

most heartless manner proceeded to remove Sheriff Bowen, of Sherbrooke, one of the most highly respected gentlemen in the Eastern Townships. Naturally, public indignation was aroused. From one end of the Province to the other—particularly in the Eastern Townships—so powerful a protest was made that the Government who had carried out the programme in its every detail, and had paid the price for its accomplishment, were compelled to re-consider their action. Mr. Gilman, however, was not ready to relinquish the seat he had gained, and, when remonstrated with by a deputation from Sherbrooke, unblushingly declared that his presence in the Legislative Council was a matter of life or death for the Government. Mr. Webb—the aforetime Conservative—had been paid his price and could not be expected to give it up. Mr. Bowen had therefore—not because the Government recognized the justice of his claim, but because they were afraid of the outburst of popular sentiment—to be placed in a new office. This was found for him in the joint prothonotaryship at Sherbrooke, which is understood to have been promised to some one else, who will in consequence have to be placed in another remunerative office. Not a single one of the appointments connected with the call of Mr. Gilman to the Council can be justified on the ground of public-policy, and are but further indications of what the unscrupulous Mercier combination will do to provide for its friends and creatures, and maintain itself in power.

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And now to continue the record of political intrigue and criminality. The county of Lévis, of which constituency, among many others, Mr. Mercier and his friends were very much afraid, affords very interesting specimens of the ability shown in appointments to positions of honour. Mr. Mercier appointed twenty-seven full-fledged justices of the peace. As generally understood, such appointments should be made from amongst men blessed with at least a fair education, but in this instance what do we find? FOUR OF THESE PARTIES COULD NEITHER READ NOR WRITE. WELL QUALIFIED MEN, INDEED, ARE THESE TO BE “NATIONAL” REPRESENTATIVES OF JUSTICE in a period when