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THE PATRONAGE

It is not all beer and skittles. Politics is not all flags and music, mottoes and banners. There are the leaves and fishes. In the shadow of the great man with largest to bestow stands the seeker after the job of tidewater, or porter in the post office, or that of an humble scrubby. And the serpent enters the party Eden.

It is a great and exalted task to control the destiny of a country, to bring prosperity, to provide the full dinner pail, and to create surplus. But there are other matters included in the great task of the statesman. The faithful must be rewarded. Their name is legion and their numbers as the sands of the seashore. It is said Dr. Pugsley had some thirty-seven—or was it one hundred and thirty-seven—applications for a \$750 job.

How can a man give his undivided attention to unearthing half-million corruption funds, with occasional excursions in his airship or aerial railway, when the children of the horse-leech are ever at his heels crying "Give! give!"

And so Dr. Pugsley, by a detestable movement, has caused this clamorous following to swerve aside and race after a patronage committee, while he proceeds alone to Ottawa. It was an adroit manœuvre, but the results may be far-reaching. These members of the patronage committee live in St. John. They are within easy reach. Their lives will be made wretched. They came to bless Dr. Pugsley, and they must have gone away with other thoughts; for time is money with them, and the place-hunter a burden. And yet, such are the exigencies of political life, the patronage committee must be carefully selected. Many considerations enter into the choice. There are men and men. Some must be kept off at any cost, and others must be put on. The sacrifice must be made—even sought after.

All this may appear almost amusing to the unregenerate person on the other side, but to the party man whose party is in power it is a most serious matter. The faithful cannot be kept faithful unless the patronage committee are as wise as serpents and as bland as Dr. Pugsley. Therefore the task which the minister with soothing words has shouldered upon the Liberal executive is one that threatens to shake the citadel of party allegiance. Warring factions are in the streets, and rival causes have been framing plans of campaign to reach the entrenchments and seize the supplies. Verily, these be troublous times in Liberal circles in St. John.

SHAMEFUL RECORD

There were seven arrests for drunkenness in this city on Saturday, and twenty-six for the same offence during the preceding week. As an extremely small percentage of drunken persons are so drunk or so many as to be arrested, it is clear that the evil is not growing less in this city.

Three men were before the court last week and proved guilty of hard drinking and beating their wives.

Three women were also dealt with last week by the magistrate. One had been drunk, another had been profane and the third had sold cigarettes to little boys.

There was also a trio of small boys on the list. Two were truants and the third had committed a theft.

At a quarter to eleven o'clock on Saturday night a group of from eight to twelve boys were together on King street. Several of them were smoking cigarettes.

This simple record of facts—which might be indefinitely extended—is perhaps worthy of a passing thought.

ON THE WEST SIDE

There has been some criticism of the action of the authorities in having police men on duty at the west side wharves yesterday. There can be no reasonable objection to this course so long as there is no offensive display of authority. It is really no reflection upon the longshoremen, who must be credited with conducting themselves in the most proper and orderly manner. There is always the possibility, however, that irresponsible persons, not longshoremen at all, might create a disturbance, and if this should occur there would be an outcry against the police for not having provided against it.

As a matter of fact, the longshoremen who have declined to go to work for less than forty cents per hour have conducted

themselves as orderly citizens, and there is no reason to assume that they will do otherwise during the short or long period of dispute over the question of wages.

NOVA SCOTIA'S EXAMPLE

The province of Nova Scotia is making praiseworthy progress in the introduction of technical education. The province has a "department of technical education," which, acting in conjunction with school boards and city or town councils, will conduct during the winter a number of local technical schools in the evenings, for the benefit of all who desire to profit by the course. Eventually it is proposed to have a central technical school in Halifax as part of the educational equipment of the province, and to introduce more of this branch of education into the common schools.

The Times has received through the courtesy of Mr. W. S. Fisher a copy of the calendar of the Halifax technical school, which is under the control of a strong managing committee and has an instructor in each of the seven subjects taken up. These subjects are arithmetic and English composition, practical mathematics, mechanical drawing, architectural drawing, machine drawing, chemistry and electricity. The classes all meet in the evening. In the prospectus of the school the department says:

"It is earnestly hoped that all ambitious mechanics, craftsmen, and apprentices, in fact any men engaged in industrial pursuits, who are desirous of learning the scientific principles underlying their profession or trade, or who wish to improve themselves so that they may rise in their chosen calling, will attend these classes. Students who spend two or three evenings a week during the winter season in attending these classes and who apply themselves diligently to the work should be able to increase their working efficiency and be of proportionately more value to their employers. These classes are to be within the reach of everyone and are to be conducted so that the amount charged for admission to them will be very small, and most of it will be returned to the student at the end of the course if he has attended regularly."

The work of each class is carried on in a thoroughly practical way, with reference as far as possible to the every day work of the students, and the teachers are practical men chosen because of their special fitness to give instruction.

