

we believe, the wishes of the Province; but the leaders were not familiar with the subject, and the case was frittered away in abortive attacks made by single members without preconcert, and not urged home. On the dangerous patronage of the liquor trade given to Government by the Crooks Act, an effective appeal might have been made to the constitutional sentiment of the Province, even if the division had been poor; but the subject was barely touched. We once more invite political observers to mark that the result of the party system, where there are no real party divisions, is Junto Government, with the system of interest and patronage, with the avoidance of important public questions and the "Rest and be Thankful" policy, by which Juntos keep themselves in power. If people like Junto Government, well and good, they have it; though we should have thought that it was the very thing which representative institutions were intended to prevent. If they do not like it, the only course is to break the party Machines; let the Assembly elect the executive officers, thus giving a fair chance to all ability in its turn; and throw open the representation to all who are worthy and willing to serve the Province. That members of the present Cabinet are very worthy as well as willing to serve the Province, we are as far as possible from denying: if we object to them it is not personally, but as a Junto, and especially as a Junto supported by a compact with the masters of the Catholic vote.

—Among the Private Bills passed by the Local Legislature is one which seems to raise a grave question of public principle. It is entitled "An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the Toronto Gravel Road and Concrete Company." We all remember the consternation, caused some years ago by the Goodhue Will Case, in which the Legislature undertook, at the instance of interested parties, to alter the provisions of a private will. The present case looks like one of the same kind. The Company under its charter possesses, as the preamble to the