

SURRENDERED THE SPOILS.

Important Reforms Brought About by the Liberal Government.

(Toronto Globe.)

Ever since the establishment of responsible government in Canada, until very recently, it has been customary to regard patronage, in the shape of appointments to office and of the purchase of public supplies for the public service, as a perquisite of the political party in power. When the Dominion of Canada was created and its civil service was organized the theory and practice of the patronage system were promptly introduced and continuously applied. When President Jackson of the United States nearly a century ago defended the wholesale dismissal of civil servants with the remark that "to the victors belong the spoils," he went farther than Canadian administrators have ever gone, but short of dismissing officials to make room for party men—and this has been done to some extent—the maxim was consistently acted on until a few months ago, when a new departure was begun by the Laurier Administration.

In the session of 1908 the Dominion Parliament at the instance of the present Ministry passed an act "to amend the civil service act." This is a somewhat misleading title for a statute intended to effect a revolution in a system which was more than sixty years old, and which had during its existence struck its roots deeply into the body politic. Even a careful reading of the text of the act will fail to indicate its far-reaching effect; only a study of its actual operation will make clear how completely, so far as the inside civil service is concerned, all color for the allegation that the government now acts on Jackson's dictum has been removed. The statute was purely a "self-denying ordinance," in the case of the party in power, for the Ministry were under no constraint to propose the enactment of so thorough-going a measure, and their supporters were under no obligation to assent to it. The statute in question takes the nomination of members of the inside civil service, and of that part of the

outside service contiguous to the city of Ottawa, away from the heads of the departments and vest it in a commission of two members, who hold office by the same tenure as the Judges do, so that they are independent of the government of the day. This commission is empowered to hold qualifying examinations and to base their selection of candidates in their merits, instead of treating appointments as rewards for party services. It is further empowered to investigate and report upon the organization of any department, the conduct and efficiency of its officers, clerks and other employees, and any other matter relative to the department.

Lastly, along this line, it is provided that "no person shall, directly or indirectly solicit or endeavor to influence a member of the commission with respect to the appointment of any person to the service, or with respect to any promotion of or increase of salary to any officer, clerk or employee in the service." This shows how absurd it is to charge the Laurier Government with practising the spoils system.

With regard to other aspects of the civil service problem the spirit in which it has been approached by the Laurier Government is amply demonstrated by the reorganization of one of its most important branches, the management of government railways. This has been surrendered with all the patronage attached to it, by the Department of Railways and Canals, and handed over to an independent commission of four members. For the eighteen years between 1878 and 1896 a succession of Conservative administrations grappled with the difficulties presented by railway management, and it was left to a Liberal Ministry to try the pending experiment. It may fail, but it may succeed whether it succeeds or fails the government is entitled to credit for having made the experiment in good faith instead of sneers and censure for not accomplishing instantaneous reforms which preceding Ministries had not the courage even to attempt.

CANADIAN IN TIE

Sprinks of Toronto Heads First Stage of King's Prize.

FIVE STILL IN RUNNING

Unattached Torontonian Is Even With Argyll Highlander for First Place In First Series—Kelly, Smith, Gougeon, Bayles and Blackburn Try for Second Stage—Did Not Know Their Lordships.

Bisley Camp, July 22.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—Private McCrae of the 7th Argyll Highlanders, has tied with Corp. Albert Sprinks of the 10th R.G., Toronto, for first place in the first stage of the King's prize. They shot off the tie to-day. The winner of this stage is presented with the N.R.A. bronze medal. The first stage is shot over the 200, 500 and 600 yards ranges. At the 200 and 500 yards ranges Corp. Sprinks' score was each time seven bullets. At the 600 yards range he made 33, a total of 103. He is using a Lee-Enfield rifle and is not with the team. Last year a score of 103 won this stage.

Sergt. Kelly, Sergt. Smith, Pte. H. D. Gougeon, Staff-Sergt. Bayles and Sergt. Blackburn with scores of 95 shot off with 96 others for places in the second stage of the King's Prize. This is open only to the 300 taking the highest places in the first stage.

Staff-Sergt. F. Richardson of the 5th C. A. Victoria, is first in the "All-Comers" aggregate, with a score of 167 out of a possible 175. This cup has only once before been captured by a Canadian, when Sergt. Broadhurst took it in 1898 with a score similar to Richardson's.

