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THE SPOILS SYSTEM.

The spoils system is bad for the country mainly because it tends to make self-interest the chief motive in politics. Under it, those—the baser sort—who have “axes to grind,” take the most active part in politics. Collectively they easily make themselves essential to the success of the party of their choice. The result is that, under it, the spoilsman stands at the back of the party in power and operates the party machine for their own benefit in the first place, the interest and advantage of the country at large being a merely secondary consideration.

Once adopted, the spoils system in politics cannot easily be put down. The growth of this remark is proved by the experience of the United States. The better men of both parties in the States have, for many years past, been striving to shake off the spoils system. Yet we are told by Carl Schurz, who writes for Harper's Weekly, that the onset of the spoils hunters of the victorious party upon the new administration is this time especially reckless and ravenous. It is, indeed, natural enough that the “dead-beats” that hang on the skirts of every party should muster in full force when there are pickings in sight. Neither should we be surprised to see crowding upon the President and the heads of departments the real or pretended party “workers” to claim as their reward post offices or consulships or revenue places. And, as a matter of course, the member of Congress is on hand who wants food for his henchmen to keep his home machine in working order, or who is pursued by the furies in the shape of hungry “friends” to whom he has promised places. All these things will occur so long as any government offices are treated as patronage to be doled out by way of favor. Hideous and absurd as such appearances must appear to the intelligence and moral sense of mankind and humiliating as they are to the patriotic pride of the American citizen who has the good name and the welfare of his country at heart, we might regard them now as mere lingering remnants of vicious old habits which are still desperately struggling against the advent of a better order of things. But of more sinister portent is an address recently delivered to President McKinley by a delegation from the “League of Republican Clubs,” who pretended to speak for more than a million of Republican voters, “embracing the younger and more active element of the party, who had largely contributed to the success of the national ticket last November.” In their name the delegation appealed to President McKinley to revoke the orders of President Cleveland by which some 40,000 places had been rescued from the reach of spoils politics and placed under the civil service rules.

The bad Government of the United States, is, in point of fact, directly traceable to the operation of the spoils system. The people of the United States are, as a whole, in a high degree intelligent and patriotic. Yet, such is the influence of the spoilsman in convention, canvass and caucus, throughout the States, that the highest interests of the country are shamefully bought and sold by the representative spoilsmen in the State Legislatures and in Congress.

Certainly, Sir John Macdonald and the other Fathers of our Northern Confederation, displayed wisdom in the establishment of a permanent civil service. Upon the other hand, the moral cowardice of the present Liberal Government in this regard cannot be too severely censured. It is remarked by the Ottawa correspondent of the St. John Sun that Mr. Sifton is a most remarkable violator of the principles of the civil service. “He is a sort of civil service buccaneer, or departmental Dick Turpin. In the first place he has added a considerable sum to the expenses of his staff. Secondly, by retiring

young and efficient officers on superannuation, and replacing them with political friends of his own, he has added largely to the superannuation bill. He has given favorites in his office rapid increase contrary to the civil service law, and has abolished the statutory increase which has been hitherto allowed. As Mr. Foster admits, there were in old times occasional departures from the civil service regulations, but the present government only occasionally obeys the act, and with Mr. Sifton the departures are the rule.” The words “notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the civil service act,” appears sixteen times in the items voted by Parliament during one evening of last week. Of these departures Sir Oliver Mowat is responsible for 2, Sir Henri Joly for 1, Mr. Davies for 3, Mr. Tarte for 2, Mr. Blair for 2, and Mr. Sifton for the remaining 7. Mr. Tarte alone, of all the ministers, professes to have made a considerable reduction in the cost of his department. Yet it appears that the actual amount expended on the inside service of the Public Works by the late Conservative Government during the last year of its regime was \$598 less than the amount voted a day or two ago!

Of the manner in which the efficiency of the public service is being promoted, we have here a rather notable instance. The captain of the steam dredge Prince Edward—a man trained to the work of dredging from his youth—a thoroughly competent man and not an offensive partisan—was recently dismissed and there has been appointed to his position Mr. William Sharp Larkins, the petitioner in the Hackett case, the gentleman by whose instrumentality Mr. Perry succeeded in depriving Mr. Hackett of his seat and gaining a party victory! Larkins knows nothing about the dredge.

—Councillor Taylor has our sympathy.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS.—The well known firm of J. M. McLeod & Co. has been dissolved by the retirement of Mr. McLeod, who finds that the wholesale business of the Amherst Boot & Shoe Company requires all his attention. Mr. McLeod has transferred all his right, title and interest in the above firm to Mr. Arthur A. Alley, who will continue the retail business at the old stand and for whom a liberal share of patronage is bespoken. The name of the new firm will be Alley & Co.

