

have been made at all, and simply because of the positions occupied by the appointees. It is surely unnecessary to enlarge upon the very serious objections to such a practice. The electorate in choosing men as their representatives do not do so to give the latter stepping stones to office, but to clothe them with power to manage their affairs and protect their interests free, presumably, from all thought of any selfish purpose, and in full reliance on their probity and independence. All temptations to "log rolling," (a slang word seems best to express the situation), should as far as possible be removed, and all persons elected to positions of public trust should be above suspicion. This desirable condition of things is impossible when men are subject to the temptations of using their public positions for advancing their personal interests. What has been said as to mayors and municipal councillors applies with equal and perhaps greater force to members of parliament, their positions being higher and their influence wider. As to the latter class, however, it may be that occasionally an office becomes vacant (such as the one recently occupied by the late Sir John Bourinot) which it would seem might better be filled by some one familiar with the rules and procedure of the House—where a member of long experience might be more useful than an outsider; so that possibly an exception might be excusable in such a case. The underlying principle however is the same.

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We learn from our exchanges that Mr. Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, who is a member of the faculty of the Columbian University Law School recently interfered to prevent a class fight between the freshmen and sophomores. Judge Harlan is a giant in stature, and although 69 years of age, is vigorous and active still. The youngsters were no match for him when he entered the arena. We congratulate the learned judge on possessing a body as sound as his mind is sane. To parody Tennyson, we would say that this is a very effective illustration of

"Mastering the lawless scions of our law,"

Even on this side of the line, the judges are taking to golf, and who knows but that some day we shall have a senior Osgoode Hall football team composed of the judiciary?