

Edward Ryan, of Kingston, who has been appointed Medical Superintendent to the Kingston Asylum in the place of Dr. Clarke, is President of the Kingston Conservative Association, and unsuccessfully contested Kingston in the Conservative interests in 1902. It is not stated whether or not this is a non-political appointment. Dr. Ryan graduated in Arts in 1886, and in Medicine in 1889, from Queen's University. He has been recognized for years as one of Kingston's most able and prominent physicians on account of his well-known energy, industry and ability. We believe that he will soon become an excellent asylum superintendent.

Dr. Joseph John Williams, of Lisle, Ont., has been appointed Superintendent of the Asylum for Epileptics at Woodstock. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1893, and many of the professors of that institution certified that he is possessed of energy, tact and ability in a high degree. After graduating, he practiced for a time in Gorrie, and then removed to Lisle, West Simcoe, the constituency of Mr. J. F. Duff, M.P.P. It may be mentioned, incidentally, that Dr. Williams has been one of the best supporters of the Conservative party in his part of the province during the last three or four elections. No one has stated, so far as we know, that this is a non-political appointment.

Many think that Dr. Mitchell, formerly of Enniskillen, should have received this appointment. He was officially informed by the late Reform Government that he would be appointed, and on the strength of such information travelled in the older countries, at his own expense, and studied the methods in vogue in similar institutions with a view to properly fitting himself for the position. His appointment, however, was not officially confirmed. In the meantime, "there arose up a new king over Egypt which knew not Joseph."

The Whitney Government practically took no notice of Dr. Mitchell's claims for the position. It happened that Dr. Mitchell had engaged in a dangerous game of politics, and must accept what may be called the fortunes of war.