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## CIVIL SERVICE IN THE WEST

In 1911, when Hon. Frank Oliver was minister of the interior, there were 38,909 homestead entries in Western Canada and 40 homestead inspectors. Last year there were 31,499 homestead entries and 60 homestead inspectors. Although the homestead work has very greatly decreased so far as entries are concerned, there has been an increase of 50 per cent. in the number of inspectors.

The object of the increase is to increase the number of Conservative political workers in Western Canada without expense to the party funds, but at the expense of the public treasury.

Two instances of what is going on in this connection were brought to the attention of the Commons this week by Mr. Neely of Humboldt. In one case it was shown that Arthur Smythe, who was appointed homestead inspector for the district of Humboldt under the present government, was fined \$50 and costs for attempting to force voters to vote for Conservative candidates in the Saskatchewan elections of 1912. Dr. Neely asked if Mr. Smythe was still in the public service and received the following laconic answer:

"Yes, still in the employ of the government."

In the other instance an affidavit was read showing that Glen Campbell, former Conservative member for Dauphin and now chief Indian inspector in Manitoba, took an active part in the byelection in the constituency of North Qu'Appelle on behalf of the Conservative candidates. The affidavit told of the purchase of much whiskey by Indian Inspector Campbell for half-breeds amongst others during the campaign. In one case a half-breed was bought drinks until he became helplessly drunk. He left the hotel and went to sleep on the prairie in the month of January. When discovered in the morning one foot was entirely frozen and he is crippled for life.

These are samples of the way the whole force of homestead inspectors and interior department officials in the west are being made cogs in Hon. Robert Rogers' political machine.

Belated returns in regard to dismissals during the first three months of the Borden Government regime are still being produced in the Commons although ordered by the House over two years ago. The latest returns brought down bring the total of dismissals, so far tabulated, up to the 2,000 mark. And even at that, returns for a number of the Departments are still incomplete. The gullotine during the French Revolution did not work nearly as fast in chopping off heads as Messrs. Pelletier, Reid, Cochrane and the other Ministers have done during their first three months of office in chopping off the heads of Liberal office holders.

The official statement of Dominion finances for the month of January shows that the Government has broken all records. The difference between falling revenue and increased expenditures was never more marked in the history of Canada. During January the net debt increased by \$10,821,765. Expenditures increased by over \$4,000,000 as compared with January last year, while revenue decreased by nearly \$2,000,000. Instead of makings ends meet Finance Minister White succeeded in going to the bad by over \$10,000,000 last month while the balance on wrong side of the account showed an increase of \$6,000,000 as compared with January of last year. No other Finance Minister in the history of Canada has been able to approach this record for one month.

The carnival of drunkenness which followed in the wake of yesterday's election was a positive disgrace to the city. Some of the Guthrie heelers were loaded to the muzzle before noon hour and the number was greatly augmented during the afternoon and evening. Never before in the history of the city has there been so much free booze in connection with a political contest.

Col. McLeod, M.P., in his post-election speech, is reported to have said: "He regretted that a good many members of the Conservative party had been misled into breaking away from their party in this fight, but," he said, "I believe they will about all come back and we will be glad to have them." This is a death-bed repentance on the part of the colonel and it will not go down. He might have avoided all the trouble he has brought upon himself had he been a little less arrogant and defiant when a prominent Conservative pointed out to him a few weeks ago that the nomination of Guthrie would mean a split in the party. Many of the Conservatives who supported Mr. Scott may "come back," but they will not do so while Col. McLeod continues to act as the party boss.

The hack organ is claiming the election of Guthrie as a great Conservative victory and a strong endorsement of the Flemming government. It looks as if the hundreds of Liberals who supported Guthrie and saved him from defeat had already been forgotten.

Wonderful meekness was displayed by McLeod and Guthrie in their post-election speeches. McLeod even held out the olive branch to the insurgents of the party. There is a reason for this. They know that the election was stolen from Mr. Scott and that his friends have sufficient evidence to justify an appeal to the election courts.