While passing along the 600 yards range the Duke of Connaught enquired of Col-Sergt. Freeborn of Hamilton, "Is that the Ross rifle?"

"Yes, sure," answered Freeborn, not knowing the identity of the speaker.

"May I look at it?" asked the duke. "Sure you can," said Freeborn, and he explained the rifle to the duke, who expressed the opinion "It's a very heavy rifle."

On another range Lord Roberts asked Pte. Gougeon of Winnipeg, "How are you getting on?"

"There's the board," laconically replied Gougeon, jerking his head in the direction of the score board. He didn't recognize Lord Roberts.

Sergt-Major S. J. Huggins, Sergt. W. Kelly, and Col-Sergt. J. Freeborn will shoot in the Irish team for the National Challenge Trophy.

Canadian Scores.
In the King's prize, 600 yards—Copping 30, Creighton 30, Forrest 29, Freeborn 34, Gougeon 32, Huggins 34, Jones 31, Kelly 31, Kerr 28, McGinnes 32, McVittie 33, Marsden 33, Mitchell 34, Morris 32, Richardson 31, Russell 31, Lieut. Smith 28, Sergt. Smith 32, Corp. W. D. Sprinks 40, Stack 32, Blackburn 29, Bayles 27, Brown 30, Corp. A. Sprinks 33.
Duke of Cambridge, 900 yards, 10 shots—Copping 34, Creighton 34, Forrest 41, Freeborn 39, Gougeon 42, Huggins 45, Jones 41, Kelly 43, Kerr 39, McInnes 44, McVittie 43, Marsden 39, Mitchell 45, Morris 44, Richardson 42, Russell 40, Smith 44, W. A. Smith 42, Sprinks 44, Stack 46, Mortimer 42, Blackburn 47, Bayles 39, Brown 40.

Sergt. Blackburn was 19th in the match, winning \$10; Staff-Sergt. Stack, 42nd, \$5; Sergt-Major Huggins, 51st, \$10; Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 59th, \$10.

Scuffle Ends In Drowning.

North Bay, July 22.—Thos. Jamieson, former C.P.R. passenger conductor, was drowned Tuesday evening in French River.

With a fishing party of eight Jamieson left North Bay on the steamer Hazel B. When near Frank's Bay during a friendly scuffle with John Russell, one of the party, both men fell over the gangway board into the water. The steamer was stopped and a skiff lowered. Russell being rescued, but no trace of Jamieson could be found.

Thomas Jamieson was a prominent citizen of North Bay. A widow and six children survive.

Dead Man Had \$15 In Mouth.

New York, July 22.—Michael Murphy, an eastside character, was interrupted last night in the operation of prying open the mouth of a corpse in an undertaking establishment. Examination revealed three \$5 bills in the dead man's mouth. They had been there since Sunday last when Andrew Erickson met death in Jamaica Bay. Murphy said he and Erickson had lured a drunken sailor to a boat and had robbed him. Then the oar broke, says Murphy, and Erickson, stuffing part of the money in his mouth to keep it dry, jumped overboard after it, but sank.

Tries to Die at Wife's Funeral.
New Haven, July 22.—Robt. Leiber drew a pistol as the service at

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his wife's grave were in progress yesterday and would have shot himself had not mourners overpowered him and wrested the weapon from his hand. He was crazed by a series of misfortunes, which included the death in quick succession of all his children, the foreclosure of the mortgage on his home and his wife's death following an operation for appendicitis.

Harness Stealing Conspiracy?

Guelph, July 22.—Wm. Smith pleaded guilty yesterday to several charges of harness stealing from farmers. Investigation will be made into a theory that there was a system covering the whole operations, in which dealers occupied the back ground. The evidence indicated that the harness was sold for less than half its value.

Attempts Suicide.

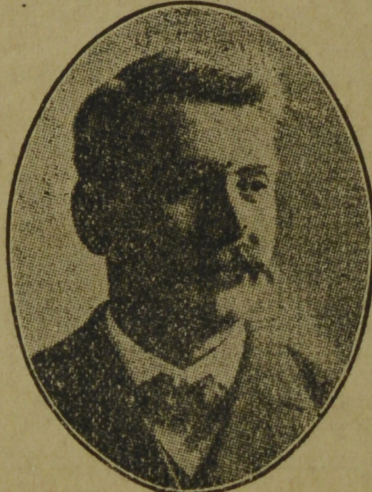
Windsor, July 22.—Ernest Delisle, aged 24 years, address unknown, but thought to be from Detroit, attempted suicide in the lavatory of the British American Hotel yesterday by shooting himself in the breast.

