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"Scrutiny" Has Something to Say of How Matters are Run According to Morris's Ideas of Public Administration. Some Officials Very Active at Recent Road Board Election, But Their Little Game Was Queered.

(To the Editor of Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir.—This indeed a forlorn castigation we get when, at the present time we take a mental summary of the haggard and withered constitutional fabric which our country has attained in the Morris Nursery. After years of energy and industrial strife, mostly with the fathomless ocean—the most unfriendly agent of God's creation for man to combat in the making of any country—after, I say, the bravest efforts on the part of our people, efforts full of courage unequalled by the makers of any empire, our island home had just begun to flap the wing of prosperity when the present regime, by the application of the wrong nipple, turned the tide of struggle and wrought the inefficacy that is her predominant chord to-day. And had she but grown helpless financially and drawn on greater force from the sinews of our working people for even the meanest of life's necessities; if, I say her vitality had but been lowered in that direction there were hopes of an early recovery under better ministrations; but, alas, the confidence of the people in the offices of government and judicial administration is severed and besmirched because of unworthy occupants in some cases, and, added thereto, the insult-to-injury degradation of a conscienceless and undignified discharge of the duties of others of which, with certainty Mr. Main tells the loudest knocker. There were never, Mr. Editor, in our past history such contemptible convictions forced on the constituents of our country as are held to-day for many branches of the government, if not all of them, because of mismanagement and extravagance and the high-handed proceedings of some of the ruling factors that comprise the Morris regime.

The people of this place are in no quandary over the window-smashing escapade that took place here last summer. All the evidence is before us, in fact some of us actually saw more than we are credited with, and we are a very scrutinizing court; but we are likewise a silent court and care only to whisper the real perpetrators till St. John's is done with the case. Good as is the above, Mr. Editor, if you had all the facts to govern your decision, yet in the laboratory of Morris Government, we can serve you with better. We have had the spectacle on more than one occasion of heelers carrying off poor men's cows in defiance of evidence so plain and sufficient as to reveal the right owner even to the blind. But I speak of evidence. Well, the oddity of such a word in such a case. Was it not deliberately prearranged to handle the case and make it the parody on justice it has never ceased to be in the mouth of everybody since the day of its commission? Mr. Editor, I intend giving the details of this case to your readers that you and they may have a cutlet from the flank of Mr. Main Justice during the Morris tenure of office.

I cease in the premises now only to hurry on to some questionable activities surrounding the election of our local road board council. Shortly before this election took place one esteemed "friend" (not in the sense of friendship) received advice from a visitor to his workshop that if he intended being a candidate for a place on the council board he had better get to work and try to offset a plot that was being formed by some parties in our midst to accomplish his defeat. The story ran that at a certain house a number of individuals would be gathered that night with rum in galore to formulate the plans to effect, if possible, the defeat of our "friend" and tradesman part way up the hill. Well, to assure himself of the accuracy of that story our "friend" kept an eye on the meeting place revealed to him and, at a late hour, had the consolation of seeing the number of plotters, amongst them being a government official, stroll out in double file. Convinced beyond question that the meeting did take place, and by the parties named by his informant, and that rum in galore as the informant stated was in evidence, our friend concluded from the early advice of his visitor that some concern of him in the election was really actuating the movements of that assembly. So high, in fact, did

five to eight dollars to parties controlling votes and likely without this grease at this particular time to operate in favour of our "friend." Were the government and Mr. Woodford parties to the object of the plotters in defeating our "friend" and thus sent the road grant at that time when King Frost held sway, as they had never done before?

I had intended, Mr. Editor, to point out to you the silver lining that is looming up in the distance behind this dark and extremely rotten cloud of maladministration, but I fear I am already too long winded. Anyway, in deferring it for another occasion I may just intimate that its web and fibre are composed of the rapidly increasing strength of the F.P.U. and the solid and constructive program which its policy entails. Of its activities at the present time in our midst including the visit yesterday of Friend Hibbs, who is Chairman of the Conception Bay Council, it is impossible to do justice with our space already overrun. Suffice it just now for me to tell you that in that gentleman we have no Mosdell type of faithless Unionist and Friend, but a real earnest co-operator of great ability and a priceless acquisition to us in Conception Bay in the great work lying prone before us, of revolutionizing our public and industrial life and redeeming it from the lethargy and decadence to which tourism has brought I am, etc.

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Sergt. Gynemer, of French Corps, Wins in His Fifth Duel.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Sergeant-Pilot Gynemer, 21 years of age, of the French flying corps, has just brought down his fifth German adversary, and has been mentioned for his exploit in an official communication. Previously he had been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor, the War Cross and the Military Medal for other feats.

M. Gynemer was a lad in college when the war began, and enlisted at once. He had never been in an aeroplane, but at the end of seven days of training he made his trial flight for a pilot's license. Six week's training, usually is required.

His work at the front began in April of last year. It was not until Dec. 5 that he began to make his record by hunting German aeroplanes. At that time he brought down, single-handed, a large German biplane.

Sergt. Gynemer flies alone, as did Garros and Pegoud, but instead of a monoplane he uses a great biplane, on which he makes 90 miles an hour. He accounted for four machines in nine days. Gynemer is of Scotch extraction.

In December the sergeant fought a spectacular duel directly above the arms cheering him enthusiastically below. He was engaged with one of the famous Fokker aeroplanes, and though there were two men aboard the Fokker, he manoeuvred skillfully until he brought his gun in range. At a distance of 15 yards he delivered a mortal blow.

"The Old Charles" is the name given to the biplane which Sergeant Gynemer manipulated. It is armed with a weapon which it is not permissible to describe. He handles it with remarkable facility and deadly precision, at the same time manoeuvring his aeroplane with great skill.

Between the times of his fourth and fifth successful duels he had a narrow escape in a fight with a Fokker. At the moment of firing, at a distance of 30 yards, his gun became unusable, the lubricating oil having frozen. He attempted a quick turn, but, carried by the momentum, struck the German machine with his upper plane and began to descend abruptly. After falling very rapidly for 500 yards the biplane righted itself. Gynemer returned to the headquarters of his flotilla, but had missed his fifth machine, which he accounted for only a few days later. His antagonist went to earth in flames after a short combat.



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