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TUESDAY, November 11th, 1913.

The Reid Influence.

Yesterday we pointed out that the Opposition Party had against them the majority of our Roman Catholic friends and the Reids. Reid officials were found to the fore in the city, Harbour Main and in Carbonear. At Victoria Village, we are informed that very many men were hired by the Reids, not through their foreman, but by Nicholas Powell, of George Powell & Son, of that place, to make a road from the Railway Station and along by the main road. A similar undertaking was started from Freshwater Station and Salmon Cove, taking batches of men from Victoria Village and crowds from Freshwater and Salmon Cove and other localities. This work continued almost up to polling day. Reids' engineer, Mr. John Powell and survey men and bosses centered their energies upon Victoria Village, the pivotal position of the district, and on polling day they acted as canvassers and agents for the Morris party. This accounts largely for the defeat of the Liberal candidate, Capt. William Penney. Reids found to keep their tools in power, and their money and labour influence was exerted to the utmost. For the nonce through their tools and allies continue to dominate the country and to sap its life blood. The end is not yet. The baneful influence of this political and financial evil has been checked by the splendid manhood of the northern districts, but, until the men of the north and south unite in a moral warfare, the buying up of electors and legislators, public officials and journals with public money, is certain to continue.

The painful truth which the election just ended has made manifest is a lack of moral principle in many people in the country. Greed for gain and greed for power has blinded men to the time-old distinction between right and wrong.

Reform of Civil Service.

There is no greater instrument of public corruption, no more effective source of graft than a Civil Service which is under the absolute control of the Government as regards appointment and emoluments. The whole world has at last cried out against

such a system, and in almost every civilized country except Newfoundland, a system of appointment by examination with promotion by merit has been established. The benefits of this competitive system are so obvious that nothing but the criminal determination of political demagogues to use the Civil Service for their own ends, regardless of the interest of the country, prevents it being adopted in Newfoundland. Indeed we have heard political party leaders aver, that if they did not have at their command offices to reward their followers and friends they would not be able to find men willing to give their services to the Legislature, or supporters to forward their election. In other words unless the public revenue of the Colony could be used as a fund for bribing and corruption it would be impossible to carry on the Government of the country. It gives one a shock to have the matter stated in this bald way, but that is the absolutely damning position assumed by the politician.

It is no wonder then that another party leader complained to us of the wide spread demoralization of the people, who looked to the Government or their "members", for impossible positions, and made life a burthen by their importunities. It is a satisfaction to feel that if ever there was a case of the punishment fitting the crime, it is the weariness and disgust that politicians experience in the importunities of voters. It is only the politicians that maintain, for their own sordid ends, an unjust and dishonest system of appointment, and no intelligent person in the community will be sorry that retributive justice overtakes them. For just to consider for a moment what monstrous evils our present iniquitous system brings in its train:-

First.—It outrages, by a system which is only one of bribery, the whole moral tone of the community and puts a premium on the dishonest and unprincipled man.

Second.—It fills the Civil Service of the Colony with incompetent and reckless heelers.

Third.—It encourages the appointment of unnecessary offices, and results in an overgrown Civil Service quite disproportionate to our means. The trappings of an elephant on a mouse, as a late Minister of Finance put it.

Fourth.—It adds to the number of claimants for pensions.

Fifth.—It takes up the largest part of the time and attention of the Government in considering how to provide service for supporters and heelers and leaves but little time or energy for considering policies for the betterment of the Colony.

Sixth.—It adds a large and useless expenditure to the grievous burthen

of taxation which the industries of the Colony have to bear.

Seventh.—It rewards the thriftless and generally lazy heeler at the expense of the industrious worker.

Eighth.—It results in an immense number of underpaid officials who are continually tempted to dishonesty to supplement a salary that is not a living wage.

Ninth.—It gives no encouragement to our schools and no reward to the studious and intelligent scholar.

All these evils are maintained solely because of politicians against the highest and best interests of the Colony and we put it to the voters of Newfoundland whether the time has not arrived when the interest of the intriguing politicians should no longer over-ride the moral, material and social well being of the people.

