

Unhappily, observant people must hold that even connection with a Prohibition Party is no proof of a man's probity, no guarantee that he is influenced by merely humanitarian considerations, or that his motives are above suspicion. It is sometimes alleged that there are men whose connection with the Church itself is inspired by the "respectability" of its association, and, so far as business methods and practical interest in ideals are revealed or demonstrated to the world by some Churchmen, there often seems too much occasion for the gibe.

FINDLAY AND FINDLAY'S APPOINTMENT AS TYPES

But taking Findlay as a type, it may be of use to ask: Why was he appointed to that Commissionership, on what basis of experience and real or fancied knowledge of his character? If "Real Estate" and that high-sounding term, "Financial Agency" work tends to develop any thing more than another in men, surely it is a desire to make money easily and quickly. For the on-goings—and off-takings—of Real Estate "boosters" and "boomers" of former years, British Columbia is now suffering in reputation, and paying in high rents and otherwise; and the moral fibre of too many of its citizens has been weakened by the unhealthy ambition to get "easy money."

Was experience along such lines, supplemented by seemingly ceaseless activity in work in the Prohibition campaign, the main basis of Findlay's recommendation for the Commissionership? Probably when the facts are more fully disclosed it will be found that the Prohibition Party Executive and leaders must share with the Government, or the Government's Ministers, the respon-

sibility for the appointment. Enough has already come out to suggest that—as seems to happen here with so many public positions—it was a case of appointment by influence, whereby personal and party wire-pulling were considered first, and practical experience or proved character fitness second.

Surely this Farthest West has men, not without business training and capacity, who are known to have ideals and principles which enable them to value money as well as social and political power in true proportion—men who cannot be bribed or bought. Notwithstanding that devil's lie that "every man has his price," we believe there are such men, and that they are the human hope of the world.

Why should not such men be considered in such cases? Perhaps the answer is that such men cannot be seen or heard because of the party politicians and their followings. Publicity and place-hunters seem to attach themselves to all "Movements," and that despicable creature, the political "heeler," is likely to be with us so long as mere party politicians and "patronage committees" are allowed to obtain or usurp the higher places in the public service. The political arena, indeed, often provides the pitiful spectacle of sharp men playing "a game" in places where patriots should be giving themselves to the service of their fellowmen through the State.

But that "Voice" speaks truly: "*The people get the kind of Government they deserve!*"

"DAMN YOUR LAW—GIVE US JUSTICE!"

—(Rev. Professor Jordan)

«In a memorable address, delivered in Vancouver some years ago (of