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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

THOSE VACANT DEPARTMENTS

The law says that here shall be a Department of Agriculture and Mines over which the Minister appointed by the Governor in Council shall preside. It prescribes the number of subjects which it says the Minister shall have "control and direction" of. The law says the same thing with reference to the Department of Marine and Fisheries and the Minister in charge thereof.

In the Assembly yesterday the Premier said that by Constitutional Law it was not necessary that the places of Ministers should be filled. What is Constitutional Law, if it be not the law of the Colony in reference to the constitution of the Government and of Governmental Departments? Nobody ever took the Premier seriously as a constitutional authority, except the Premier himself, but he is presuming rather too much on the good nature of other people when he takes such a stand as he propounded yesterday.

It is said that the two Ministers who recently resigned from office are still members of the Executive Council, and, as such, take part in advising His Excellency the Governor. If this be not a breach of the principle of Responsible and Representative Government, what would amount to such a breach? This Colony like others, used to be governed by an Executive appointed at the will of the Governor, but not responsible to anybody. That Era passed away, and Representative and Responsible Government were introduced into this Colony. The right of self-Government seems in grave danger of being lost in these days.

Nobody disputes that when Ministers and Members of the Government are defeated a "reasonable time" should be allowed to refill them, but a "reasonable time" has long elapsed in the present instance, and the Government is being allowed a very unreasonable time to bring itself into conformity with the written and unwritten Law of the Colony.

If His Excellency the Governor has not the desire, or having the desire

has not the power, to bring his Government to a sense of their duty, the obligation rests upon the Opposition in the House of Assembly to make it very forcibly appear that they do not intend to allow their liberties to be frittered away. It is the duty of Governor Davidson to make his Government keep the law, and if they will not do so, he should dismiss them from office. Their obvious successors have not a majority in the Assembly, but they can obtain one within a "reasonable time," and they have as much right to "reasonable time" for their purpose as the present Government of the Colony.

It is not necessary to beat about the bush or to split hairs over this subject. The Government is afraid to open constituencies for the purpose of filling these vacant offices. It is afraid because it understands that it has lost the confidence of the people. It is remaining in spite of that forfeiture. Every day that Governor Davidson allows the present state of affairs to exist he is aiding his Ministers to govern without the will of the people. That is the gravest breach of Constitutional Law, and should be remedied at once.

MORE "SELF-SACRIFICE."

Everybody is familiar with the "daily dispatch" that is sent out from St. John's every day to the outposts.

It is also a matter of common knowledge that this same "daily dispatch" or "public message" has been unused unobtrusively by the present Government for partisan political purposes, although it is paid for out of the general revenue of the Colony.

P. T. McGrath "complies" this message. P. T. McGrath has been well "fixed" by the present Government since they came into power in 1908, and, being anxious to hold on to a good thing this journalistic "honorable" has not hesitated to prostitute a public service to partisan and—necessarily—personal ends.

And, cleverly, enough, for all its brazenness, P. T. McGrath makes the Country pay the piper for the music for his own dancing, for from No. 3, 1909 to Jan. 3, 1914, he received from the Government \$850 for this precious "Daily Digest of Local and Foreign News."

We give herewith the statement tabled in the House to show how and when the various payments were made.

Nov. 2—To 7 months daily dispatch of local and foreign news...	\$121.28
Jan. 18, '10, to end Dec. 31, '10...	28.72
Feb. 3, '10, 3 months...	50.00
July 1, '10-11, 3 do...	50.00
Sep. 30, '10, 3 do...	50.00
Dec. 31, '10, 3 do...	50.00
Mar. 31, '11, 3 do...	50.00
June 30, '11, 3 do...	50.00
Jan. 4, '12, 1-2 year, do...	00.00
April 1, 3 months...	50.00
July 9, 3 do...	50.00
Sept. 30, 3 do...	50.00
Dec. 31, 3 do...	50.00
Oct. 21, 13-14, 3 do...	50.00
Jan. 2, '14, 3 do...	50.00
	\$850.00

Yes, P. T. McGrath is certainly a "clever" and a "resourceful" journalist but there is little that is at all desirable about these characteristics inspiring him as they did to personal gain at the cost of the general public.

