

**SELF-SEEKING M.P.'S.**

**R**EADERS of these columns are familiar with the fact that one of the worst features in Canadian politics is the large number of impecunious lawyers, ward politicians and schemers who are in Parliament now, or who are pulling the wires to get there. Their aim in going there is not for the love of political life or from a desire to serve their country. They want appointments for themselves or their friends. Little do they care for the business and other interests of the country. They do as they are told by the leaders of their party, regardless of the public interests. As a reward they expect to be made judges, Customs officials, registrars, sheriffs, etc.

If the prospects of members of Parliament being appointed to such vacancies were slender there would be fewer such useless men in politics. Mr. Mulock, M.P. for North York, recognized this and he introduced a bill in the House of Commons last week which prevented any member from receiving an appointment in the gift of the Dominion Government within one year after the expiration of the Parliament of which he was a member.

Mr. Mulock has the support of the best element on both sides of the House, as well as of every good citizen, but, we are sorry to say, the Government defeated the bill. The opponents made no attempt to justify their position. They simply retorted that the Liberals in Ontario "gave jobs to their friends in the House," and voted the measure down. The course of the Ontario Government is quite as disgraceful as that of the Dominion in this respect, but Mr. Mulock seems to be a stamp of man who does what is right, regardless of his party.

It is given on the authority of a Conservative member of the House of Commons, who agrees with Mr. Mulock, that 33 members of the present House have been promised "jobs."

Let both sides nominate men who do not want positions.

**GOOD CREDIT.**

**I**T is a fortunate thing for the country that Canada's reputation abroad is good. During periods of depression, or a succession of failures, there might be a tendency to draw a wrong general conclusion from a few facts. The opinion held by the investor abroad of Canadian securities is always a good barometer, as well as a corrective of domestic pessimism. The prices just now in London of Canadian securities form a striking proof that the Dominion is well thought of, and believed to be in a sound condition. The Canada 4 per cent. bonds are now quoted at a premium of 112; the 3½ per cents are at 107; while the 3 per cents stand at 102½. This is a very fine showing. We need not draw any unfair inferences from these facts; they indicate, principally, the British opinion that Canadian bonds are worth buying at figures above their face value. The provincial and municipal bonds also command premium prices. Manitoba 4 per cents are at 106; Nova Scotia 3½ per cents are quoted at 102; Montreal's 3½ per cents are at 102; Toron-

to's ditto are at par; Quebec's 4 per cents are at 104; and Vancouver's 4's are at 107. This is a very creditable showing and we doubt if any community can show a better.

**A WORD OF THANKS.**

THE REVIEW begs to express its grateful thanks to many subscribers in all parts of Canada, and to its daily contemporaries, for friendly and complimentary references to our Spring Trade Edition. Their remarks do not make us conceited, but only encourage us to try and do better. THE REVIEW is always glad to hear suggestions from its readers, or to answer inquiries at any time.

**A MERCHANT FROM WATERFORD.**

Mr. S. L. Squire, who recently bought out Mr. A. M. Little, general merchant, Waterford, has been in Toronto attending the millinery openings. Mr. Little, who has been in business for 28 years, justly thinks he has earned a rest, and is now paying a visit to California. Mr. Squire was formerly a clerk in the store of which he is now proprietor, and took possession Feb. 1. He is a young man of good address, and a few minutes' conversation convinces one that he is bright and pushing.

"Business, while quiet at the moment," he said in reply to a question, "is promising. We do not look for a boom. But we do anticipate a healthy spring trade. Fall wheat is looking well, and the farmers in our part of the country are in a better condition than they have been for some time. True, they are not buying much; but they have been paying their debts, and to-day owe less than usual."

"Do you do much advertising?"

"Yes; and through the medium of our local papers and posters. I find the poster catches some that the newspaper does not. And I find that if you want to keep alive and up to date you must read the trade press," he added.

Before leaving Toronto Mr. Squire subscribed for THE DRY GOODS REVIEW.

**CARPETS AND OIL CLOTHS ACTIVE.**

There has been a good carpet season, better than last year, in Canada, and the new goods in medium dark shades have gone very well. In oil cloths the trade are speaking highly of the Canadian goods, which find ready sale and appreciation. Stocks have been low in retailers' hands, and they evidently expect a good season, since ordering is freer. A leading buyer, who has just returned from the European markets, says that prices there are on the up grade, and that one English manufacturer of Brussels carpets advanced prices 2d. a yard on the best goods. The English factories have, he reports, been busy with orders. In one case the manufacturer took orders which involved a good deal of overtime, and his men consented to do it. But the powers of the union were invoked and the overtime was restricted.

**TRAVELERS IN P. E. I.**

When Premier Peters, of Prince Edward Island, was passing through Montreal, the other day, a deputation of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association waited upon him, asking for the abolition of the tax of \$15 raised upon every commercial traveler entering the province. He promised consideration.