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There is not the slightest doubt in the world that the recent byelection was stolen from Mr. Scott. It is up to his friends and supporters to consider the advisability of appealing to the election courts. The parties guilty of this outrage should not be allowed to escape scot free.

It looks as if the heavy end of the Conservative party rallied to the support of Mr. Scott in the recent contest.

A man who enters a political contest in the County of York without the snows of war at his back labors under a severe handicap.

Col. McLeod, M.P., who ran up against the unlucky thirteen at Canterbury, is to leave for Ottawa on Monday.

The Carleton Sentinel refers to the gallant Col. McLeod, M.P., as "the minister of concrete wharves."

The gallant Col. McLeod ran up against the unlucky thirteen at Canterbury Station.

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## DECLARED WAR

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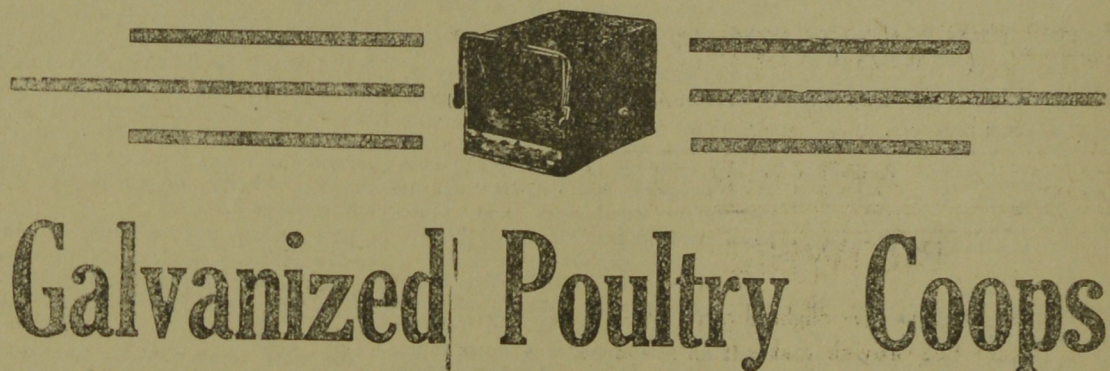
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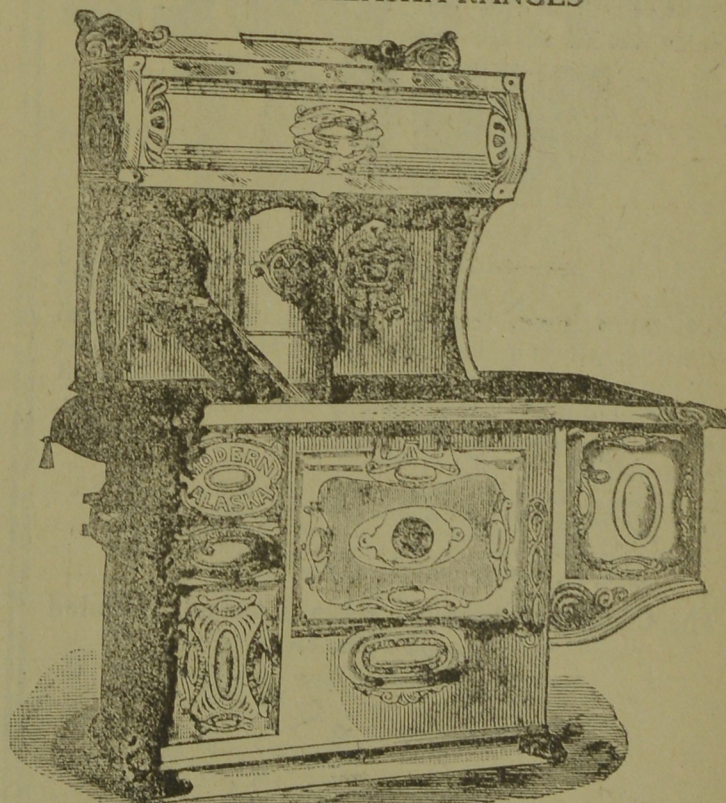
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