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PLEASED WITH THE APPOINTMENT.

St. John citizens are warmly appreciating the appointment of their future representative, Hon. Dr. Pugsley to the important position of Minister of Public Works. The city is endeavoring to extend its terminal facilities that it may better be able to cope with the increasing winter port trade, and it finds in Dr. Pugsley a most sympathetic and practical supporter.

The Department of Public Works, over which Dr. Pugsley has been called to preside, is one having most intimate relations with harbor improvement in the matter of dredging, wharf building, etc., and it will be to the advantage of St. John that it will have as its representative a gentleman having control of that position.

Already Dr. Pugsley is co-operating with the civic authorities in preparation for the coming winter's business and St. John has brighter hopes than ever before that the port will be placed in a position to better handle the great trade which must increase to enormous dimensions within a very few years.

THE TORY WAY.

The Tory press has sought to make capital against Sir Wilfrid Laurier because there was some delay in the filling of the cabinet vacancies, but they overlook the fact that the Premier was at the Colonial Conference for months, and that other conditions interfered with the business.

But what about the Conservatives. Were they always prompt in filling cabinet vacancies? Not at all. They called men to the cabinet just when the circumstances suited from a party standpoint. Here are three striking examples:

Sir Charles Tupper resigned the portfolio of Railways and Canals on May 24, 1885. No successor was appointed until September 25, 1885, when Hon. J. H. Pope was sworn in.

Hon. Thomas White, Minister of the Interior, died on April 21, 1883. His successor, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, was not appointed until August 3.

Hon. J. H. Pope died on April 1, 1889. Sir John Macdonald did not formally assume the Department of Railways and Canals until November 28 following.

NOTHING IN IT.

The charge of the Tory press against the new federal ministers that they are without experience in administering public departments is too foolish and absurd to need an answer. Both Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Graham have held office in the local governments of their respective provinces, the former for more than a dozen years. The Tories would make Mr. Borden premier of Canada, and he has never seen the inside of an executive council chamber, and is absolutely without administrative experience.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Yarmouth Tories advertised that two or three other prominent politicians would assist Mr. Foster to address the meeting in that town, but nobody else turned up. Mr. Foster has had to tramp it through Nova Scotia alone.

To spit in a man's face and then threaten to bite his nose off, was about the limit.

They used the name of Mr. Monk, M. P., over in Yarmouth to draw an audience to hear Mr. Foster, who has ceased to be a drawing card.

Of Mr. Pugsley, when it is said he is an able lawyer all the good that can be said of him has been said.—Moncton Times. (There is probably only one other newspaper in all Canada that would be guilty of making such a statement as the above.)

It's time everybody was brushing up a bit for the exhibition. Make the city look its best for the many hundreds of visitors who will be here.

The good old parish of Stanley has rather gone back on its record, and sends two stalwart Liberals to the municipal council.

Ontario Liberals, while feeling the loss of Hon. George P. Graham's retirement from the leadership of the party in the legislature, gave the new minister of railways and canals a very hearty reception at the meeting of their association.

The executive of the local conservative party last evening considered the question of opposing Dr. Pugsley, and took no action. This means that the party will not nominate a candidate in the coming election.—St. John Times. (Then whyfore all this buying up of Liberal papers and editors in St. John?)

Mr. Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Star, which makes claims to political independence, admits having spent \$29,000 of his own money for Tory candidates in the last federal election in Quebec, but he does not say how much he sent into other provinces. If Mr. Graham ever gets that senatorship from the Tory party, he will be able to figure up a big counteraccount.

Halifax Chronicle: It is now known that the billing of Mr. F. D. Monk, M. P., as one of the speakers at the Foster meeting at Yarmouth was absolutely unauthorized. Mr. Monk spent several days of last week in Nova Scotia, but he had no intention of joining the ex-manager of the Union Trust Company in his lonely pilgrimage, and the use of his name in that connection was wholly unwarranted.

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT.

Sept. 4.—And still it rains, and several of our farmers not done haying yet. The majority however are done and are beginning to cut their grain which is getting ripe very slowly.

We hear reports from several places of the rust coming on the potatoes. So far we have not noticed any in this place. The potatoes here are a pretty good crop but very late, owing no doubt to the cold, wet season.

Our school is doing well under the management of Miss McCoullough of Keswick Ridge.

Mrs. George DeLong and her son are visiting her mother Mrs. Annie Haines.

Mr. George DeLong is painting the outside of the Congregational Church Keswick Ridge, this week. He is assisted by Mr. Chapman.

Miss Maggie Charters of the Barony has been visiting at Mr. Hagerman's.

Messrs. Alfred Christie and Walter Graham have purchased a new reaper. James Shaw has also got one. They are of the Massey-Harris manufacture.

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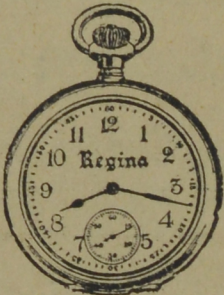
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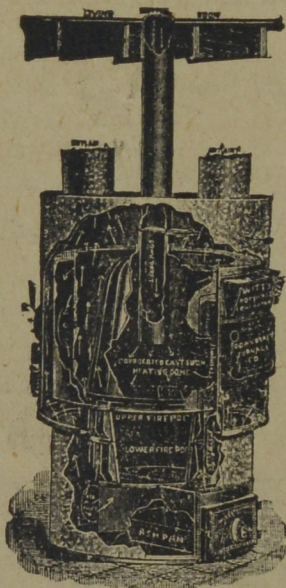
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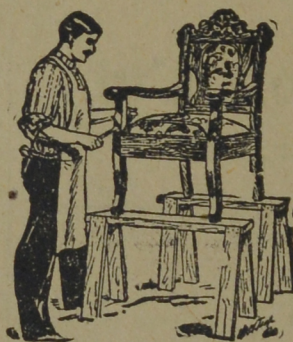
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