ten Clergymen are
Disgusted at County
Jail Conditions

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 cage only worse, would be roasted like rats in a trap.

It is impossible to describe the condition as seen by those who visited this hole—supposed to be a jail—this morning. It is not here described half as bad as it is.

Into this place were, up to yesterday, when Councillor Doherty went to the jail, fifty-two men, when there was room only for twenty persons. Dr. W. C. Crockett and Dr. Gerow were brought in and had two men, who never should have been there, removed to the Victoria Hospital.

Sheriff C. N. Goodspeed and Deputy Sheriff H. S. Maston, who have lately taken over the duties, accompanied the delegation through the building. They are doing what they can to relieve the situation, but neither they nor the previous Sheriff can control conditions. It is up to the public through the County Councillors to take the matter up.

Last year The Daily Mail exclusively referred to the "Bread, Water, and Bedbug" conditions in the jail, and recommended that something be done. Certain clergymen, acting on our suggestions, took the matter up, but to the disgrace of the County Council nothing was done to improve general conditions.

The jail menu is given elsewhere, and is a disgrace. There is, according to a clergyman, nothing equal to it in any jail in New Brunswick or perhaps anywhere.

During recent years Councillor John Doherty, who deserves credit for stirring the rotten business up, has succeeded in having the diet made a little better, but it is still a disgrace to a county which calls itself civilized.

It is suggested by Rev. Mr. Guion, Rev. Dr. Ross, Rev. Mr. Bate and others that one large room in the upper portion of the building be used as a social centre room and as a place for church services. That the men be given some exercise, and that the vacant attic in the upper storey of the building be made into additional rooms where congestion could be relieved.

The conditions are abnormal at the present time only in so far as the numbers go. The other conditions mentioned are the regular ones.

A clergyman who has visited many jails both in the Old Country and in this, says: "Conditions here are worse than in the Old Bailey, London, in its worst days. The public do not want to spend the money for fear their taxes will go up. There is the secret of why men are treated as badly as the slaves in Ethiopia."

C.N.R. or else cut down the operating expenses.

There are today several problems of magnitude with which the country is confronted. The citizens of our country seem ignorant of the situation. We will have to make great sacrifices, he said, if we will continue to carry on.

Mr. Jennings

J. T. Jennings congratulated Hon. Mr. Hanson on his speech and on his review of the economic situation especially as it relates to the railways. His words, Mr. Jennings said, were very potent. It was up to the people to realize the situation, to get together and to work for the best interests of the country.

R. B. Vandine, a guest of the club, also expressed his appreciation of Mr. Hanson's remarks.

OLD AGE PENSIONS
OFFICE TO BE IN
FREDERICTON

The office of Old Age Pensions administration for New Brunswick will be located in the Smith Foundry Building in Fredericton. It was announced this morning by W. P. Jones, K. C., director of administration of old age pensions for New Brunswick. Mr. Jones is in Fredericton today pursuing his duties in connection with the old age pensions board. The staff of the old age pensions board will consist of fifty or sixty inspectors who will of necessity be men fully qualified to deal diplomatically with applicants for pensions. Mr. Jones said. As yet no inspectors have been appointed, but Mr. Jones expects to confer with Premier A. A. Dysart next week to consider appointments.

Mr. Jones, at present, is carrying on his work in his own office in Woodstock and has received many applications already, which he has acknowledged. It will be necessary, said Mr. Jones, to consider all the applications before an estimate can be made of the amount of money required from the Federal Government. Then the applications will have to be approved by the Federal government, he said. He thought that no direct benefits would be received by applicants until early spring when it is expected the board will have the preliminary work in connection with the pensions. Before any pensions are paid it will be necessary for the provincial and federal governments to agree on the Old Age Pensions Act, and any regulations in connection with the act, and to draw up an agreement regarding the share of each in the payment of costs of pensions. The expected share of costs will be that the federal government pay 75 per cent of the actual costs of pensions with the provincial government paying the other 25 per cent of the pensions and the whole cost of administration. This is the system now in use in other provinces, having old age pensions.

In some parts of the United States and Dominion of Canada it has been found that applicants have been under the impression that they needed assistance from counsels in order to get their pensions, said Mr. Jones. "This is not necessary and it is a shame that these poor people pay unnecessarily for help in getting their pensions", said the director. "We want every applicant in New Brunswick to know that the pension board will look after their claims for them and that they need not engage lawyers to intervene for them", continued Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones expressed the intention of taking a house in Fredericton for the coming winter and remaining here with his family until spring, but said he did not think he would remain here permanently as a resident.

Following today's government meeting Premier Dysart and Mr. Jones are expected to meet and discuss plans in connection with the old age pensions scheme.

Hon. Dr. Hanson was given a hearty vote of thanks for his address. The splendid function concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Several of the guests enjoyed a game of Bridge and others a pleasant hour in social conversation.

Amongst the out of town guests present were Messrs. J. W. Niles, M.P.P., Stephen Mooney and S. J. Armstrong of Andover.

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Educational Value in
the Daily News

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 front page of a newspaper as to content of news, pronunciation and spelling and make a high mark?"

He picked out words used in despatches—words dealing with politics, historical events, every day stories, international, peace and war articles. He recommended regular perusal of the news in recognition of the four types of vocabularies—reading, speaking, hearing and writing. "In the school we must have the children learn to spell from all four", he said. Discussing text-book improvements, Dr. McFarlane took up first the new all-Canadian speller. He described the strict tests given this book before being adopted, telling of the general trend of words, composition and practicality.

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