

Kenzie Ave. Arrangements may not be completed until the first week in May.

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### THE TORONTO GLOBE ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

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The Toronto Globe of Feb. 25 contained the following as its leading editorial:—

“The Ministers at Ottawa are already beginning to appreciate the relief which the Civil Service Commission promises to secure for them. Ordinarily the near-sighted and power-loving politician clings to patronage. He thinks it a source and a sign of his power. The power of appointment to offices in the civil service swells him with the pride of a petty autocrat. To take from him the right to grant one office-seeker's request and to refuse another's would be to reduce him to the status of his real self, and then not even the office-seekers would do him reverence. That is because he is near-sighted and petty in his political range.

“It is for personal reasons, rather than for reasons of party, that the ordinary politician desires to retain the patronage in his own hands. The politician must be very inexperienced or very dull-witted who regards patronage as a source of power. The late Hon. C. F. Fraser understood the real situation when he expressed his desire to be rid of all responsibility for the filling of offices under the government. But some politicians are stone blind to the party curse of patronage, because they have a lively sense of the feeling of personal importance and power which fills their own minds when applicants seek favors at their hands.

“At Ottawa, as the inside service is being brought under the new regu-

lations, and the recommendations for appointment are being made by the Civil Service Commission, the wise men among the Ministers and deputies are getting rid of the burden and vexation, and are turning over to the Commission all applicants. By so doing they save themselves and the government much worry, and avoid the political discontent and estrangement which accompany every refusal. As the Commission's recommendation is based on an open examination success or failure depends on the candidate's own fitness for the position. The Ministers would be guilty of folly beyond all excuse if they did not, for their own sakes, for the sake of the service, and for the sake of the party refuse to consider any application not recommended by the Commission. The only way the party can be rid of the evils of patronage, the source of many other political evils, is by the Ministers and their deputies using to the very utmost limit and with the frankest honesty the provisions of the legislation of last session. Professor Shortt and Mr. LaRochelle are known to be thoroughly capable and incorruptible, and both the government and the country will rely on their decisions.”

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### THEOLOGICAL.

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The bishop was dining some of his clergy.

“Covers for six to-night, James,” said the prelate.

“’Igh or Low, my Lord?”

“What difference does that make, James?”

“Only this, your Lordship. If there Low they eats a lot, and if there ’igh they drinks a lot, and I horders myself accordingly.”

—Collier's Weekly.