With evening schools of this kind in various industrial centres in the province much will be done to increase the effectiveness of skilled labor. When to this is added an enlarged course of technical instruction in the day schools, leading up to the course in a fully equipped technical college, the educational system of Nova Scotia will be in line with those of the most progressive countries in the world. More and more, because of the specialization in industrial pursuits, it is recognised that greater attention must be devoted to the technical training of that vast majority of pupils who must leave the common schools at an early age, as well as to provide an extended course in this branch for those who can afford it and who choose an industrial career.

The province of New Brunswick lags behind in this matter of technical education. There is no reasonable excuse for further delay in taking up the subject in a practical way. There is a growing agitation to prevail upon the federal government to establish a general system of technical education, but this will not be done in any such way as to relieve the provincial departments of education of their responsibility to provide for technical instruction in the common schools or to carry on such work as has now been begun in several Nova Scotia towns.

If we may believe the eager professions made, every voter in Colchester will go to the polls with a gun cocked and primed for the would-be briber. A gentleman from Kings county said on Saturday that he would like to see an agreement made by the political leaders there to abandon the use of money in elections. If men of influence will say this often enough and with sufficient emphasis they can carry their point. Public sentiment in favor of clean politics is gaining ground.

If the Hon. W. A. Weir, of Quebec, becomes too outspoken in his allusions to the power of the church in Quebec province he will rouse antagonism not easily overcome. Words which perhaps ought to be said are not always wisely said, and so defeat their own purpose.

The financial cloud in the United States appears to be lifting a little. The action taken at Washington is expected to ensure easier money, and public confidence appears to be returning to some extent. The industrial situation, however, is not likely to improve for some time.

Bishop Richardson pleads for equal justice to men and women who become the victims of social evil. The rule is to ostracise the woman and overlook the fault of the man. The bishop's condemnation is based on solid ground.

A vigorous police force with search warrants, following the recent decision of the supreme court upholding the imprisonment of liquor sellers, should make Moncton a fairly dry town. The prohibition commission is receiving object lessons.

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WHISTLIN' ON THE PUMP

(W. P. H. in the Ohio Magazine.) A struggle into our back yard—his hands his pockets in. His mind all free from worry and his soul all free from sin—I remember how he used to come, some minutes before school. And notify the folks at home that he had "time to fool." By whistlin' up a dismal tune, like any idle tramp. While twisting his two legs around my father's post-green pump. I remember how my hunger fled when I heard his notes. Like nightingales, soar upward as from a thousand throats. And how my father would depose and most mysteriously state. That, although "Mort" was whistlin', I could wisely let him wait. But such advice was lost on me, for I was on the pump. When my old partner was out there, a-whistlin' on the pump. Lord, how the backwaters lost their charm and drip all its sweet. Which at any other moment not nothin' else could beat. How cold indoors the ungrateful world would suddenly appear. When music underneath the porch proclaimed "Mort's" presence near. There may be joy that makes your heart go thump and thump; and thump! But none like that when my old pard was whistlin' on the pump.

Since then I've heard some music, that cost much more money. And was really seductive to an educated ear: And I've shown enthusiasm by joining in applause. When the truly truly moved me from a truly earnest cause. But no remembrance of it all produces that clear ring. "That catches me when I recall 'Mort's' whistlin' on the pump."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HE KNEW MARIA (From the Louisville Courier-Journal) "I could tell you what I think of you in a very few words!" "True, you could, Maria," responded Mr. Meekman, "but you won't Maria, you won't."

FRAMED UP.

(From the Philadelphia Press.) "My daughter tells me," said Miss Yerner's father, "that you wanted to see me." "That's strange!" stammered the youth. Why, she—er told me you wanted to see me."

THE USUAL WAY.

(From the Baltimore American.) "How does she manage to preserve her complexion when she goes to the seaside?" "Oh, the usual way in which women preserve everything."

ALL HIS TIME OCCUPIED.

(From the Philadelphia Public Ledger) Father—So you think his intentions are serious. Do you know anything about his habits? Mother—Yes, that's what makes me think his intentions are serious. Father—How do you mean? Mother—His principal habits seem to be calling on Mabel and writing to her.

A TRUE RUSTIC.

(From Harper's Magazine) It is Priscilla's first visit to the country; she has heard the cackling of the hens, and connected it with the laying of eggs; she hears the cow moo, and calls to her mother "Mamma, mamma, quick; the cow has laid some more milk."

SIZING HIM UP.

(From the Philadelphia Public Ledger) "Say, mister," said the small boy, "I'm sure you carry your catch."

PEOPLE OF NOTE



William W. Finlay

William W. Finlay, President of the Southern Railway, succeeded Samuel Spencer as the head of this road shortly after the latter was killed in a railway wreck in Virginia. He was born at Pass Christian, Miss., on September 2nd, 1853, and started railroad work as a stenographer. He worked hard and went up the line in the traffic department of a dozen railroads, always getting a higher position at each change he made. He was chairman of the Trans-Mississippi Traffic Association which met at Kansas City from 1889 until 1890. He was made 3rd vice-president of the Southern Ry. on Oct. 1st, 1895. He next joined the forces of the Great Northern Railway but was soon back as the 2nd vice-president of the Southern. His rise has been rapid and he stands as one of the great business getters among railway presidents in this country.

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