DR. M'INTYRE DEAD.

Member for Strathcona Succumbs to Operation.

Strathcona, Alta., July 22.—Dr. Wilbert McIntyre, M.P. for Strathcona, succumbed to an acute attack of kidney trouble at 4.40 o'clock yesterday morning. At an early hour Tuesday evening the attendant physician, Dr. J. M. Holson of this city, after consultation with other resident medical men, determined to take the only remaining chance to save the life of the sufferer, and had him removed to the hospital. The patient never rallied from the operation.

By the death of Dr. McIntyre Parliament loses one of its most popular



LATE DR. WILBERT M'INTYRE.

and promising members. Returned at the bye-election in April, 1905, rendered necessary by the appointment of Mr. Peter Talbot to the Senate, Dr. McIntyre brought to the House of Commons a knowledge of public affairs, a grasp of political principles, and a personality which quickly marked him out as a coming man.

Mr. McIntyre was forty-three years of age, having been born on July 15, 1867, at Rosedale, Victoria county, Ont. He received his education at Owen Sound Collegiate Institute, and studied medicine at the University of Toronto. Before entering Parliament he was president of the Strathcona Board of Trade and of the Northern Alberta Medical Association.

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

Fire did \$20,000 damage to the Imperial Oil Co. at Vancouver.

Dwight Hamilton was struck by lightning while driving near Iroquois, Ont., but survived, though his hair was singed.

Goderich will guarantee \$40,000 in bonds of the Canadian Good Roads Machinery Co.

George Gould was arrested near Brantford for slashing Wesley Scott, hotelman, with a razor, cutting his leg to the bone.

A Brantford soap works was fined \$200 and costs for neglecting the city's order to quit business.

A Chicago jury has decided that bronze paint and two girdles are sufficient clothing for a burlesque actress now appearing at a summer park.

The R.N.W.M.P. will continue in charge of police work in Alberta for another five years.

The National Leather and Shoe Finders Association have selected Niagara Falls as the next convention meeting place.

Capt. Joseph Benyon of Montreal is understood to be slated for the position of agent-general for the Province of Quebec in London.

An Inside View.

Jonah had just emerged from the whale.

"I thought it would be better to have a surgeon in command," he explained. Hereafter he gracefully retired from the scene.—Harper's Weekly.

Perfectly Safe.

"My face is my fortune, sir," she said.

"That being the case," rejoined the cynical bachelor, "you are in no danger of being married for your money."—Detroit Tribune.

FUGITIVE SPAR BUOYS

Rescuing These Stray "Sticks" Is Perilous Work.

SIGNBOARDS OF CHANNELS.

How These Mariners' Guides Are Anchored and How They Sometimes Break Away and Are Hunted Down by the Lighthouse Service Tenders.

When the winter gales begin to blow, the tenders of the Lighthouse Service turn their stems toward northern seas to hunt stray spar buoys. Of all the work of the coast patrol this, perhaps, is the most exposed to danger. Pulling these "signboards" out of the sea or putting them over side is like "yanking" splices with a ton derrick on a heaving platform.

Although passengers in the boats that ply the waters of New York harbor, Long Island sound and other waterways along the coast see many spar buoys, they give them little thought. With the man at the wheel it is different. Color, shape and size give him volumes of information, and he looks upon the spar buoy as an invaluable guide.

In the government inventories they are listed as "sticks," although they are sometimes sixty feet long. They are anchored in the bed of a river or harbor channel, their "up ends" painted in such a way as to indicate to the observer the formation of the bottom. On the margin of government charts, explanatory notes tell one that vessels approaching a harbor from the sea should leave red buoys with even numbers on the right and black, with odd numbers on the left side of channels. Black and white striped buoys, the stripes running perpendicularly, mean an obstruction in the channel, with room to get by on either side. If balls or cages ornament the "up ends" it means a turning point, the color and number indicating the course.

These sticks are put down with heavy iron anchors and sometimes great stone weights. One would suppose that so fixed they never could get away, but

they do, and it is a job to find them. Ice floes break their cables and sometimes crush the sticks; storms pull them loose, and ships in the fog or darkness foul them and tear them from their hold on the bottom. Not infrequently ships use them as moorings, although this is forbidden.

