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GOVERNMENT CAUCUS.

Premier Robinson is going to take the government's supporters in the legislature into his confidence before making any changes in, or additions to the executive, and a meeting of these gentlemen will be held in this city next Thursday evening, to discuss the matter and reach a conclusion.

This is a reasonable and satisfactory course to adopt, and is evidence that the new premier fully appreciates the responsibilities of his position and his duty to the representatives of the people. It is a rather novel procedure, yet will strike the public as eminently proper and in harmony with the principles of responsible government.

What a shock it would have given the "Old Family Compact" in the early days of Wilnot or before that time, had a political leader taken the course that Premier Robinson is adopting. The premier himself in those times, if there really was one, had practically nothing to say in the selection of the governor's advisers. The latter official did the business himself, and it was not necessary that the members of the executive should even have a seat in the legislature. Times have changed however, for the better, the privileged classes no longer exist, and the government is one of pure democracy created by the people and entirely responsible to them for its tenure of office.

The re-organization of the government will probably make some changes in the matter of territorial representation, and it would not be surprising if some of the large constituencies not now represented in the executive were given a voice in the affairs of that body. There are thirty-five government supporters in the present legislature out of a house of forty-six, with one seat vacant, and Premier Robinson has plenty of excellent material at his disposal from which to form an executive that will continue to command the confidence of the country.

NEW PREMIER'S RECORD.

Few men in New Brunswick political life have received such rapid promotion as Hon. C. W. Robinson, the new premier of this province. The late Hon. A. G. Blair had been in the legislature only five years when he became premier, and he was then only thirty-nine years old, and he is one of the exceptions.

Mr. Robinson has been a member of the House ten years and will not be forty-one years old till next September.

Hon. Clifford William Robinson, B. A., was born at Moncton, September 1, 1866, and is the son of William J. Robinson and Margaret daughter of William Trenholm, his wife. His father was a Canadian of English extraction and mother a Canadian of Danish extraction. He was educated in the common schools of St. John, Point de Bute, Coverdale and Moncton, at the Mt. Allison, Acadia, Sackville and University of Mt. Allison College, Sackville, N. B., (B. A. 1886). Studied law at Moncton and St. John and was admitted an attorney of New Brunswick, October 13, 1892. Admitted a barrister October 1893. He married Annie M. Hinson of Boringdon, Eng., October 2, 1890. He was alderman for Moncton from 1895-96 and Mayor by acclamation 1897. He contested the county of Westmorland for the House of Commons against H. A. Powell M. P. June 23, 1896, and was defeated by 15 votes. He was elected to the legislature at the by-election of June 5, 1897 by acclamation. He was re-elected at the general elections 1899 and 1903. He was elected speaker of the third assembly February 28, 1901 and the fourth, March 26th, 1903, and on being sworn in as provincial secretary in the Hon. Dr. Pugsley administration, was re-elected by acclamation on April 30, 1907. He was called upon to form an administration on May 31, 1907. In politics he is a Liberal and in religion a Methodist.

CHARLOTTE STREET SCHOOL.

The Herald has heard some objections urged against the recent appointment of a lady principal to the Charlotte street school, which has always had a male principal, and is a school of six departments with an attendance of nearly 300 children from the primary to the eighth grade inclusive. The time was when a strict male disciplinarian as principal was necessary to keep this school in good shape, and although there has been no trouble there in recent years, it is questionable if the experiment of a lady principal, however efficient as an instructress, should be tried even for a limited period. There were several male applicants for the position, and the opinion seems to be quite general that the successor to Mr. Perry should have been a gentleman instead of a lady. However there may have been reasons beneath the surface for the trustees' action, and it is to be hoped that the experiment will not prove a failure.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Perhaps the Montreal hotel manager didn't like the company his night clerk was keeping in Fredericton.

Rev. Dr. Quigley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, who is likely soon to be created a cardinal, is Canadian, born at Oshawa, Ontario in 1854.

Standing room was at a premium at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. John, Sunday when Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) of Winnipeg preached two effective sermons.

The city council should take some steps at its meeting Tuesday evening towards arranging for the proper reception of His Excellency the Governor General, who is expected to visit Fredericton, August 13.

The election to the Ontario legislature in West York, Saturday, resulted in the return of Dr. Forbes Godfrey, (Government) by 2,000 majority. Williams (Independent) and Peel (Socialist), his opponents, polled insignificant votes. The vacancy was created by the death of Hon. Mr. St. John, speaker.

The repairs to the streets, for which the sewerage contracting company are responsible, are proceeding entirely too slowly to satisfy the public. Some of the streets in certain blocks, notably Brunswick, are almost impassable, and disgraceful. Cannot the civic authorities stir the contractors to greater efforts?

A Montreal despatch says that John Lloyd, night clerk at the St. Lawrence Hall in that city, one of the witnesses who was here last week to testify for the defence in the libel suit, and who it was anticipated by Mr. Emmerson's enemies would assist in establishing the truth of the Gleaner's charge against the ex-minister of railways, has been discharged by his employers since his return home.

