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Civil Servants and the Irish Question.

Editor Evening Telegram

Dear Sir.—Mr. P. J. Kinsella's letter about the L.O.A. Resolutions drew my attention again to the fact that a number of civil servants have been making themselves prominent on the Irish question—too prominent in fact. Some of the expressions used by officials in this country would if made use in a foreign country by servants of the state be sufficient reason for a declaration of war or for the demanding of an apology coupled with the dismissal of the offender. We Newfoundland civil servants have privileges: we have also responsibilities and some things which other people may say or do with praise from all men might be deserving of censure if said or done by a civil servant.

The Judges of the Supreme Court do not protest because they are disenfranchised and cannot vote at any election. Civil servants are not supposed to take an active part in politics. Each civil servant may have his own private opinion and may even vote at an election but he cannot stand in a public platform or write letters to the newspapers boosting Squires or Ashin, Coaker or Crosbie. Anyone who is free to do so, but not a civil servant.

The gentlemen who form the British Government are superior officers to the civil servants of Newfoundland. Their powers, it is true, are limited with regard to us. They cannot dismiss us; but then the Minister of Justice, Mr. Warren, cannot dismiss a policeman. The Inspector General alone can do that. In fact the Attorney General cannot give direct orders to a policeman, yet he is the latter's superior officer, and it would sound strange to hear the policeman on Rawlin's Cross abusing Mr. Warren to all passers-by.

In the same way abuse of the British Government by Newfoundland civil servants is a piece of impertinence. Abuse of the British Cabinet by anyone else in Newfoundland is often right and proper and may not be unlawful.

Mr. Editor, I cannot and will not enter into any controversy on the Irish question. I am grieved to see it brought into our community. True, it makes me smile to see the facts of history misquoted and misapplied by both sides. As to its being a religious question I would say what the chameleon said, and the moral of that fable should apply both to proponents and opponents alike. It is over thirty years since I read the poem on the chameleon and I cannot remember it all. I give some of the concluding lines:

"All stared, the man looked wondrous wise,
My friends, then the chameleon cries,
(Then first the creature found a tongue)
You all are right and all are wrong."
"Think others see as well as you
Nor wonder if you find that none
Prefers your eyesight to his own."
Yours truly,
WARWICK SMITH,
Dec. 7, 1920.

Curliana.

The Annual meeting of The St. John's (Nfld.) Curling Association was held last evening in their rooms. The President, Hon. F. H. Steer, M.B.E., who so ably presided over the Association for the past two years occupied the chair and submitted his annual report, which was heartily and well received by the Curlers present.

The minutes of the last general meeting in April were then read and the Secretary's account submitted, which showed the Association to be in a good financial condition. Both reports and statement of accounts were received and adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with resulting as follows:

President—W. J. Higgins, K.C., M.H.A.
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2nd Vice President—D. MacFarlane.
Secretary—A. H. Salter, M.B.E.

Committee of Management—George Whiteley, H. J. Duder, F. C. Crane, Hon. F. H. Steer, M.B.E., H. E. Cowan, and F. T. Behm, with the captain of the White Division to be elected.

The Curlers' new President, although young in years is old in experience, being prominently identified practically since his youth with all sports that tended to make a better citizen. We have been informed that he is a keen and canny Curlier—a good winner and a good loser and the Association is fortunate in the election of their new President.

Mr. Higgins, in thanking his brother Curlers for the honor thus conferred upon him, assured the Curlers that he would do his utmost to make this season a happy and successful one. He felt assured that with the cooperation of his brother Curlers and with the advice of the Committee of Management, the year would prove all that could be desired.

The annual fixtures will be arranged for in a day or two, and we wish the President, Officers and Curlers every good luck for 1921.

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Premier Squires Had Busy Mission.

Premier Squires, of Newfoundland, who arrived here this morning from England and Montreal, leaves to-night for St. John's on the steamer Kyle. He is accompanied by Mrs. Squires.

When seen this morning at the Belmont by a North Sydney Herald representative, the Premier seemed in a very pleasant mood, but said he was sorry he had no news of interest to give out.

"I was in England engaged in matters connected with the Canada-Newfoundland boundary dispute," said the Premier in answer to the Herald reporter, "and feel that the colony will get a fair deal in the matter."

"What is the outlook for the fishing industry in the Old Country?" asked the reporter.

"Well, just at present it is hard to say, but I gave the matter no little attention, and marketing fish in the Mediterranean was one of the matters I attended to while in England."

Premier Squires added that other matters that engaged his attention were the winding up of Newfoundland's military affairs, the graves of Newfoundland soldiers and war memorials.

While in Montreal he was making enquiries into the closing of the ore mines of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. at Bell Island, which has thrown so many men out of employment, but did not say whether it was the intention of the corporation to renew activity at an early date.

"I am going to pay a visit to the company's plant to-day," said Mr. Squires, as he excused himself to the reporter to catch the ferry steamer to Sydney.—North Sydney Herald, Dec. 4.

Personal.

Hon. W. J. Ellis leaves by to-day's express for the United States, and will likely be absent several weeks.

Rev. A. Fyde, P.P., St. Bride's, arrived in the city yesterday to be present at the consecration of Bishop-Elect Renouf, to-morrow.

Mr. J. Sellars, who was seriously ill Saturday and Sunday, was much improved yesterday.

His Lordship Bishop Morrison, of Antigonish, who will officiate as one of the consecrating Bishops at to-morrow's ceremony at the Cathedral, arrived by last night's express. Rt. Rev. Mons. Sears, V.G., St. George's, and Revs. Jop and Callan, arrived by the same train.



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