There are instances where the anchors of a spar buoy have been secure enough to hold against ice pressure and in a narrow channel cause a dangerous jam. But such cases are few, for when this happens the weight of the ice usually becomes so great as to force the buoy under, and the pack slides on.

If the ice pack gets under the buoy so as to lift it there is only one result—the parting of the cable. Then off starts the spar upon a journey maybe of thousands of miles, perhaps of only one or two. It may fetch up on the nearest shore, and it may drift to the coast of Europe or into the southern seas. On the Irish coast today is one which traveled there in six weeks from New York harbor. It was presented to the British government by the United States and now floats off the coast on which it stopped after its long Atlantic journey.

If it is a long chase to find the stray buoys it is even a more difficult task to recover the anchors left behind by the fugitive spars. Tenders that sail out of the harbor have a derrick and tackle rigged in front of the pilot house, with a donkey engine to lift and pull. The location of every buoy is marked on the charts to a degree, so it is not difficult to find the desired position. The serious business is dragging for the anchor and after grappling with it to hoist it aboard ship. Here the donkey engine comes into play. Another hazard is to pull a spar buoy aboard. If a sea happens to be running the captain of the tender has to use extreme care. Should a big roller get under him and suddenly tighten the lifting chains either they would give way or the weight would come up too fast, the crew in either case being placed in jeopardy of their lives.

But the risk these men run is all in the day's work. To them a job in a seaway on a lee shore is regarded as no more monotonous task than repainting a row of buoys on land.

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SCOTCH SETTLEMENT.

July 21.—Although St. Swithin's Day was fine yet the weather continued showery. Some of the farmers have commenced haying and others are waiting for more settled weather.

Mr. Jas. Edmundson, Sr., the oldest resident of this place, is at present seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Moore, Springfield.

Miss Maggie Clayton and her friend, Mr. William Staples, Fredericton, spent Sunday at Miss Clayton's home here.

Miss Laura Clayton, Fredericton, is visiting her cousin, Miss Estella Clayton.

Mr. Walter Graham has engaged Mr. Charles McGrath, Springfield, for haying.

Mr. Harry Graham, who has been suffering from a severe attack of jaundice, for two weeks, is improving.

Miss Elgina Allen and her friend, Miss Eaton, Boston, are visiting at Mr. David Haines'.

Miss Uda Blaney of Millville, spent part of last week with Miss Hattie Hagerman.

Miss Margaret Reed returned last week from a visit to St. John.

Mr. Wilfrid Estey and his sister, Mrs. Pond, visited their sister, Mrs. S. Allen on Saturday.

Mrs. George Hagerman went to the Barony on Monday to visit friends and relatives there.

The trustees have engaged Miss Blanche Gunter of Bear Island to take charge of the school next term.

Mrs. Lydia Clark has returned from a week's visit to Caverhill.

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Widows as Freeman.

Interesting facts regarding the privilege of being a freeman of the Borough of Lunenburg have been brought to light by C. L. Hart Smith. The widows of freemen, he declares, are themselves by right freemen, and any descendant of a freeman who marries the daughter or widow of another, or who served seven years as an apprentice to a freeman, becomes himself entitled to the freedom of the borough.

Last of a Historic Battalion.

The last parade of the City of London Militia (the Sixth Royal Fusiliers) took place recently at Bovington Camp, Dorset, England. The history of the battalion dates back to the days of the old train bands and there is a continuous record from 1559, when Queen Elizabeth mustered a city militia.

A Natural Inference.

"Matrimony," said the lady who had just secured her third divorce, "is, after all, an uncharted sea."

"I take it, then," her friend replied, "that you have not engaged in your various ventures for charting purposes."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Manners form at last a rich varnish with which the routine of life is washed and its details adorned.—Emerson.

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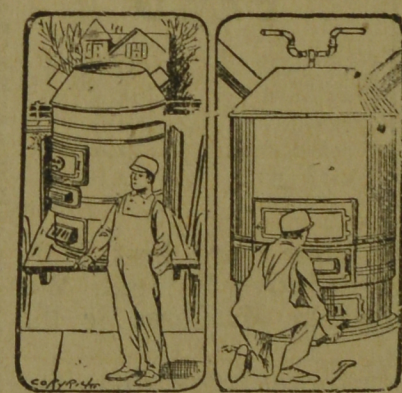
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