The Toronto Globe tersely summarizes Hon. Mr. Emmerson's evidence at the libel suit trial as follows: Mr. Emmerson swore in effect that he had never been put out of a hotel in his life, either in company with women of ill-repute or in any other way. He had left the St. Lawrence Hall in Montreal once because two lady friends, one of whom was the wife of an Intercolonial official and an intimate friend of his family from childhood, had been insulted by a porter. His relations with the two ladies had been perfectly proper, and it was for no reason other than a desire to protect the ladies that he had accompanied them to another hotel.

England's Historic Miser.

John Camden Neild, whose magnificent bequest to Queen Victoria supplied the funds out of which the prince consort built the present Balmoral castle, deserves a place among the great misers and was as remarkable a man as any of them. He was educated at Eton and Trinity college, Cambridge, and was a barrister at Lincoln's Inn. At the age of thirty-four his father's death placed him in possession of a fortune of £250,000, and from that moment he became a confirmed miser. Neild lived at 5 Cheyne walk, Chelsea. His big house was so neatly furnished that it did not even boast of a bed. Two old women, who had his chores, and a black cat were his sole companions. When he visited his large estates in the Midlands, which he did frequently, he generally walked unless he could get a lift for nothing, and he was not even above taking a gratuitous seat on a dung cart. Sometimes he was compelled by the weather to take a seat on the stagecoach, and there he would sit outside, shivering and dripping, for he never wore a greatcoat, an object of commiseration to his fellow passengers.

PASSING OF THE BROOM.

The Day of the Vacuum Dust Remover Is Near at Hand.

The broom threatens soon to be as obsolete as the old copper warming pan, judging from the number of vacuum dust removers which are being placed upon the market. The change is one which must meet with the unqualified approval of all who know what a breeding ground of disease is the common dust of our houses.

Every housewife who is possessed of a vacuum cleaner should welcome an apparatus which removes dust instead of scattering it in all directions, lost to the senses, so to speak, for a time by its attenuation in air, only sooner or later to settle again on the shelves, pictures, curtains and carpets in a thin film. Moreover, the removal of dust and its collection in a receptacle by means of the vacuum cleaner permit of its absolute destruction by fire.

Bacteriological science can easily demonstrate the existence of disease germs in common household dust, and there is evidence of an eminently practical character that dust is otherwise a source of disease. There could hardly be a more effectual means of spreading the infective and irritating particles than the old fashioned broom. The method is not only insanitary, but absurd from the point of view of its application. The broom may clean the surface of a carpet, chair or curtain effectively enough, but the dust is only removed to be scattered elsewhere and to be spread over an even wider area than before.

The great and important difference between the cult of the broom and the vacuum cleaner may be summed up by saying that while the former is calculated to spread disease the latter enables the dust and its pathogenic contents to be removed and destroyed by fire. The method of removing dust by means of the vacuum cleaner has therefore everything to be said in its favor, and it is to be hoped that the apparatus will become so moderate in price as to be within the reach of all. The passing of the broom, when it comes to be "un fait accompli," will be a fact of great sanitary significance.—London Lancet.

TO TEST OLIVE OIL

Four Things to Be Considered in Determining its Quality.

By these four tests one should be able to discover if one has purchased pure olive oil or a cottonseed adulteration:

First.—The price. A first class imported article cannot be purchased under 80 cents and frequently reaches the dollar mark per quart. California oil of good quality is even higher. When the price of a small bottle is proportionately much below this, you may be sure it is adulterated with peanut or cottonseed oil.

Second.—The color. The finest virgin oil—that is, the first press grade made from olives hand picked from the trees and carefully selected—is pale green with an opalescent shimmer. If a deep green or yellow, it is some other oil or has been artificially colored. A deep yellow oil is mainly cottonseed.

Third.—The taste. Pure olive oil tastes of the olive. If it is tasteless, it has been adulterated. Oil adulterated with cotton seed has a disagreeable taste, leaving an after suggestion in the mouth like lard.

Fourth.—Test by cold. Fine, pure olive oil is easily affected by the cold, losing its brightness and turning cloudy. A simple test is to pour some of the oil in a small bottle and lay in a pan of cracked ice for two or three hours. If it remains clear and fluid, it has been adulterated. If genuine, it will become separated into little white grains, holding them apparently in solution. If the contents of the bottle are then placed in a warm spot, the cloudiness will disappear and the oil resume its brightness.

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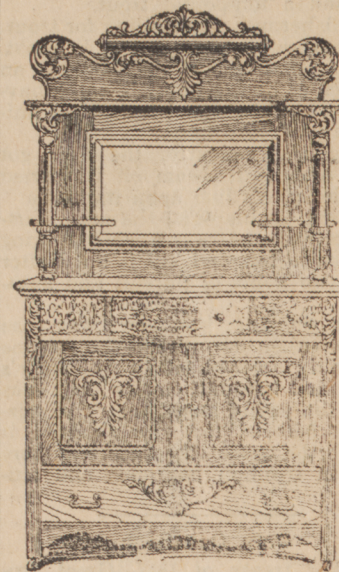
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