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CHURCH GRAFT IN POLITICS.

There is one aspect of the question of a politician's expenses which deserves special consideration. The point is stated in a concrete form in a despatch from Ottawa to The Mail and Empire, published the other day: "First of all, the salary of the prime minister, which is at present \$8,000, is to be increased to \$12,000. For a long time past it has been generally conceded that the first minister of the Dominion is underpaid. The claims upon the occupant of the office, whether in the matter of hospitality or for charitable purposes, are almost beyond the comprehension of the average elector. All public men are regarded as a legitimate subject of appeal for every imaginable object under the sun, but especially is this the case with the prime minister. It is said of one first minister, Sir John Thompson, that he was a poorer man as prime minister than an ordinary legal practitioner. No applicant with a subscription book was turned away. Whether he or she were Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic or Presbyterian collector, they went away happy."

Of course "they went away happy." The same emotion glows in the breast and shines in the eyes of every "applicant," who is after "graft," and who is not "turned away." The "graft" may be a timber limit, or an appointment to the senate, or an office with easy duties and good fees, or a contribution to a church debt fund. The "applicant" who is not "turned away" is "happy," and promises to remember this benediction at a time when the politician would like to be kept in kindly remembrance, the next election.

It may or it may not be true that Sir John Thompson was such an easy mark as the above despatch suggests. Certain it is that much less eminent men are pursued by an "applicant" with a subscription book, and a regular system of hold up and bribery is carried on which may be more respectable than the vulgar hoodie business at election times, but it is quite as immoral.

Why should a politician be expected to contribute to enterprises for which he has no interest and in which he may have little sympathy? Why should a Roman Catholic politician be compelled to choose between contributing to Protestant church work or alienating Protestant political support? What is the ethics of the conduct of a church building committee that appoints its Liberal members to canvass Liberal politicians and Conservatives to canvass Conservative politicians, when those politicians do not belong to their congregation, and are in no way responsible for the success of their church building scheme? Analyze the conduct of the "applicant" with the subscription book, and of the politician that "sends him away happy," and the ethics of the appeal will be found to be the ethics of the "hold up," while the ethics of the contribution is the ethics of the "bribe." Then listen to the pulpit denouncing corruption in politics!

We are told that politicians must be indemnified for all such expenses. The sessional allowance must be increased so as to provide for the contributions to charitable and religious purposes. The utter folly of starting such an endless chain is obvious to even a very little reflection. If a politician or any other man is interested in charity or religion let him give for its support, but at his own expense, not at the country's, and not in the worst form of graft and bribery. It is time, too, that ministers and church people saw more clearly that the taking of toll from politicians whose only interest is political is as truly of the nature of graft as is a politician's taking toll of contractors and office holders. The form and motive and ethical quality are the same.—Toronto Globe.

AN IMPORTANT MISSION.

The departure for Ottawa of the committee appointed by the county council of York to act with the delegates from the Board of Trade and the city of Fredericton, to urge upon the Dominion government the selection of the river route for the Grand Trunk Pacific through this province, calls to mind the importance of the question to the people of the valley of the St. John.

Twice before since confederation it

was confidently expected that the valley of the St. John would secure railway connections with the far west. Once, just before the selection of the route for the Intercolonial and once again when a company was organized to build a road from Fredericton to Woodstock.

This latter line was subsidized by both the local and Dominion governments and the company did make a start in its construction, but ere long it was sold out with its franchises, and soon was under the control of the C. P. R., where as far as is known it now remains a dead enterprise and likely to remain so—another instance in a small way of how railway companies when they once get aid from governments, care little for the interests of the people whose money goes to swell private fortunes and to help private stockholders out of financial difficulties.

It is well understood now that the interests of the province and the city of St. John, the chief sea port in the province, was little considered in the selection of the route of the Intercolonial road. If they had, that road would certainly have come down through the centre of the province and would have given the people of the valley of the St. John that which they were promised when the question was being agitated—railway connection with the west. But it was not to be. The politicians of Quebec and the North shore were too many for the New Brunswick representatives in the government and the road was sent round by the North Shore and has been a bone of contention and a sink hole of expenditure ever since.

Now we are on the eve of the selection of a route for another road a great national highway over which the boundless wealth of the west is to seek an outlet to the sea. What route will be selected? The centre of the province though a boundless wilderness, or the valley of St. John with great agricultural and other resources, and whose inhabitants ought now to get what they long have expected. Many delegations have gone from Fredericton to Ottawa to urge upon the government the consideration of the interests of our people, but none have gone charged with a mission more momentous to the people of York and the city of Fredericton and our citizens will await the outcome with the keenest solicitude.

In the consideration of the importance of this great question we cannot but deplore the loss which the people of the valley of St. John and the city of St. John itself sustained in the resignation of the Hon. A. G. Blair from the government. His presence now in the council at Ottawa would have been a tower of strength which added to the influence which the delegations sent there in the interest of the valley route may bring to bear could not have failed of success. But he is not there and we must do the best we can in his absence. We know we can trust the men who compose the delegation to do the best they can to bring the great national highway thundering past our doors. Let us wish them God speed.

The brutal assault committed on Rev. F. C. Hartley of Maryland Hill last evening, calls for prompt and energetic action on the part of the police authorities. The guilty parties should be run down at any cost and severely punished. Indeed hanging would be almost too good for the wretches responsible for last night's outrage.

The citizens of Fredericton and York county will be delighted to hear of the government's decision to replace the damaged portion of the highway bridge by permanent steel spans.

THE WHEAT CROP.

