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Our Political Problems

And How to Solve Them.

By ANALYST.

"O Patriot Statesman, be thou wise to know
The limits of resistance, and the
bounds of concession; still be bold
Not only to slight praise but suffer
scorn;
And be thy heart a fortress to main-
tain
The day against the moment, and the
year
Against the day; thy voice a music
heard
Thro' all the yells and counter-yells
of feud
And faction, and thy will, a power to
make
This ever-changing world of circum-
stance.
In changing, chime with never-
changing Law."

**NECESSITY FOR WELL-ORGANIZED
OPPOSITION.**
In one of my previous articles un-
der the above caption I commented on
the necessity for a vigorous and well-
organized Opposition in the House of
Assembly. As the recent General
Election has reduced that Opposition

almost to a minimum, it seems op-
portunely and advisable to emphasize
these comments, especially now that
the Legislature is in session. There
are some persons who are very in-
tolerant of opposition—political op-
position—and restless under it. They
are mostly "graffiti." No honest man
dreads opposition or resents the ex-
ercise of its function in politics. To
my mind, it is essential to the health
of the State and of the body politic
that political opposition should exist
in sufficient strength and activity for
the discharge of its function. What
that function is I shall presently en-
deavour to explain. Meanwhile let it be
noted that this fact is evidently ad-
mitted on the part of all "political
freebooters," in the feint to keep up
a simulated opposition where no real
one exists. What to think of the so-
called men who consent to play such
a contemptible part, my readers do
not require that I should specify.

IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

Of course, the function of the Op-
position in politics is easily under-
stood. A certain set of men are
charged with the management of public af-
fairs; with the collection, and, what
is more important, with the adminis-
tration of the public revenues. What
is to prevent these men from being
"light-fingered"? What is to certi-
cate them honest men? I answer, the
Opposition. Mind you, reader, I make
no insinuation against the men now
in power. On the contrary, I have
the utmost confidence in Premier
Monroe and those associated
with him in the Government
of the country, and I believe
they possess the confidence of the
country. Still, the fact remains that
the Opposition is as much a part and
parcel of Responsible Government as
is the government itself. It (speaking
of the thing in a collective sense)
is a legitimate and indispensable
part of the political machine under
Responsible Government. Without it
there is no Responsible Government.
The thing is only a burglarized "safe"
with the burglars inside and the pad-
lock hanging down outside to deceive
the public.

AS A CHECK AND BALANCE-WHEEL TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Then again, no matter how good a
government may be, speaking of its
individual constituents, they cannot
exist without and Opposition. They
admit the fact, as I have already
shown. Why is an Opposition nec-
essary? I answer: An Opposition
is necessary as a check and balance-
wheel to the government machine, to
keep public affairs and their ad-
ministration in a sound and whole-
some condition. Without any Opposi-
tion what check is there upon the
actions of the Government? None
whatever. Therefore, constitutional
law never contemplates the existence
of a government without an Opposi-
tion. Such a thing is an anomaly that
never exists except as the creation of
a "bunch of hoodlums." Yes, of hood-
lers, for no honest government, nor
any man of them, would consent to
its existence for a single day without
an Opposition. No matter how good
a Government may be in itself, it can
never continue to be good without an
Opposition. In a community like this,
where, under the most favorable cir-
cumstances, Responsible Government
only exists in name, where there is
little or no vital public opinion, or
where that public opinion is power-
less.

Mrs. L. MacMillan Tells How Cuticura Healed Eruptions

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less to effect results, the play of
conducting constitutional govern-
ment without an Opposition is only a
farce with no fun in it. Why? Be-
cause a government is exposed to the
pressure of such debasing influences
that a good strong opposition is real-
ly its best friend! Recent experiences
have proved this in many cases.
That, in fact a government cannot of
itself interpose sufficient moral re-
sistance to stem the tide of drifting
circumstances and the clamor of un-
principled and persistent outsiders.
Therefore, an Opposition is provided
for in the theory of Responsible Gov-
ernment, the system being incomplete
without it, and not only useless and
unsafe as a system of government
to the State, but absolutely intoler-
able and impossible to the very men
who constituted the government
themselves.

"It is not indulging private inclina-
tion. The selfish passion, that sustains the
world."
And lends its rulers grace; no, it is
not then
That glory springs, and high im-
mortal deeds.

THOSE SORRY DISCLOSURES OF GREED AND CORRUPTION.

"What is to be said of the adminis-
tration of executive departments
under the best minds called together
for the purpose? Here, if anywhere,
is to be found the acid test, for, after
all, by far the greater-part of the
business of government consists not
in devising new laws or plan-
ning new expedients, but in run-
ning with wisdom and efficiency
the machinery by which the people
are already served. No patriot, how-
ever partisan, can exult in the sorry
disclosures of greed, corruption and
maladministration that have shocked
the country and shamed it before the
world. No right-thinking man will
seek to palliate or defend them. Those
partisan advocates who try to screen
the wretches that have been exposed
by crying out against the exposure,
belittle and besmirch themselves. Cor-
rupt officials and their friends make
a sorry defence when they can do no
better than share their blame with
those who do not share their official
responsibility."

UNHOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN BUSINESS AND POLITICS.

"Much has been said, and rightly,
of the unholy alliance between big
business and crooked politics, but
there is danger of putting the empha-
sis on the wrong adjective. For
whether it is big business striving to
grow bigger, or little business hop-
ing to grow big, it is crooked business
and crooked politics that make the
accursed partnership. In the Court
of public opinion, as in that no distinc-
tion in point of guilt is drawn be-
tween the public official who betrays
his trust and the private citizen who
profits by that betrayal." To quote
again from one of the best present-
day authorities on the subject:—"We
believe that all men are created equal,
that they are endowed by their Creator
with inalienable rights to life, lib-
erty, and the pursuit of happiness;
that the best government is that which
governs least; that the constitution
and its limitations were made to be
obeyed; that self-government is in-
dispensable to liberty; that the people
can be trusted to control their own
destiny; that taxes can be levied only
for the support of government econ-
omically administered; that unnece-
ssary taxation is unjust taxation; that
the end of all government is to fur-
nish equal and exact justice to all men
and special privilege to none; that
that public office is a public trust."
What we want, and which we expect
to find in the Monroe combination, is
"a party whose ambition is service,
not mastery; whose aim is opportu-
nity, not privilege; whose boast is hon-
or and not profit; and whose ideal is
freedom and not restraint."

THE SLOGAN OF THE MONROE GOVERNMENT.

The slogan of Prime Minister Mon-
roe and his political associates in their
recent appeal to the country was
"Clean Up and Keep It Clean." But
they meant, and still mean, to carry
out their programme of reform in
this direction I have to doubt what-

ever. The task is an Herculean one,
but the proponent and the people alike
have faith in Messrs. Monroe & Co.
and believe they will perform their
part, difficult and all as it is, to the
satisfaction of the country, and there-
by be instrumental in restoring the
public service to normal conditions
of honesty and efficiency. Premier
Monroe is of Scotch descent and does
not want to be reminded that
"From acts like these old Scotia's
grandeur springs."
That makes her loved at home,
revered abroad:
Princes and lords are but the breath
of Kings.
An honest man's the noblest work
of God."

Just Folks.

By EDGAR A GUEST

DOG-GONE.

He was the mildest sort of man,
And yet a fighter, too.
When men profaned his hearth began
And change the air to blue.
He'd shake his head and hold his tongue,
And still keep plodding on:
His strongest phrase when things
went wrong
Was just a calm "Dog-gone!"
An oath we've never heard him use
Or any vulgar phrase:
Hard luck could never make him lose
His calm and patient ways.
When by mischance he'd fail to reach
Some goal he'd set upon,
He'd merely punctuate his speech
With just a sharp "Dog-gone!"
He never had to turn to look
If ladies might be near.
When his disaster overtook
A little child might hear
All that in rage he'd heart to say,
His strongest oath was one
That wouldn't drive a bird away.
He merely said "Dog-gone!"

Yet I have heard profane men swear
At real or fancied wrong,
Spilling out words upon the air
Both picturesque and strong.
And with that black and needless
touch
I vow—day not one
Could ever say or mean so much
As he with his "Dog-gone."

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A Tribute to a Late Respected Citizen

In the passing of Capt. Michael
O'Rourke on Thursday, July 3rd,
Newfoundland has lost one who by
his sterling ability and untiring in-
dustry contributed in no small part
in establishing this country in the
status which she holds to-day. Sprung
from a stock renowned for industry
and initiative he proved himself a
worthy son of a noble race. Ever
prominent where men were needed
his advice was always solicited on
questions of public interest and his
opinions were considered invaluable
by men of his own generation.

The late Richard O'Rourke was
born at Holyrood seventy-five years
ago; he was son of the late Capt.
Michael O'Rourke, of Waterford,
Ireland, whose family migrated from
that country in the early years of the
last century and established a fishing
plantation on the south side of Holy-
rood; a business well known twenty
years ago.

Receiving his early education from
that notable old Irish schoolmaster,
Denis O'Neil, he showed himself
under the latter's tutelage to be a
youth of no mean ability. At the age
of sixteen he engaged in the fishery
and when scarcely twenty-one years
he was master of a fishing vessel out
of his father's firm. For a quarter
of a century he prosecuted every
branch of our staple industry with
brilliant success and his name and
fame as a fisherman became familiar
to fishermen from Cape Chidley to
Cape Pine.

