

## NEWSPAPER MEN IN OFFICE.

Have Was Rewards in the Shape of Official Positions at Ottawa.

There is a popular opinion that the civil service, either inside or out, is the ultimate home of the political newspaper man. To a certain extent this idea is founded on fact, for there are many men to-day filling political appointments in the outside service as a reward for having for many years been consistent supporters of the party to which they belonged, and who were either editors or owners of party papers.

In the inside service there are not so many, yet there are a goodly number of old newspaper men in the ranks of the service. Of these a large proportion have not passed the necessary qualifying examinations, a number having been appointed as possessors of university degrees which are accepted, instead of the examination, and some for "special qualification." A newspaper man who has for some years followed his profession in the Capital, especially if he has been a member of the Press Gallery of the House of Commons for any length of time, possesses a very keen insight into the work of the departments, and as a rule could pass more than the qualifying examination without being picked.

Amongst the private secretaries at the present time are a small band of newspaper men, and it would be impossible to find a better school for training private secretaries than an up-to-date newspaper office. The long habit of working at all hours, and as many hours at a stretch as the occasion demands, the being all things to all men, that a newspaper man early acquires, the practice in mastering the contents of papers or the details of intricate questions are all of them attributes of the successful private secretary. The private secretaries at present in office are gathered from the four winds of heaven—from the north, south, east and west. One received his training in the United States newspaper school, another in Scotland, and still retains a delightful burr of the auld pronunciation in his speech. The others are mostly gathered from the Canadian provinces, where they graduated in politics before entering on the real school at Ottawa.

A gentleman who for many years sent out from Ottawa as much news daily as it falls to most men to gather in a week, may now be met with in every part of His Majesty's Dominion of Canada, by land and water, day and night, endeavoring to instill into the minds of erstwhile law-breakers the old adage that "honesty is the best policy." After having spent many years in obtaining information surreptitiously, he is now devoting his energies to the putting down of the habit of obtaining liquor by any other modes than those recognized by the Customs and Revenue Acts of Parliament.

In a quiet, well arranged little room in one of the buildings there works one who for many years was the editor-in-chief of one of the largest political dailies in Canada, and who in his term as editor probably did more to elevate and enlighten the Ontario press than any other living man. Now he reigns as head over one of the most important branches of the service, and whilst serving his country still continues to serve his day and generation by periodical papers on books, and other matters. His writings form the small part of the attractions of one of the weeklies and are looked for eagerly by many competent judges of things literary and journalistic.

In the next room, separated by a stone wall and reached by another entrance, works an old laborer in the French-Canadian newspaper world, and who, from having been a writer of politics and a friend and confidant of the leaders of his party and nationality, now serves his countrymen by supervising their interests in the department committed to his charge. For many years one of the confidential councilors of one of Quebec's most gifted and ambitious sons, his memory holds a vast amount of unwritten details, which, if ever published, will throw vivid lights and well defined shadows on many pages of the history of Quebec politics since Confederation.

Another old newspaper man who for many years occupied a confidential and prominent place in the political world, though never of it, occupies the position of head of a department from which information flows, and which annually issues a book without which no well-assorted library is complete. Retired from politics and the hurry and bustle of active life amongst men fighting for an existence, he, from his sheltered place of ease, sends forth many times a year articles which are read by many who never heard his name and who do not even know that he exists.

A quiet conversationally inclined gentleman, well up in years, presides over a branch of public work from which Canada has expected great things and from which she may get them in the fullness of time. Well read, and well stocked with anecdotes, he years ago shone as a light in Ontario newspaperdom. Since then, he has been in the employ of more than one Government. Now he is struggling with unaided surroundings to meet the demands of an eager public.

In every department the newspaper man is to be found, and in almost every case he is in a position of trust and is doing work that will tell in the course of years to come, though oftentimes undervalued at the time of doing.—Yelme Dene, in Montreal Star.

## Same Old Recipe

Tommy—I asked der boss ter let me off 'cos me aint was dead. Billy—An' wot did he say? Tommy—He said, "Who's goin' ter bat at her funeral?"—Comic Out.

## Salmonchely.

Our cousins in Canada have had another good salmon season. They propose to eat all they can, and to can all they can't.—Punch.

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JINGLES AND JESTS.

She Ventured.

She ventured in the briny deep  
A little while ago  
And yelled for murder, fire, police!  
A crab had pinched her toe.

And, though at that momentous time  
Her screams were plainly heard,  
Yet when a lobster squeezed her waist  
She didn't say a word.

Gave His Consent.

"I want your daughter," said the  
young man aggressively.  
The old man was shrewd.  
"Have you got her?" he asked.  
"I have."  
"Then take her."

Coherent Answer.

Helen—I have just refused to marry  
Mr. Gingerley.  
Edith—Oh, did he propose?  
Helen—Well, I can't say positively,  
but that is how I constructed his incoherent remarks.

An Illustration.

He said as he heeded the highwayman's  
threat  
And straightway uplifted each hand.  
"This gives me the best illustration I've  
met  
Of the law of supply and demand."

What Had He Done?

Husband (reading the paper)—What  
fools some men will make of themselves!

Wife—Now, Henry, dear what have  
you done this time?

Nobody Else Would Want It.

Benham—I have a mind of my own.  
Mrs. Benham—You are welcome to it.

Knocked Down.

To knock down fifty oxen he  
Was strong enough, 'twas clear.  
His voice was strong; that's all. You  
see.  
He was an auctioneer

Over the Coffee Cups.

