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THE SPOILMEN'S WORK

The Government which yields to the demands of the spoilsmen pays the penalty; it is not only the poor wretches who are thrown out on the world, often without a moment's notice, who suffers says the Winnipeg Free Press.

Ottawa reports that Mr. Borden and Mr. White fled from Ottawa, from the job hunters, as from the pestilence; one is trying to recover his health at a retreat in the Maritime Provinces, while the other has put the Atlantic ocean between him and his pursuers. Even Robert Rogers who has an almost insatiable appetite for "practical" politics, shows obvious signs of wear and tear after a week's siege in his rooms in the Post Office building in Winnipeg.

There is no method now available to the government by which nuisance can now be abated. To throw a hapless Grit office-holder to the wolves simply re-kindles the appetite of the pack. Indeed, it was the vigor with which the axe was wielded by the Government, largely out of motives of revenge, that encouraged every Conservative worker in the country in the belief that there was a job for him if only he pressed his claim vigorously enough. There has arisen, in consequence, an army of job hunters, a number like the sands of the sea, which converges on Ottawa and makes life a misery for every member of the Government, from the Premier down. The touch of hard times will double the number and the fury of the applicants. The outlook is not a happy one for the Government and the office-holder who hold their appointments from the late Government.

A country that can tolerate what has been going on in Canada for the past two years in connection with its civil service has little right to regard itself as far advanced in civilization. Mr. Borden's saddest failure—the one which reflects most severely on his humanity and his moral courage—has been the deplorable repudiation in office of the views on civil service administration which he expressed when in opposition in his speeches and in his platform. If on taking office he had "cleaned up" the service by eliminating the inefficient and the active partisans by an impartial commission and had filled the vacancies thus created on the basis of merit as he was pledged to do, Canada would today be well advanced on the road to civil service reform. As it is we have taken a retrograde step, even from the low standards which prevailed during the Liberal regime.

Says the Chatham World:—The general manager of the Intercolonial is quoted by an interviewer as including, among the new work on hand, the building of the cut-off three miles in length between Derby Junction and Nelson. This "cut-off" will be part of a new route between Chatham and Fredericton that the powers have selected—a route that is longer than the one to be abandoned, and with a grade so heavy that an engine which hauls 400 tons over the old road can haul only 300 tons over the new one. The minister is, he says, making the change on the ground of economy in operation. The economy 1400 residents along the abandoned section is very much in evidence.

Moosjaw "Evening Times":—We call Mr. Meighen "a pious humbug because any man who is absolutely insincere, and who uses his gifts of oratory to make pledges that he has no intention of fulfilling, and who because he belongs to a learned profession regards the agriculturists of this country as "easy marks" ought to be so styled.

London Advertiser:—Mr. Hanna spoke an hour in reply to Mr. Proudfoot at Owen Sound, but he found no time to disclose his opinion of a Cabinet Minister who solicits campaign subscriptions from a Government contractor.

Regina Leader:—In 1910-11, the last year of Liberal rule, the expenditures for militia purposes were less than 7,000,000. Colonel Sam Hughes, who is no "armchair" Minister Militia, plans on spending over \$14,000,000 during the current fiscal year. But, then, the Liberal Minister of Militia did not make private train trips across the continent and Colonel Sam does, and travels with "carloads of gold-laced officers, valets and servants, special care for horses, and similar luxuries."

Ottawa Journal:—A Montreal lady gave a luncheon last week to forty laborers who were employed in putting down an asphalt pavement in the neighborhood of her home. She might have sat quietly behind the awnings and complained of the heat, but she thought of others. The best way to endure the hot weather is to forget about it. This can best be done by thinking of others who are in a trying position.

Lieut. Col. Lowther, secretary to the Duke of Connaught denies a report published in the Toronto World that Prince Arthur of Connaught is unlucky at cards. He does not say that the Prince is a winner, but declares that "he never plays cards for money except an occasional game of bridge for very modest stakes."

Auto accidents on the highway bridge are becoming altogether too frequent for the good of the community. When an auto and a carriage clash the latter and its occupants usually come out second best, therefore it behooves auto drivers to exercise the greatest care in crossing the bridge. They should bear in mind that the drivers of carriages and also bicyclists have the same rights on the structure as they have and they should govern themselves accordingly.



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1775—François Vidocq, a criminal who founded the police detective system of Paris, born at Arras, France. Died in Paris, April 29, 1857.

1785—Saxony, Brandenburg and Hanover formed the Germanic Alliance. 1792—Lardner Vanuxem, originator of the Association of American Geologists, born in Philadelphia. Died in Bristol, Pa., Jan. 26, 1848.

1840—Bill for the union of upper and lower Canada received the sanction of Queen Victoria.

1858—Jewish relief Act passed by the British Parliament.

1869—United States end of the first Franco-American cable landed at Duxbury, Mass.

1885—Marriage of Princess Beatrice, daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Henry of Battenburg.

1912—Bishop Henry W. Warren of the Methodist Episcopal Church died in Denver. Born in Williamsburg, Mass., Jan. 4, 1831.

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