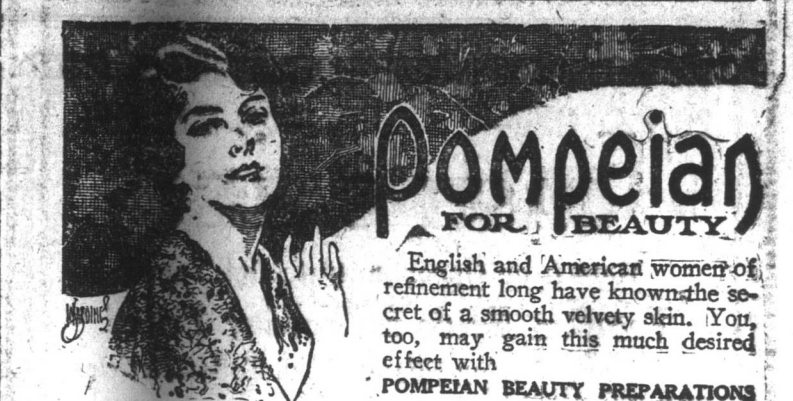
In the character of Michael O-
Rourke was illustrated the type of
Newfoundlander, typical of the age
just gone. Unconfined to one sphere
of activity his ability enabled him to
master any task that circumstance
demanded. From navigation to car-
pentry, from shipbuilding to sail-
making he was master of his trade
and his skillful hand was ever ready
to extend its help to the needful in
their hour of want.

The deceased was also a very pub-
lic spirited man. In the medical as-
sociation, temperance and agriculture
societies, he filled the position of
secretary and was one of the found-
ers and first executive officers of the
present Star of the Sea Association.
He also occupied positions of trust
and responsibility in the community.
When but one Road Council repre-
sented the district of Harbor Main
he was the chosen representative.
As a tribute of respect to this
highly respected citizen, Holyroodians
attended his funeral en masse on Sat-
urday morning. Headed by the Star
of the Sea Association the cortege
made its way to the church where
the Rev. Fr. Finn pronounced the
last funeral rites after which he paid
a glowing tribute to the splendid
characteristics of the deceased as a
model churchman, a generous parish-
ioner and a noble type of Newfound-
lander. Then the procession reform-
ed and headed for the South Side
cemetery where were deposited the
remains of one who for his lovable
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ed.

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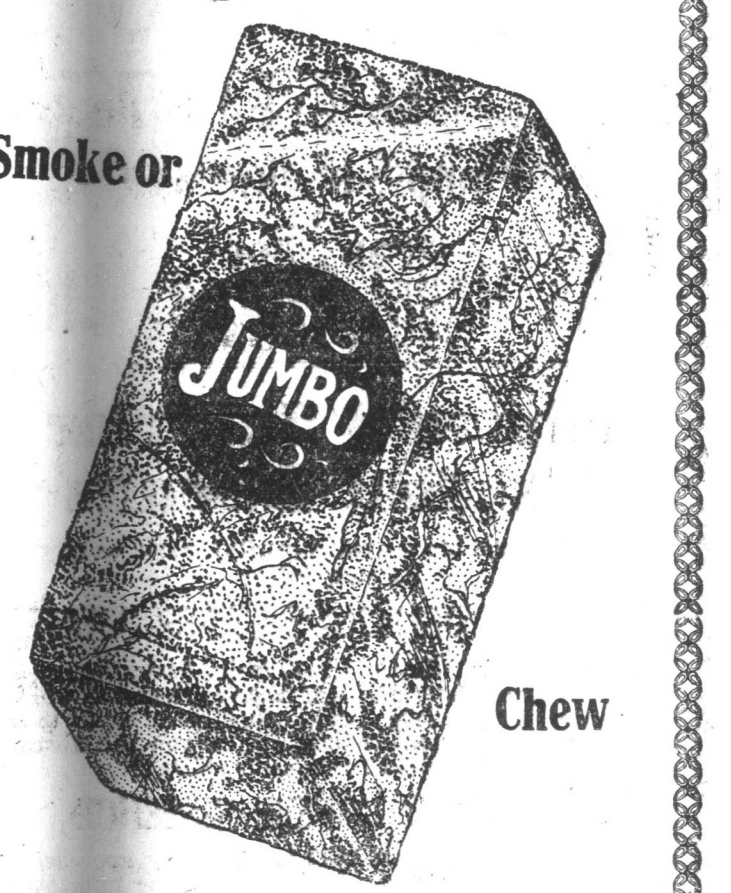
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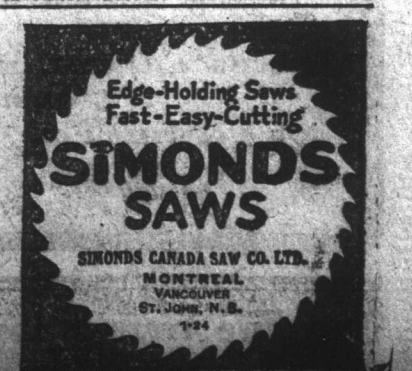
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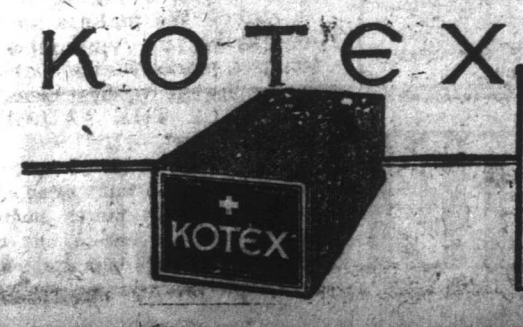
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