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THE SPOILSWEN.

About all that Mr. Ossie Crockett has done since he entered parliament has been to bore his few fellow members who remain to listen, with long-winded foolish speeches, to vote for an increase in his sessional indemnity, and to send news of his great doings to the local graft organ.

Mr. Crockett's latest effort is to fasten some kind of a charge on Collector Veniot of Bathurst, and has given notice of a question to the Minister of Customs, as to whether complaints had been made that Mr. Veniot took part in the recent local election.

Well, suppose Mr. Veniot did take part in that election, had he not a right to do so? The public were solemnly assured by Mr. Hazen that there was no federal politics in the contest, and if Mr. Veniot exercised his rights as a citizen why should there be complaints against him. Had it been a Dominion election and the Collector mixed up with it, he would deserve censure and dismissal.

Here in Fredericton the head of a local government official is sought, and his offence is said to be that he addressed a meeting in the last federal contest, but that could scarcely be regarded as good cause for dismissal.

Mr. Hazen got into power by the aid of Liberal votes, and it seems some of his more hungry followers have reached the conclusion that any official of known Liberal tendencies should be dismissed from his position, but the St. John Globe, which helped Mr. Hazen in his campaign, warns him that "the new government will hardly be so unwise as to listen to clamors of that kind. From the standpoint of political tactics a movement of this kind, the removal of officials merely to provide for other persons is a mistake. It is open to grave doubt if Mr. Hazen will commence his administration by committing this monumental blunder."

But Mr. Hazen has already made use of the official guillotine, and the men dismissed are all Liberals, and the men appointed to office are all Conservatives.

A SUPERANNUATED TORY.

Tory newspapers in the maritime provinces are publishing a long screed from one Dr. George Johnson who has discovered that everything done for the good of Canada since Confederation came from the hands of the Tory party and that Liberals are entirely lacking in the qualities of constructive statesmanship.

Probably Dr. Johnson, who is a superannuated civil servant, has good reasons for his high opinion of the Tory party. They took him from an unprofitable newspaper office in Halifax and gave him a lucrative position at Ottawa, where during the later years of his official position he issued as Dominion statesman a handbook which was regarded in many quarters as somewhat after the style of Tory campaign literature.

Dr. Johnson is now retired on a splendid superannuation allowance, and he is showing his gratitude to his former masters by decrying the Liberal government in letters to the Tory newspapers but a gentleman who is a beneficiary to a handsome amount from the federal treasury shows had taste and judgment in mixing up in party discussion. The Grand Pre Dr. Johnson has a fruit farm where he might find employment in addition to drawing his generous pension and leave the discussion of political questions to those who may be regarded as living in the present rather than in the past.

THAT PRINTING CONTRACT.

The Woodstock Press seems very much pleased because the local government has awarded the contract for printing the Royal Gazette to a newspaper office, of which a couple of members of the government are stockholders, and one is a director.

No doubt the government is also pleased, but it is at least questionable taste as well as an infraction of the independence of parliament act for members of the administration to carry the public printing to an establishment in which they are financially interested. They may, however, plead the excuse that they are not likely to receive a dividend on their stock in the very near future.

The Press need not worry over the feelings of the Herald with respect to the transfer of the Royal Gazette contract. We are doing nicely thank you.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Ottawa School Board has raised the teachers salaries fifteen per cent. owing to the increased cost of living.

St. John prohibitionists are making a move to ask Premier Hazen to pass a prohibitory liquor law, and the premier's answer will be interesting.

The frequent use which the Vanderlits made of the divorce court suggests to a Toronto News paragrapher that these wealthy Americans should remove to Turkey.

The gentlemen who made an official examination of the St. John School buildings report them as fire traps inviting panic and death in case of the outbreak of flames.

One of the graft organs says the new commissioner of agriculture is visiting various parts of the province to familiarize himself with his new duties. He should wait till the snow disappears.

Mr. Hazen should see to it that his officials do not take part in politics. Today his new registrar of probates for York appeared at the Court House as the agent for the solicitor general, filing that gentleman's nomination papers.

The request of the shoe factory proprietors that the city council cancel the mortgage which the city holds on their property, is one that must be very carefully considered before action is taken, and no doubt the council will proceed cautiously in the matter.

A P. E. Island member of parliament made the proposition in the House that the name of the Intercolonial railway should be changed to "Interprovincial railway," but it was opposed by Hon. Mr. Emmerson and Hon. Mr. Graham, Minister of Railways, and received no support from any quarter.

