

Chignecto Post.

Sackville, N. B., December 5, 1878.

Conservatism and Dismissals from Office.

If there is one principle more than another identified with the Liberal-Conservative party, that one is the doctrine of a permanent civil service, no matter what party is in power. The traditions of the party are all against the system adopted by each party in the United States in dismissing the appointments of the opposite party, a system that has done so much to demoralize the public service of that country and fill up important offices with political demagogues, sycophants and public plunderers. It is no empty boast to say that the Liberal-Conservative party has not, with regard to this doctrine, one principle in Opposition and another in office. Fortunately for the claims of the party, the Statute Book of the country gives the complete evidence, that the principles and practices of the party are one with regard to a permanent civil service. That party when last in power passed a law on the Statute Book, providing a system of superannuation and of pensions for long public service, guaranteeing as far as a party could, permanency in office. That policy, carried into law by the party when last in office, advocated by it when in Opposition, will be the policy of the party to-day. It is absurd to suppose that the standards of the party are to be lowered in the presence of victory. To suppose that the party will now inaugurate a reign of dismissals, is to suppose it will betray its cherished principles and drag its party banners in the dust. It would give the lie to its whole history and rob it of the moral support of all good men.

But to argue because the principles and policy of the party are guarantees of a permanent service, that therefore the Government must continue in office men who are incompetent, or men for whom there is no work, or men, who during the late Elections used their position for one of active partisanship in the interests of the Grits, is an absurdity. There never was a time in the history of Canada, when the finances were in a more perilous condition, and when retrenchment and economy were more called for. A million a year deficit of ordinary revenue to meet ordinary expenditure is certainly a most alarming state of affairs, and only the most rigid economy on the part of the administration will keep us free from bankruptcy, or inordinate taxation. It costs the country about \$35,000 more for officials on the I. C. R., in 1878 than it did in 1873, exclusive of the officers necessary on the Northern Division, yet Mr. Byrdes, in 1874, complained of the enormous extravagance under Mr. Carvell and pledged himself to reduce their expenditure. Mr. Byrdes and his \$12,000 a year are two of the luxuries that the country cannot at present afford. Not only does the Government owe it to the country to reduce expenses wherever possible, but it owes it to its party to dismiss those officials who carried on a political warfare during the late campaign. To suppose members of Government can hold confidential relations with their political enemies, with men who lectured in public against them, or who edited newspapers against them, or who publicly denounced them, or who acted as electioneering agents for their opponents, or who intrigued against them, is to suppose they possess neither common sense or self respect. It is reasonable to believe an office holder can hold true opinions he pleases and can vote as he pleases, but when he steps beyond that and seeks to influence others, he must be prepared to surrender his office. When a man accepts office, he accepts it on the common understanding he is to be non-partisan, and as same as those filling judicial positions. When he violates that understanding, he ought to be ready to surrender his office.

The Reign of Snobbery.

The personal anxiety, so manifest in the Marquis and his Royal Consort, to make the most pleasant and favorable impression on the people over whom they were called to rule, has been a Vice-Royal away, argues well for their success, but it is only too apparent that Royalty has many difficulties to encounter in Canada, arising partially from the democratic nature of our institutions and partially from the snobbery that always obtrudes itself in the presence of rank. All ready the General and Admiral are at variance on the great question of precedence and a Grit paper raises a howl because Messrs. Mason, Baby and O'Connor were not invited to the General's dinner at Halifax. The spectacle of a population buying itself about such trivialities, is pitiful. The New York Nation has a few sensible remarks as follows:

The mind of the Dominion, too, appears to be much absorbed in the mysteries of court etiquette, and we are sorry to learn that in spite of frequent "parlor rehearsals" the ladies have not learned as yet to look out from the Princess's presence with either dignity or dexterity. There is also much questioning as to whether Her Royal Highness will, when better acquainted with the Canadian climate, insist on the "low-neck and short-sleeved" rule as to the style of dress. We ought to add that the excitement is not confined to the Dominion. Some of our papers give as much prominence to the Governor-General's history and progress, and discuss both with as much fervor of language, as they could possibly accord to the most striking events of modern history. It is hardly possible, in fact, in view of all to avoid regarding the Marquis's appointment, in spite of his virtues and talents, as a misfortune for Canada. A court in the backwoods, where neither the manners nor traditions nor social ideas have made a place for it, must of necessity be a good deal of sham, and the loyalty which will call for such imitation of form borrowed from another

The McCarthy Murder.

The Proceedings of the Week.

DORCHESTER, Nov. 28.—Amelia Porrell finished in a few minutes. Mr. Palmer then demanded the name of the witnesses for the Crown, and His Honor thought the defence should know their names.

