

mony of a policeman would be doing so to back up or endorse his own judgment in the appointment of such policeman.

These two judicial officials, whose duty it is to dispense justice without partiality, should not be placed in such a false position, and it should not be open either to the litigant or the witness to reflect upon the administration of justice by either of these officials by reason of such unworthy suspicion.

The subject matter has been discussed by the Ontario Bar Association and the feeling of the Council of that Association is strongly against these officials occupying the position of Police Commissioners.

As a probable change is intimated at this time, would it not be well to keep this in view in the re-organization of the board? Let the Mayor of the City be, ex officio, a member of the Board, and then let the Dominion Cabinet select one of the Board of Commissioners and the Ontario Government the other; or, if it is deemed advisable to have five members, then two by the Dominion Government and two by the Ontario Government. It must be remembered that the criminal law is a creature of the Dominion Government, while the administration of that law is within the province of the Ontario Government.

I should be glad if you would call attention to this in your Journal at this opportune moment. In my judgment if the Magistrate of Toronto did not occupy his present position, he would make an excellent member of the Board. What is objected to is the dual position at present occupied by him, as also by the senior County Judge.

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[We are glad our correspondent has called attention to this subject. Police matters have been in the limelight in Toronto lately as well as in New York and the sight has not been edifying. It is said that the condition of affairs in rural districts is even worse than in the city. The illegal use of police constables by the municipal authorities has also been criticised. The subject, however, is too large for discussion in this place.—Ed. C.L.J.]