The Tories are inviting Hon. Mr. Sifton to join them, and doubtless they would be willing to welcome him to the party leadership. It is known that the late Hon. A. G. Blair could have supplanted Mr. Borden had he cared to listen to the overtures made to him during the last federal campaign.

Mr. Pinder was not at the court house today to congratulate the Solicitor General on his re-election by acclamation. Mr. Pinder is too sore to do that. He has an idea that the cabinet position should have been his and he and his friends regard Mr. McLeod's selection as a gross reflection on the character and length of the services which Mr. Pinder has rendered his party.

St. John has a funded debt of \$4,557,135 according to the city chamberlain's report, or a million more than the net debt of New Brunswick. And Premier Hazen resides in St. John. With what horror he must regard the financial condition of his home city with a debt like that. Yet it is not known that Mr. Hazen is uttering any protest against St. John continuing to construct necessary public works beyond its capacity for such out of current revenue.

Mr. Guthrie caused much amusement in the House of Commons the other night by recalling the remark of Mr. Andrew Broder the night before, that he was "an agriculturist." In South Wellington, said Mr. Guthrie, they called a farmer a man who worked the farm, while they called an agriculturist a man who worked the farmer, and he was afraid that Mr. Broder belonged to the latter class. There is a grave suspicion that Mr. Hazen's commissioner for agriculture is an "agriculturalist" according to the above definition, rather than a "farmer."

MR. LYNN AT CALGARY

Former Fredericton Teacher Doing Good Work in the Foothills City.

The morning Albertan (Calgary) has a lengthy article on the school system, and in connection with the manual training department gives the following sketch of Mr. J. V. Lynn, formerly assistant instructor of manual training at the Normal school here:

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir: One of the arguments that is being used by the advocates of the Scott Act is that although it is violated that is the case with other laws. This view of the matter was very strongly pressed during the prohibition commission but like other arguments on the same side there is nothing in it.

There is no proper connection between laws which would prevent a man from drinking a glass of ale, and a law which would prohibit him from murder or theft. Not one man in a thousand ever has a desire to murder another man, and not one in a hundred has a desire to steal. But a great many men have a desire to

drink liquor and they do not consider that they are committing a crime in doing so. There is nothing in the Bible which our Christian friends profess to be their rule of life to forbid drinking liquor but there are many strict commands against murder and theft, and also against bearing false witness against one's neighbor, a command which the Scott Act committee do not seem to be giving much attention to. The crimes created by the Scott Act are purely artificial and have no connection with the system of morality which has developed in the Ten Commandments. That is one reason why the Scott Act is not obeyed as other laws are.

LICENSING COMMITTEE.

His last vacation was spent in taking a special course in the Bradley Polytechnic institute at Peoria Ill., and it is safe to say that no more energetic and enthusiastic exponent of the principles of manual training is to be found in Canada.

The old south ward school, adjoining the new school building was fitted up with all the appliances for carrying on the work of this branch of the public school course and is admirably adapted for the purpose.

The children of the different standards are taking a great interest in this branch of their studies. They recognize that in future years the training they are now receiving along this line will be of great benefit to them in better fitting them for any position in life which they may be called upon to occupy. As soon as possible a course in technical education will be commenced in connection with the public schools.

"Is it a fact that no whiskey can be obtained in your State now?" "All moonshine, sah," replied the southerner courteously.

LAWS PROPOSED FOR MOTORISTS.

Chauffeurs Must all be Licensed—No Restriction of Days or Hours.

TORONTO, April 4.—Important findings along the lines of restrictions upon automobilists were reached by the sub-committee on automobile legislation today. There will be no restrictions of the days or hours during which the roads may be used by automobiles.

Chauffeur must be licensed, when cars are above 25 horse power. The chauffeurs' license fee shall be \$11 per annum.

That imprisonment be not included in the penalties provided for infractions of the law.

The question as to what a chauffeur should do on meeting a horse vehicle was not determined. It was proposed that the car must always be stopped and the motor as well, unless signalled otherwise by the driver.

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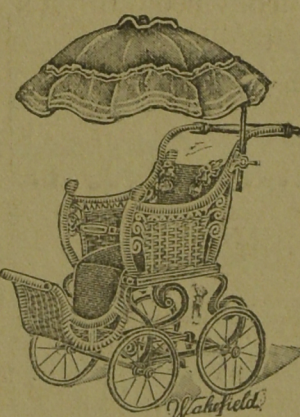
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