RAILWAY ARBITRATORS

The Government has tabled the returns of Railway Arbitrations for 1913, the total expenditures for the year on this account being \$54,000.

As in former years, members of the House of Assembly received some large payments from this account. J. R. Bennett got \$702; Hon. C. H. Emerson \$400; J. R. Goodison \$1526; W. H. Howley \$1148; Capt. W. Winsor \$1082; R. A. Squires \$465.

Hon. M. P. Gibbs received \$1175 and Jordan Milley \$498.

Also one Thos. Voisey had a modest amount of \$209 paid for cab hire. It will be noted that the names of practically all the members of the Government mentioned above have appeared in the reports of all the previous arbitration awards. These men have, therefore, virtually been pensioners on the Government's Branch Railroad policy since its institution.

We fail to see where any of these M.H.A.'s have the slightest claim to independence. As interested parties they have no right to talk of the merits or demerits of the Railroad Policy in the House or out of it.

But we have ceased to look for super-sensitiveness from members of the House of Assembly who sit with the present Government.

LOOK WHO'S HERE

The Report of the Railway Arbitrations for 1913 contains notes of payments of \$900 to G. E. Turner.

G. E. gets into arbitration awards every year and with the appearance of his name and that of Jordan Milley in the Report for 1913, the roll of the noble band of patriots is completed.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

Easier for Father

Bisbee Review.—According to a fashion journal, balloon hips are coming into style. Still, it won't be as hard for father to help out with the automobile tire pump as it was to hook up the back.

Somebody Benefits

London Advertiser.—Corset makers are complaining that the tango is ruining their business, but on the other hand it is furnishing a living for dancing masters, moralists and paraphraser. You can't suit everybody.

A Hindrance

Montreal Mail.—The women of Austria are to be given the suffrage. Soon every country will have won something along this line, but England, thanks to Mrs. Pankhurst.

A Great Collection

Toronto Globe.—Bill Sunday, the baseball evangelist, is said to have had collections aggregating nearly \$20,000 in Pittsburgh in three weeks. He would be doing well in baseball if he made that much in a whole season.

A Strenuous Team

Montreal Herald.—Kaiser Wilhelm has stopped splitting wood and correcting his eldest-born long enough to dip into the Atlantic at war and attempt a reconciliation. What a team that man and theoreore I, late Emperor of the United States, would make.

Favorable Signs

Shat Beacon.—The signs are favorable of the temporary depression nearing an end. The announcement of the manager of the Dominion Steel Company in resuming work at Sydney, N.S., after shut down for two weeks for repairs, is one of them. Orders received will keep the works running full blast until well on in the summer.

HUMANITY AND UNION

Archdeacon Cody's appeal for cooperation between the Anglican and the Protestant Churches has special force in connection with missionary work, both foreign and domestic. The situation, in brief, is that there is a tremendous amount of work to be done, and that the Churches cannot afford to allow their forces to be dissipated by division.

One of the tendencies of the age is the increasing attention which both religious and secular organizations are devoting to social service. This tendency bids fair not only to bring the Churches closer together, but to rid the historic quarrel between church and State. Church and State are more and more finding common ground in social service. For instance, in India the Government fights the plague and effects sanitary reform. The missionary is in many cases a physician as well as a preacher. In a recent article in the London Times a tribute was paid to the labors of both.

Theology is being humanized; statesmanship is being humanized; international relations are being humanized. There is the key to the solution of most of the problems of the age.—Toronto Star.

THE SUFFRAGETTE

Recently a street car advertising agency, in order to stimulate interest in their cards displayed in the cars, offered cash prizes for the best pigrammatic definitions of a suffragette.

Here are some of the results: A suffragette is a woman who hinks she has been de-voted long enough.

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A woman who would rather rock the country than the cradle.

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