For the past twenty years The People has been insisting on the necessity of Reform in the Civil Service, and at last there seems to be dawning some hope that the corruption of the present spoils system will soon be ended. Up to the past few months the public press of the Colony that is in the pay or the expected pay of the political party in power have been close as clams on the subject. They had no arguments against the evils of that degrading system, but could not offend their friends by supporting the competitive system. Lately though one of the Daily press has come out strongly in favour of a Reformation in our methods and the plausible reply has been made, as hypocritical as plausible, that in a competitive system the uneducated fisherman or his son would have no chance of any government position. The argument of course is all nonsense. It is no concern of the general public who does the work of the various departments. The only interest of the Colony is that it should be done efficiently and economically. It is no concern say of the people of White Bay that a man from LaSalle should be appointed to a travelling post office, but it is of vital concern to White Bay and every other part of the Colony that the office should be intelligent, efficient and honest. The whole Civil Service of any country is only meant to give facilities for business, for intercourse for justice, and the interest of any country is only in having the work well done and economically done. The cry that the fishermen would not get office under an examination system is nothing more than the despairing appeal of the politician who sees the means of bribing the voters by promise of office slipping from his hand. It is the demon of graft clothed in the white robe of a fine philanthropy, but showing too evidently its cloven feet.

The argument is a hollow sham and none know its insincerity more than those who use it. The time is ripe for a change. Some even of our politicians, the best of them, are weary of the "dog's life" they have best, week in week out with the importunities and threats of begging supporters, and they would welcome any change which would enable them to move in a freer and purer atmosphere. The strong, honest man is all that is needed to bring it about, and we are sure he will be found. Meanwhile let every intelligent voter, every one that has a stake in the country denounce the accursed system of spoils and bribery, and it will not be long before Newfoundland takes its place with other countries in securing a Government based on Righteousness, Efficiency, and Economy.—The People.

Police Court.

A 23 year old farmer, drunk in charge of a horse, was fined \$2 or 7 days.

A laborer of Duckworth Street, drunk and disorderly in his brother's house, was fined \$4 or 14 days.

A 23 year old cooper, drunk his 7th offence, was fined \$5 or 14 days.

A domestic of Labrador, for vagrancy, was discharged.

One drunk was fined \$1 or 3 days and another \$2 or 7 days.

A seaman from the barot, Earlshall charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting seaman Nielson, was further remanded pending the evidence of his fellow shipmate, who is in Hospital with a broken leg.

Wesley Ladies' Aid Sale of Work, Wednesday and Thursday, November 19th and 20th. Plain and Fancy Work for sale. Teas and Refreshments. Concert on Thursday. Don't forget the time and place, November 19th and 20th, in the basement of Wesley Church.—nov10,2i

Digby Arrives.

The Furness Liner Digby, Capt. Trinick, reached port this forenoon from Halifax, after a two days' passage, bringing 1000 tons of cargo and as passengers:—Capt. Joy, W. Seekins and J. Kirby. She sails to-morrow afternoon for Liverpool taking 1000 tons of outward freight and these passengers in saloon:—Capt. O'Neill Power, Lieut. Howley, Mr. Pawcett, C. E. McGregor, W. P. Wells, Miss Duder, Capt. Pigot and wife, Miss L. Gray, Mrs. Dupont and Miss Dupont.

Passed Some Wreckage.

The S. S. Belita, Capt. Karlson, arrived in port this morning from Sydney with a coal cargo to A. Harvey & Co.

Capt. Karlson reports that he passed some hatches, belonging to a steamer, about a hundred miles to the westward of Cape Race but he was unable to express an opinion as to what vessel the wreckage came from. After discharging the Belita will load fish for Mediterranean ports.

Almeriana From London.

The s.s. Almeriana, Capt. Fairclough, arrived in port at eleven o'clock to-day from London, which port she left twelve days ago. The ship encountered rough weather, especially during the latter part of the voyage when strong head winds were continuous. She brought 1200 tons of cargo, mostly fall and Christmas goods. The Almeriana is now berthed in the harbor as the Furness Liner pier is occupied by the Digby.

Stafford's Prescription "A" is a fine remedy for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh of the Stomach and Nervous Dyspepsia. Take a teaspoonful before eating and enjoy your meals. Price 25 and 50 cents. Postage 5 and 10 cents extra.—nov6,1f

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Roberts' Dream.

Lord Roberts records a remarkable dream. In October, 1853, his father, to whom he was acting as aide-de-camp at Peshawar, India, had issued invitations for a dance. Two days before it was to have taken place he was silent and despondent during breakfast, and eventually told his son that he had had an unpleasant dream, which had visited

him several times before and had always been followed by the death of a near relative. As the day wore on his depression grew, and he wished to put off the dance. His son dissuaded him, but that night the dream returned, and the dance was then postponed. "The next morning the post brought news of the sudden death of the half-sister at Lahore with whom I had stayed on my way to Peshawar."

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