POLICE COURT.—This forenoon Peter Benoit was fined \$50 and \$4 85 cost for a first infraction of the Scott Act. The summons against Thomas Meek was dismissed. Joseph Conway and Daniel Carroll were each fined \$2 or 10 days for drunkenness. Julius Hayward for drunkenness, was fined \$4 or 20 days. Martin Power, charged with receiving stolen goods, was sent up for trial at next term of the Supreme Court.

GRADUATED.—We take pleasure in announcing that the following students have graduated with honors from the P. E. I. Commercial College, viz., Miss Clara A. Matheson, of Oyster Bed Bridge; Messrs. A. Glen McDonald, of Georgetown; John G. Simpson, of Bayview; Harry L. Holmson, of Malpeque, and Josiah R. Brooks, of Summerside. These students have been particularly noted for close application to their studies, and have succeeded in carrying off the diploma of this College for a full business course. We heartily congratulate them on the results of their labors, and wish them the fullest measure of success which can be achieved in their chosen profession.

Mrs. W. S. MacKie, of Charlottetown, has been restored to health under the care of Dr. Cliff—whose advertisement appears in every issue of this paper. For the past fifteen years Mrs. MacKie has been suffering from consumption of the bowels and lungs, complicated by stomach trouble, which was finally diagnosed to be cancer, and her case was considered hopeless. As a result of Dr. Cliff's continuous treatment she has gained thirty pounds, attends to housework and never felt or looked better in her life. This proves what can be done in any chronic disease, always provided the patient does not procrastinate too long with various half way remedies; and having eyes, ears and reason, will no longer refuse to see, hear and understand what must be done to recover and preserve health.

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HOME MAKERS.

SUPREME COURT.

MONDAY, May 10.

The Supreme Court adjourned today until Saturday, 22nd inst.

The argument in the certiorari case of Thomas Morris was concluded on Saturday afternoon and judgment reserved. The point in this case is whether a transfer of liquors in bond, and upon which the Customs duties have not been paid, is a “sale” within the meaning of the Scott Act. The Stipendiary Magistrate held it was, and it is sought to quash the conviction on the ground that an offence against the Act was not committed.

The Attorney-General and Mr. McLeod, Q. C., and Mr. Stewart, Q. C., appeared as counsel for Mr. Morris, and Mr. Morson, Q. C., appeared on behalf of the city prosecutors.

Wat v. Kenetic.—This was an action of a warranty of a title to a horse exchanged by the defendant with the plaintiff, and was tried last January before Mr. Justice Fitzgerald and a jury, when a verdict was found for the plaintiff. The defendant claimed a nonsuit which the judge refused and afterwards a rule nisi was granted by the court. This rule nisi was argued this morning by the Attorney-General in support of the nonsuit, and by Mr. Stewart, Q. C., in support of the verdict. Judgment was reserved.

CALEDONIAN CLUB.—Special meeting this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of members requested. Business matters in connection with the Club relating to the Queen's Jubilee.—A. McNeill, R. S.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Women's fine pebble laced boots, \$1 a pair.—R. K. Jost.

“As Good As” and “Better Than.”—Varieties of seeds which cannot stand on their own reputation, but must be bolstered up by being recommended as “as good as” or “better than” some popular, well known variety, should be viewed with suspicion or left severely alone until their reputation is established. For many years we have sold very large quantities of Bliss's American Wonder and Carter's Strategem Peas, the former for early and the latter for medium late, and the superiority of these varieties has given them an immense sale. Carter's Strategem is the “best pea in the world” for medium late, and it is not a “novelty of 1896,” but was introduced by Messrs. James Carter & Co., High Holborn, England, the Queen's Seedsmen, in 1880. It is our leading variety, as it has been for very many years. The American Wonder is our leading early variety. Better peas than these may yet be found, but when they are they will be sold on their own merits. In the meantime buy these tested, reliable varieties at headquarters, Carter's Seedstore.

“Like produces like.”—Farmers should sow the best seed procurable. The firm of Geo. Carter & Co. handle the best seeds procurable and sell at moderate prices. See advt. in another column.

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The Charlottetown Roller Mills are now making a beautiful flour and selling at \$2 per half bbl. bag. We warrant it equal to imported flour that sells at \$5 per bbl. Also best quality of bran at the lowest price. Please leave your orders at the mill or our stand in the market.

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In this city on the 8th inst., of enlargement of the heart and dropsy, Percy Beer Wood, aged 10 years.

At Ruskin, Lot 52, May 1st, Donald McEachern, aged 40 years, leaving a wife and four children to mourn their loss.

Leave your millinery orders as early as possible this week.—Moore & McLeod.

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D. A. MACDONALD,
Master

Charlottetown, May 7, '97.
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