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PROFESSION AND PRACTICE.

"In future, at any rate so long as the present government is in power, all public work, where possible, will be awarded by tender, in which every contractor who may choose to compete will have an equal chance."

The above excellent proposition is from the Gleaner, organ of the Hazen government, but unfortunately these honorable professions are not carried out in practice.

Take one case for instance in which the Gleaner itself is intimately concerned. It is known that Mr. Hazen's Fredericton newspaper office is doing the bulk of the local government printing, and that it has a five year contract for printing and publishing the Royal Gazette, and not one dollar's worth of the business it is doing in that line, was put up to tender.

Mr. Hazen was not in office a week before he cancelled the Herald's contract for printing the Gazette. He had a perfect right to take that action, and the Herald has no complaints on that score, but in making new arrangements for the publication of the government's official paper, did Mr. Hazen call for tenders and award the contract to the lowest tenderer?

He did nothing of the kind, but promptly awarded the job to the Gleaner without inviting competition, yet that delightfully consistent newspaper is bold enough to declare at this late date, with all the records against it, that the Hazen government awards all public work by tender, and that every contractor is given an equal chance to compete.

WHY THESE TEARS?

The Gleaner, which has applauded Mr. Hazen's dismissal of Liberal officials all over the province—the list running up into the hundreds—is apparently very much distressed because a section hand named Harding, has been laid off from services on the Intercolonial.

It is really shocking, isn't it, that this man Harding should be deprived of his job? Well let us see. Some two years ago, so the Herald is informed, Harding was taken on the force as an extra hand notwithstanding the fact that he was known to be politically opposed to those who secured him the job. He has been kept at work ever since, but these are slack times on the Intercolonial, and extra men all over the line are being laid off, and the time of regular hands reduced to eight hours a day, in an effort to reduce expenses pending a betterment in the traffic of the road.

It is not correct to say that "an old army pensioner" has been appointed in Harding's place. The man thus referred to has been employed on the road since the first of last November, and had at least as good a right to a job as the men who have been retired, for the reasons stated above.

In addition to this it is alleged that Harding is an active Tory partisan, and that in the recent election he showed his gratitude for employment on the government road by doing what he could to oppose those who put him there. It will scarcely be possible therefore to raise any great degree of sympathy in his case, and the tears which the Gleaner sheds because the man's services were dispensed with for the reasons stated, were not employed when the Hazen government cut of the head of an old and valued official, in the person of Mr. George Miles, caretaker of the Fredericton highway bridge, or in the case of hundreds of other Liberal officials who were thrown out of employment, solely because of their political affiliations. The Gleaner on many occasions has dilated on Mr. O. S. Crockett's great influence in getting concessions for this constituency from the federal government. It has been represented that practically all the favors York and its people receive during the past four years were secured by Mr. Crockett, so that if this contention is correct, all Mr. Harding will have to do will be to apply to his friend, the M.P. for this county, and his reinstatement will be immediate.

SMALL BUSINESS.

One of the very small and contemptible mean acts of the Hazen Government was its refusal to continue the annual grant of \$100 to the Fruit Growers Association of New Brunswick which has been in session this

week in Fredericton. This province has been declared by noted fruit specialists as especially suitable to the growing of various fruits. Its capability to produce the best quality of apples is proved by the splendid crops that are raised along the valley of the St. John, especially in York and Queens counties and it was the aim of the late provincial government, as well as the Fruit Growers' Association to foster and encourage the raising of fruit in New Brunswick.

To this end the late government had a large number of illustration orchards established in various parts of the province and annually gave the Fruit Growers' Association a grant of \$100 to aid them in keeping alive their organization and fostering more extensive fruit cultivation. The amount of the grant was insignificant but it was sufficient for the purpose, and quite satisfied the members of the association who have been doing excellent work along this line, but to their great surprise the Hazen government cut off the amount and left the association to struggle along as best it could in its effort to foster an important industry.

Mr. Hazen has tens of thousands of dollars to spend in useless commission he could give a London newspaper \$2,000 for a four inch square advertisement that has yielded no appreciable results, he could hire Tory lawyers to conduct criminal business in the courts, which should have been attended to by either him or the Solicitor General, he could squander provincial money on favorites in all directions, but when he was asked to continue the paltry grant of \$100 to the Fruit Growers' Association the request was absolutely refused, and its members have had to put their hands in their pockets to keep the association alive and continue its educative campaign.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Alberta legislative session opened yesterday, will be the last of the present House, and a general election will follow some time during the present year. A measure will be passed increasing the number of members and redistributing the seats.

The death is announced of the famous Russian Admiral Rojestvensky, who filled a large place in the public eye during the late Russo-Japanese war. It was he who commanded the Russian fleet that was destroyed in the last stages of the war by the Japanese hero Toru. On his return to Russia, Rojestvensky was arrested and court martialled, but the verdict was not guilty.