Mrs. Henpeck—Well, anyhow, your  
brother Tom isn't as big a fool as you  
are.  
Henpeck—You bet he isn't. He's a  
bachelor.

Echo From Newport.

Stella—Did you know that Cholly  
Saphead follows the hounds?  
Bella—No; I always thought he fol-  
lowed the monkeys.



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## THE DAIRY COW.

Three Phases to be Considered in Choos-  
ing Members of the Herd.

There are three phases to be con-  
sidered in this choosing a cow, said  
Prof. F. S. Cooley, at a recent in-  
stitute at the Massachusetts agricul-  
tural college. First, I would select  
the cow as an individual without refer-  
ence to antecedents and records. The  
most important indication of a  
good cow is her udder. No cow can  
make much milk without a capacious  
udder. This is not measured so much  
by its vertical diameter as by its  
length as measured by the attach-  
ment to the body. It should extend  
well forward and far back or up-  
ward between the legs and should be  
wide at the same time, but not neces-  
sarily pendulous. The next point to  
be considered is the barrel. The cow  
must have a big body which is her  
workshop or laboratory.

Those features that indicate a good  
breeder or mother, should come next.  
She should be wide through the hips  
and large and roomy in the hind  
quarters. The fourth point to  
be considered is the forequarters,  
and here she should be rather  
thin and sharp, of spare flesh.  
farther put together with chine "a  
little sharp." The neck should be  
sharp and rather loosely put on the  
shoulders and the head long. Lastly  
should come the superficial points  
such as good milk veins, smooth skin,  
fine hair and loose skin. The udder,  
barrel, pelvic region, fore quarters  
and superficial points should be con-  
sidered in this order, but most buyers  
begin with the last and seldom  
get as far as the udder.

The second phase of the selection  
has to do with the pedigree. A ped-  
igree of the right sort should be a  
record of ancestry that includes an-  
imals of superior merit close up. The  
mother of the cow should be a super-  
ior animal and of the type which you  
wish to perpetuate. The mother of  
the cow's sire should be the same.  
If they are mediocre, you have a  
poor pedigree to start with. The  
farther back you can go with good  
animals, the better the pedigree. The  
next point is uniformity and similar-  
ity of animals on both sides.

In the selection of a herd, the third  
phase is to choose a few each year  
from among those cows you  
have and weed them out select-  
ing a few from outside,  
superior to those you propose to let  
go. To make selections in your own  
herd, is necessary to keep a daily  
record and to make frequent tests of  
the milk. Dispose of those not mak-  
ing a satisfactory profit. At the  
Connecticut experiment station it  
costs about \$42 a year to keep a  
cow here about \$60. In order to  
pay for this feed, a cow must be ca-  
pable of making 300 pounds butter  
per year. The average of the herd  
ought to be 350 pounds, and 400  
pounds is possible with care and selection.  
Too many farmers don't  
know which cows are making a profit  
and which a loss.

## Autograph Handkerchiefs.

One of the last acts of King  
before his departure from Coves was  
the signing of his autograph on the  
handkerchief used as a flag of truce  
when the surrender of the Boer capital,  
Pretoria, was demanded. Her  
Majesty the Queen also signed, so  
that this handkerchief is now perhaps  
one of the most historic mementoes  
of the war, bearing, as it does, the  
autographs of their Majesties, the  
Prince of Wales, Lord Roberts, Vis-  
count Kitchener and the British gen-  
erals who were present next morning  
to receive the surrender of the city.

Above handkerchiefs, this reminds  
me that, just before leaving South  
Africa for England, Lord Kitchener  
was presented with a handkerchief  
and asked by a young and rather  
dudish officer to write his autograph  
on it.

Kitchener examined the handker-  
chief, which was a dainty piece of  
cambric, and more suitable for a  
society belle than for an officer in  
the British army. The general eyed  
and snuffed the pretty trifle for a  
moment and then said: "Whose hand-  
kerchief is this?"

"It is mine," replied the young  
officer. "I have rather a pretty taste  
in handkerchiefs, you know."  
"Indeed," rejoined Kitchener, cut-  
tingly, "and what is your taste like  
in hairpins?" And he refused to  
sign it.

## Spoiled the Dog.

"I don't think there was ever such  
an unfortunate individual as I am,"  
growled Short as he flung himself  
down on the couch. "It does not  
matter what I try to do, something  
is sure to upset my plans."

"It is like that with some people,"  
remarked Long sympathetically.  
"What is it this time?"

"Why, as I reached the door,  
Black came up and barked me because  
my dog had bitten a piece out of his  
leg."

"I don't quite see where the mis-  
fortune comes in for you. You won't  
have to pay compensation; it's the  
dog's first bite. It seems to me that  
the misfortune—"

"You don't understand at all," re-  
joined Short savagely. "I've brought  
that dog up from a pup as a proof  
that dogs can live on a vegetarian  
diet, and just as I am attaining my  
object the dog gets hold of a piece of  
meat. It's enough to make a man  
us bad language. Why on earth did  
that idiot go and put his leg in the  
dog's way?"—London Answers.

## Poor Lone Woman.

Magistrate—You are charged with  
assaulting your husband. Madam—  
Yes, your honor. I asked him if he'd  
always love me, an' he was so slow  
in answerin' that I hit him with a  
mop. I'm only a woman, yer honor,  
an' a woman's life without love is a  
mere blight.—Halfpenny Comic.

## An Ungrateful Woman.

We read the other day of an elderly  
farmer who had this criticism to  
make of his wife:  
"I've spent enough on that woman  
to buy three farms, an' yet she'd  
rather go off to some meetin' than  
stay at home an' help me dress a  
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