James Cornick, of Moncton, was then called. He had charge of the Osbornes after arrested, and had a conversation with Eliza the same week in the house where they were kept. She read in the Times about a body found up North, and asked if that could be McCarthy. Witness said no, it did not answer the description. She said "If the body is found with these things all on can do any thing with us?" Witness said "No." Witness had another conversation with Mrs. Osborne the day before they went to search for blood. Mrs. Osborne said "No; because Annie took shoes and wiped it up." Witness vigorously striking the railing of the witness box with her fists.

Ebenezer Taylor, truckman of Amherst, was sworn, and said: I went to the freight room for White's oysters, Friday, October 12th. He came for me in the afternoon. Said he came on the train that day and was going to Truro that night. I saw him next day, Saturday, at the Station when the express came in. I did not see him pay any money out.

Yes, I told it to Mr. Foster and Mr. Pennefather.

To Mr. Palmer—Think there were some people present; don't know who they were. (Mr. P. remarked he would like to have some of them here.) This is the first time I have given evidence. Heard Foster say he had a theory. Heard him talk to the prisoners, but don't know what he said.

Arthur R. Milligan, of P. E. I., gave some evidence as on former trial.

Taddy Porrell, Sheriff, sworn: Met his wife down town. Saw McCarthy; saw him light in Osbornes' front door window, and on the east side of the house. There was a stevedore with him and his wife before they started to come back.

Wm. D. Manfield, hotel keeper, Hillsboro, gave the same evidence as before, also did Dr. Leger.

Andrew S. Foster, Moncton, sworn: I was policeman in Moncton. Had prisoners in charge. Cautioned them frequently not to say anything to him as it would be brought against them.

To Mr. Palmer—The first time I told them it was in the room they stopped in. Mrs. Osborne was present; not sure of any one else. John Osborne was present. Next time don't remember. Never told Osbornes my theory, nor that I thought he had been killed without their knowledge. Don't know what you mean by "drunk"—define it.

Q. Don't you know what being drunk is?

A. No.

Q. How long were you on the Moncton police force?

A. Nearly a year. Don't know what you may call being drunk.

After dinner Hon. Mr. Hanington proceeded with Foster. He said: Mrs. Osborne told me that Annie Parker's story up to 10 o'clock that night was correct, only the amount of money she said they had paid out as to the plan she was wrong. She said Annie must have been to the Soudoune as she described it right, and Eliza told her that Annie was right. She had Campbell arrested as a witness, and Osbornes said it was to close his mouth, as he was his (Osborne's) property. They would have their own way now, but if Campbell had her back they would not get much out of him.

Nov. 29.—D. B. White and Henry Schaffer were examined to-day. There were no new developments.

Sarah Aford Stultz, Moncton, deposed that she had a conversation with Mrs. Osborne about the affair, after Parker had given her statement. Mrs. Osborne said they had no borders at the time (12th), and blamed Mrs. McCarthy for trying to find out about her husband. She did not believe that he was dead but away. If he was murdered it was done by Tim's wife and Morris O'Neill. Eliza said one time they could not drag her father into it as he was sick abroad.

Cross-examined—After Osbornes said there was no one at their house but Campbell, Eliza said that she thought the tree men were there. Peter, sworn: Had a conversation with Eliza in my store the 16th or 17th of January. Eliza said McCarthy was at the Waverley late; he wanted a drink; it was refused, and he would have some in spite of them, and produced a flask.

Ship. Smith: Remembers the 12th Oct. was in the bar-room at night with Milligan, and soon after McCarthy came in. Had not seen him before that day. He came in alone. Dr. Leger came in soon after. He (the Dr.) went out, and in a short time McCarthy and I went out, and I opened the door and told Martin (the bar-keeper) not to look up for awhile. I went back and got a half pint flask of brandy at McCarthy's suggestion. We went to the Adams House occupied by the Riley girls. There was a light there. I struck a match in the hall and showed him way to the room. I heard him rap, and a voice answer from inside the room. Went out and back up the Main street. Met no person. Was not in the Waverley that night afterwards. Saw Chas. Hamilton some time that night, but don't know when. Did not see Amelia Porrell that night as I recollect of. I then went home, can't give the time of night. Don't know which way McCarthy went.

Cross-examined—The Waverley was insured, and we had Hackley called to watch it and others. McCarthy did not say all right Mrs. Moncton when in the hall of the Adams House. Never spoke to Amelia Porrell. Borrowed \$7 from Mr. Osborne and paid it to Eliza in silver the Friday before Osbornes were arrested. I was at Dorchester

Philadelphia Freight Returns.

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