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KENT APPOINTMENTS.

The Ridgeway Dominion this week takes The Planet to task for the comments of this great home journal on the Government's announced appointment to the office of County Crown Attorney.

The Dominion says:—
Our esteemed contemporary The Chatham Planet does not extend a very cordial greeting to Kent's new County Crown Attorney and Clerk of the Peace, in fact it seems to go out of its way to find fault with Mr. Smith's appointment, and, in our opinion, is scarcely fair to that gentleman in drawing a comparison between him and the other applicants for the place. We have no desire to say anything against the gentlemen mentioned by The Planet, but we feel we are on safe ground when we assert that in the judgment of the majority of the members of the Bar of Kent and of others whose opinion is of value in the matter, Mr. Smith is in every way competent to fill the offices to which he has been appointed, and need not shrink from fair criticism. In short, in appointing Mr. Smith County Crown Attorney the Government has made no mistake, and we believe that ere long our contemporary will freely admit the same and acknowledge that its first comments were scarcely warranted.

East Kent, also, was deserving of consideration, having been long overlooked, and it was only fair that this section of the county should be recognized.

While pleased at Mr. Smith's appointment, we, in common with the citizens of Ridgeway, sincerely regret that it means his removal to Chatham. Besides being an exceedingly clever and able lawyer, Mr. Smith has been an honorable and progressive citizen, a fair minded and liberal gentleman, possessing the confidence of the community, embracing all shades of opinion. His departure means a distinct loss to Ridgeway, and we feel assured that he will not long reside in the county town before he will be appreciated as highly there as he has been here.

With the warm eulogy which our esteemed contemporary pays Mr. Smith, The Planet is in hearty accord. This great home journal has every admiration for Mr. Smith personally, but his selection to the position of County Crown Attorney in view of the calibre of the applicants is not, we submit, creditable to the Government.

Between the relative qualifications of Mr. Smith and Mr. Lewis there could have been no question as to such appointments surely should—upon its merits. It is, however, quite true, as the Dominion points out, that all claims of East Kent have been long overlooked. It is one of the penalties of allowing the Government to view a constituency as a "hive" for their candidate. If fitness and qualification had been the credentials for appointment—as they should be—East Kent would not have been turned down in the County Court Clerkship when a West Kent nominee, with lesser qualification, was foisted into office on the pretext say-so of Irish Jack.

Why cannot the Government make its appointments upon the worth of the applicants and their fitness for the positions, instead of allowing them to dangle for weeks at a time, only to be finally allotted on the tip of some machine magnate?

WHERE SNOBBERY RULES.

The Montreal Witness aptly describes the process of the Associated Press in its puffery of everything American which finds a lodging place in Great Britain:

"The statement of the Associated Press telegrams that but for his own retiring disposition Mr. Chamberlain would certainly have been recommended to the King by Lord Salisbury as his successor, is of a piece with the diligence with which, through the same channel, the Duke of Marlborough were recently canvassed for seats in the new cabinet, the impression being left that these great men were left out because of their exceeding greatness. If a British statesman wants to be followed through life with a sympathetic interest by the

big nation across the sea, there is only one thing for him to do, and that is to marry an Endicott or a Leiter or a Vanderbilt. Trusts and corners may be very popular in the United States, but even a daughter of wealth becomes a goddess when she passes over to the Avalon of the race, Great Britain. It is to be regretted that Mr. Balfour has not yet added to his other virtues an American wife. Young Britishers, with a future should take note and not blast that future by marrying east of Chicago."

AN HONEST LIBERAL OPINION.

That highly respected Liberal newspaper, the Huntington Gleaner, says:—"The Government organs are asking us to rejoice over the fact that during the financial year ended 30th June, the Dominion Government took out of the pockets of the people 5 1-2 million dollars more than any other preceding administration was able to extract. The total revenue was 56 3-4 millions, of which customs and excise contributed 43 millions. The people would need to be prosperous to stand such a drain in taxation. Even with so great a revenue it is doubtful if there will be a real surplus. The expenditure has not been definitely ascertained. The 7 1-2 million surplus the Government organs boast of is a bogus one, obtained by ignoring the expenditure on capital account."

THE PROHIBITION VOTE.

For the benefit of those who may desire to indulge in a hot-weather observation of the approaching referendum, we reprint the following interesting facts published by the Toronto Star:

Votes polled in the Ontario general elections, November, 1900, 426,063.
Votes polled for prohibition in Ontario plebiscite of 1894, 192,489.
Votes polled against prohibition in same plebiscite, 110,489.
Votes polled for prohibition in Ontario in Dominion plebiscite of 1898 (576,784 on list) 154,490.
Votes polled against prohibition in same plebiscite, 115,275.
Decline of prohibition vote in 1898 from 1894, 37,990.
Increase in anti-prohibition vote in 1898 from 1894, 4,555.
Necessary to carry prohibition if same vote is polled as was cast in 1900, 213,042.
Votes of women cast in 1894, who cannot vote in October, 14,000.

BRITISH PREMIERS.

An exchange publishes the following list of British premiers since 1783, together with the dates they took office:

Premier.	Took Office.
Pitt (C)	December 23, 1783
Addington (C)	March 17, 1801
Pitt (C)	May 15, 1804
Grenville (L)	February 11, 1806
Portland (C)	March 31, 1807
Perceval (C)	December 2, 1809
Liverpool (C)	June 9, 1812
Canning (L)	April 24, 1827
Goderich (L)	September 5, 1827
Wellington (C)	January 25, 1828
Grey (L)	November 22, 1830
Melbourne (L)	April 18, 1834
Peel (C)	September 6, 1834
Melbourne (L)	April 18, 1841
Peel (C)	September 6, 1841
Russell (L)	February 27, 1852
Derby (C)	July 6, 1852
Aberdeen (L and C)	December 28, 1852
Palmerston (L)	February 10, 1855
Derby (C)	February 25, 1858
Palmerston (L)	June 18, 1859
Russell (L)	November 6, 1865
Derby (C)	July 6, 1866
Disraeli (C)	December 9, 1868
Gladstone (L)	February 21, 1874
Beaconsfield (C)	April 28, 1880
Gladstone (L)	June 24, 1885
Salisbury (C)	February 6, 1886
Gladstone (C)	August 3, 1886
Gladstone (L)	August 18, 1892
Rosebery (L)	March 3, 1894
Salisbury (C & L)	June 29, 1895
A. J. Balfour (C)	July 12, 1902

VOICE FROM THE HOME GUARD.

Toronto Telegram.
On behalf of the home guard the Brockville Times turns upon and rends Major Morrison.

Stalwart Canadianism is an unpardonable sin in the sight of flunkey journals.

"Great heavens; they are firing on the Guards," is the saying attributed to the Duke of Cambridge when the Russian guns opened on the British troops at Alma.

The Brockville Times is not a duke, but inside its ivory is a heart that can never forgive the mere Canadian, the blooming colonist, who dared to stand up for his own country.

Major Morrison is a manly, unassuming Canadian. His bravery has been proved in South Africa. His modesty is as undoubted as his courage. A Canadian should be free to speak a word for Canada without being assailed by the Brockville Times and other editorial toadies.

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