It is stated that at the government's recent conference with lumbermen, from which practically all the prominent North Shore operators were excluded, the former agreed to appoint a lumber commission to make inquiries and recommendations to the administration with respect to the industry and the government's attitude towards it. In other words Mr. Hazen is looking for a lumber policy, being unable to put one forward for himself, as he has been unable to propound an agricultural policy, and to frame a highway act acceptable to the people.

One of the local government organs, having in view the deliberate manner in which the municipal councils of the province are lacerating Mr. Hazen's highway act, observes that "it is perhaps a pity the government should have left the measure open to such a reception." This indicates that Mr. Hazen, in the opinion of his organ, made a blunder in referring his road act to the councils, and should have taken full responsibility for the measure, an opinion that few reasonable people will question. Mr. Hazen is a blunderer, but isn't it rather hard to have his blunders thrown up to him by his own heavily subsidized organ?

"Best Story" by Clifton Johnson in Outing Magazine. The chief recreation of the woodsmen of the Puget sound country is to go to town on Saturday nights. As a valley dweller explained: "They've got money, and they just blow it in. That there is the logger style of it. There's no places of amusement in the town. They can go to the library and sit down or go to a hotel and sit down, but that don't suit 'em. No, they either get drunk or go to church. Some take in both. I've seen 'em at church pretty well loaded. 'Bout eleven or twelve o'clock they start for their camp. Mostly they hire a rig and go eight or ten fellers to a team. Oh, they're sporty! There's nothing too good for the loggers and, take 'em as a whole, they're the best class of men I ever run up against."—Clifton Johnson in Outing Magazine.

Etruscan Vases. The famous Etruscan vases were wrongly named, for, though made in Etruria, they were the productions of Greek genius. They are elegant in form and enriched with bands of beautiful foliage and other ornaments, figures and similar subjects of a highly artistic character. One class has black figures and ornaments on a red ground—the natural color of the clay; another has the figures of the natural color and the ground painted black. The former class belong to a date about 600 B. C., the latter date about a century later and extend over a period of some 300 or 350 years.—New York American.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON OUR Saturday After-Supper Sale

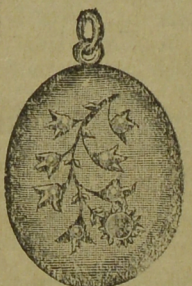
We have many things to be closed out which these sales offer us an opportunity of presenting to you.

OUR OFFERING FOR THIS SATURDAY WILL BE

Table with 3 columns: Item, Reg. Price, Sat. Night Price. Items include Tumblers, Limoges China Salad Dishes, Glass Fruit Dishes, etc.

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A. A BELMORE 408 QUEEN ST.

Not His Fault. Dad—Johnnie, your teacher tells me that you are at the foot of your class. How's that? Johnnie—That ain't my fault, dad. They've taken Tommy Tuff out and sent him to a reform school.—Exchange.

Peculiarity of Mistletoe. An interesting item regarding the mistletoe is that it is the only plant whose roots refuse to shoot in the ground, a peculiarity possessed by no other parasite. It is found on the fir, the lime and the apple tree as well as on the oak.

January 15th 1909 Another Departure at the Aggressive Store AFTER-SUPPER SALE AT JOHN J. WEDDALL & SONS

Saturday Evening from 7 to 9 All Ladies' Skirts 25 per cent discount, Hosiery of all Kinds 10 per cent, Winter Underwear 10 per cent, Satin Ribbons 6c to 12c former prices 10 to 25c.

After Supper Specials cannot be procured before 7 or after 9. Come sharp at 7 and see the Bargains

JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON

Clearance Sale of Useful and Seasonable Goods

- 1.50 Flannelette Dresses for \$1.18. \$1.50 Flannelette House Dresses for \$1.18. \$1.00 Flannelette Wrappers for 80c. \$3.50 Golf Blouses, with roll collar for \$1.65. 50c. Toques for 35c. \$1.75 White Wool Shawls for \$1.25. \$1.25 Wool waists for 75c. 75c Ringwood Gamutlet Gloves for 50c. 75c Children's Overalls for 58c. \$5.00 Bear Skin Coats for \$3.50. \$5.25 Velvet Coats for \$3.50. \$14.00 Ladies Coats for \$6.00. \$18.00 Alaska Sable Ruff for \$11.90. \$9.50 Alaska Sable Ruff for \$11.90. \$10.00 Blk Thibet Stole for \$6.75. \$9.00 Marmot Mink Stole for \$6.00. \$5.25 Misses Coats for \$3.50. 50c Collars and Belts for 18cts.

All stylish and serviceable Goods, but we require the space for New Spring Goods now arriving.

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IT'S A DOG-GONE SHAME.

Advertisement for Buzzell's Dyers and Cleaners featuring an illustration of a dog and a man.

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