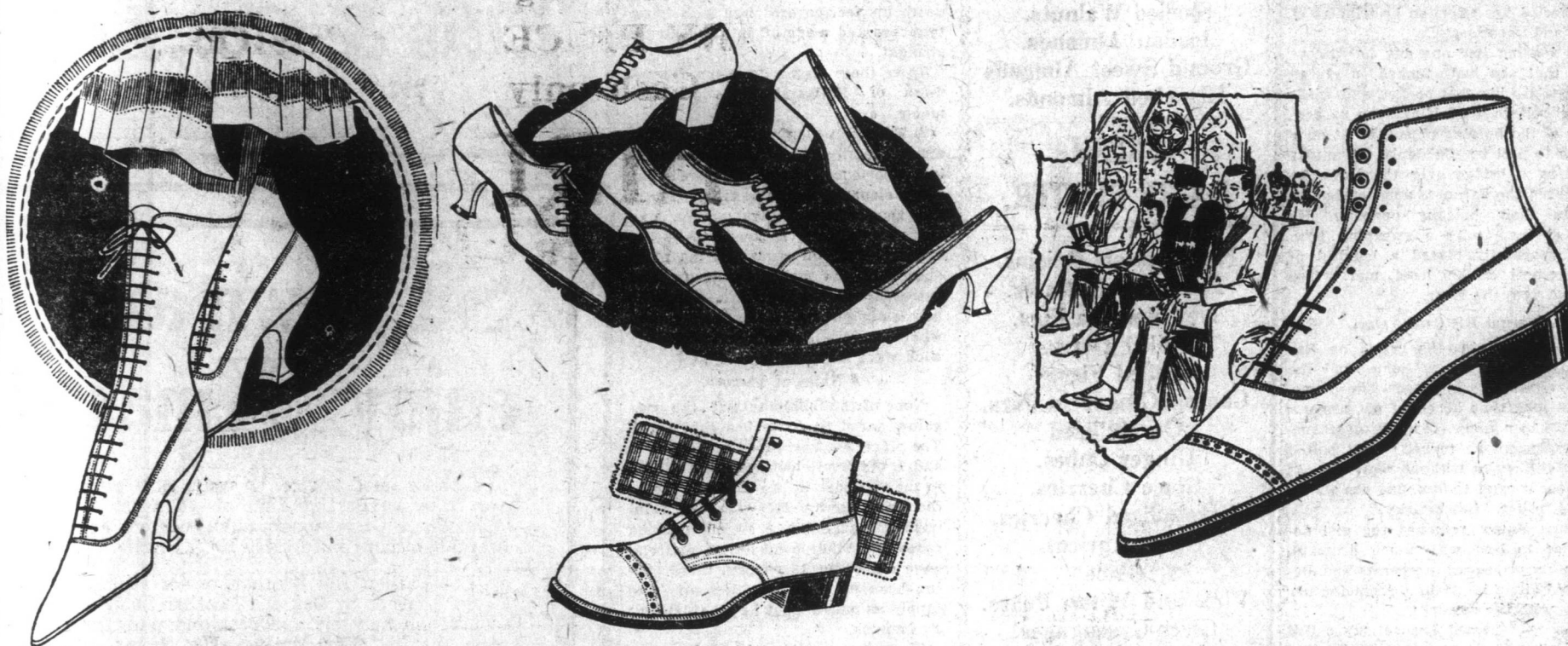


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### Civil Servants and Politics.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—I was much interested in reading Mr. Michael Foley's letter in Saturday's issue of your paper. With most of what he says everybody will agree and the suggestions he makes are well worth considering. At the same time, there are a few opinions expressed by him with which all your readers will not agree, and it is about them I desire to write. I know Mr. Foley well and have a great respect for his sincerity and have generally found myself in agreement with his ideals. I wish him to understand that he is not to take what I am going to say as denoting disagreement with the conclusions he has arrived at, but I do wish, nevertheless, to place myself on record as being of the opinion that he should not have given public expression of them. My reasons are these: First, his action is in direct contravention of one of the rules made by the Government some time ago which were re-issued to the members of the Customs service by the Deputy Head of the Department last fall. Probably Mr. Foley, who joined the service later, did not receive the little booklet and, consequently was not aware he was breaking rules. I feel sure he would not wilfully set an example of disobedience to lawfully constituted authority, unless the authority was demanding something he could not conscientiously do.

Secondly the reasons for making such rules are in the best interests of civil servants themselves. If we are allowed publicity to praise our present masters, as Mr. Foley has done, or to abuse our past ones for their neglect or misdoings, we become partisans, and the politicians would eagerly seize upon the opportunity thus afforded them to introduce the "spoils" system and then innocent and guilty would alike be thrown out of work as Government succeeded government. I know that Mr. Foley would not mind for himself, but others would suffer if such a system were introduced, and my reading of Mr. Foley's sympathetic character tells me he would be the last to harm another, directly or indirectly.

Thirdly, it would be to the disadvantage of the people of this country if the "spoils" system were introduced. Men work willingly and honestly in Government offices for less pay than they receive on Water Street for exactly the same class of work. There may be loafers in the Civil Service, but there are also many hard-working officials who could demand better salaries outside the service than in it. Why then do they prefer a Government job? Because of the security of tenure. In a Water Street business your boss may become insolvent and you are without a job. He may die and his successor may prefer younger and cheaper men or girls to do your work. He may wish to make room for a son or a nephew. Your wife and his wife may fall out and you can never tell what may happen. In the Civil Service you remain till you are too old to work and then you retire on a pension. Under the "spoils" system, therefore, the Government would have to pay higher salaries and the temptation to annex "boodle" would be greatly increased. A celebrated European writer on political economy points out that in those countries where changes of government are frequent there is never sufficient control of the civil servants and secret grafting cannot be stopped. If this be the case when the chief servants of the Crown only are changed, what would be the case if all the servants were changed at every election? Petronius, who succeeded Pontius Pilate as Governor of Syria, points out that it was the policy of the Romans to appoint pro-consuls for lengthy periods of time. Both the revenues of the State and the people individually suffered less from such a system.

I contend that the Civil Servant, like any other subject of the King may and ought to take part in any public work for the advancement of the public good as long as, and only as long as, the matter in question is not one in dispute between his present masters and those who have been in the past or may in the future become such.

Mr. Foley will, I feel sure, take this in the spirit in which it is written, which is one of admiration for his courage as well as for his sincerity. Judging by the past, I know that though we may have our differences, we are, and I hope always will be, the best of friends.

Yours truly,

WARWICK SMITH.  
St. John's, Dec. 14, 1920.

### Fashions and Fads.

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Won't those, who have money, and can still spend dollars without inconvenience to themselves, pause and consider the results of their present policy of stagnation. Money is of no value in itself, but is only good for the amount of pleasure it gives its owner. What greater pleasure is there than to know every dollar you spend is keeping some salespeople employed and through the sales person, some factory hand, and through the good work of both these, bookkeepers, expressmen, cash keepers, customs clerks, typists, advertising men, printers, etc., etc., not excepting the merchant and all other Capitalists, who are a benefit to this and every other country by investing their money, thereby giving employment.

No country can successfully exist without the moneyed people, but moneyed people are powerless without the working people. We are all intertwined and dependent one upon the other. Therefore spend as freely as you can and keep every possible person employed through the trying times through which we are passing.

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