Winnipeg, July 22.—A tone of confidence pervades the railway crop reports issued recently. In few instances are there indications of serious damage from any source. Wheat is heading out all over the west, and in some districts has attained a height of three and a half feet. In several districts the prediction is made that the crop cannot yield less than 25 bushels to the acre, which with the vast area under crop this season would insure a total yield of 80,000,000 bushels. Between 30,000 and 40,000 men from outside the west will be required as laborers to take off the crop, which will commence to mature within two weeks.

DEAD BODY FOUND.

The headless body of a man was picked up on the beach at Bliss's Island on Monday by some fishermen. The only clothing on the body was a pair of pants. There was no one missing in that immediate neighborhood. There are some who think it may have been the body of the man Murphy, who fell from a boat some weeks ago between Eastport and Campbell. The body has been in the water some time and was badly decomposed. It was buried where it was found.—Beacon.

The mother-in-law joke and the grandpa story have both taken a back seat—all on account of race suicide.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Mrs. Thos. Powers, of Hanwell, is in the city today en route home from St. Anne, Quebec.

Miss Annie Tighe, of Parrsboro, N. S., is the guest of her brother, Mr. William Tighe, at Mrs. James MacGee's, Queen street.

Miss Stone, cashier at J. J. Weddall & Sons, is enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

Mrs. James Hurley is on a visit to friends in Woodstock and Edmundston.

Mr. T. D. Babbitt of Gibson, arrived home today from a trip to Quebec and Montreal.

Miss Elta Ryder of Boston is visiting Miss Jean Verxa.

Rev. W. P. Dunham and wife of Doaktown, are guests at the Queen.

Mr. James Robinson, ex-M. P. of Millerton, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. E. G. Evans, C. E., of St. John, is among the guests at the Queen.

Rev. Robert Laing, principal of the Halifax Ladies' College, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. Wendall B. Farris of White's Cove, is at the Queen.

Mr. E. R. Chapman, barrister of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Rev. Mr. Forester was a passenger up river by the Gibson branch this morning.

Misses Maude and Edith O'Brien left for St. John this morning to visit friends.

INSULTING SUSPICION.

Winks—What's the matter? You look mad as a hornet.

Jinks—I ought to be mad. I've been grossly insulted, and by my own preacher, too.

"Your preacher? He stopped me in the street, and said he'd noticed that on two or three occasions lately I'd left the church just as the contribution box started round."

"Did you leave?"

"Yes; but you don't suppose it was to avoid adding a paltry dime to the church funds do you? The idea! It makes me boil to think that preacher—my own preacher, too—should suggest such a thing. It's outrageous."

"It was raining. I'd forgotten my umbrella and I knew there was only a few in the vestibule."

BABES IN PANAMAS

Expensive Panama hats for babies in arms constitute the latest fashion among the plutocrats of London. The hats are made in the regulation shape and are usually trimmed with a narrow band of ribbon tied in a bow with hanging ends at one side. These severely simple models find a vogue among boy babies; the girl babies prefer a sash of soft ribbon twisted round the crown and finished with a couple of ornamental rosettes. Quite small babies are firm in their determination to have strings that will tie beneath the chin and will not tolerate the most highly ornamented hat pin.

ENGLISH PICKLES.

G. T. Whelpley has received today a direct importation of Morton's, Heaton's and Mothuos English pickles in mixed, picilli, chow-chow and sweet pickles. Also Cross & Blackwell's Orange marmalade in one and two pound glass jars.—d.

LONG AUTO DRIVE.

Mr. D. J. MacNutt, I. C. R. train despatcher, left here for St. Stephen this afternoon in his automobile. He expects to reach there about eight o'clock this evening.

An inmate of Longueuil Point say-lum, Montreal, choked another inmate Saturday evening and death was the result.

After eating onions or other odorous vegetables, use charcoal to sweeten the breath.



Cheap Sale MILLINERY.

In order to clear we will sell the balance of our stock of SUMMER MILLINERY at half price. These include Hats, Toques, Tourist Hats and Veils, Children's Hats, etc.

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CLERICAL CHANGES.

Remored That Rev. Fathers LeBlanc and Hannigan May be Transferred.

The biennial retreat of the Roman Catholic priests of this diocese opens at St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, on Monday next. At this retreat it is expected that the vacancy in the Moncton parish will be filled. It is also said that several changes of interest to the Catholic people in this vicinity will be made, but the clergymen interested say they have not as yet received any word of changes.

Among other changes it is mentioned that there is a possibility of Rev. Father LeBlanc, of Kingsclear, removing to Shediac, Westmorland county, and that Rev. Father Hannigan, of St. Dunstan's, being sent to replace Father LeBlanc at Kingsclear.

Those who will attend the retreat from here are Rev. Father Ryan, Carney, LeBlanc, McDermott and Hannigan.

There is a best way for doing everything. Find it out.

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Jelly Powder
and Extracts.

All were delighted with the goods, showing that they appreciated the quality of same, by securing some of them for their homes. The total number of packages of Jelly sold were 320. Also 36 bottles of Extracts and 68 tins of the McLaren Pure Cream Tartar Baking Powder.

The above results are the largest ever made in same length of time in the province.—McLaren's Demonstrator.

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WE SOLD THOSE GLASSES and now he's happy. Our Glasses will do as much for you. No occasion for being cross when you wear them. Try them, buy them and see. Don't cost but a trifle.

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We are offering this week a line of Dress Goods that formerly sold from 65c. to \$1.00, at

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See the line in our uptown window.

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