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Premier Hardy Denies the Charges of Nepotism.

AN OLD STORY REHASHED

It Was Used for Campaign Purposes, But is Devoid of Truth.

Woman's Property Emancipation Bill—Interesting Discussion on Municipal Government—New Act Respecting Town Councils—How We Too May Benefit?

Upon the opening of the Legislature yesterday the Attorney-General asked the privilege of the House to make some remarks about an article which had appeared in the Toronto Mail and Empire in reference to his appointment of relatives to office under the Government.

The Premier stated that this was the same old story which had been used in the last campaign. It had been refuted once before and therefore the Mail was not speaking ignorance in the first place, he had no father in the London Asylum; his father had been dead 10 years, and had no son in the Crown Lands Department, and no place in the Orillia Asylum. Neither had he a sister in the Hamilton Asylum, nor a cousin in the license branch. It was true he had a cousin, but not a nephew in the Education Department, but the latter had been in the employ of the Government before he (the speaker) had entered Parliament. He was a son of Rev. Thomas Jeffers and a nephew of the late Miss Hardy, a matron of the Orillia Asylum, had been employed there for over 15 years, and received a salary of \$450 per year. Miss Parker, of the Hamilton Asylum, spoken of as his sister, was a sister of one of Sir Oliver Mowat's oldest and most staunch supporters. True, he had a relative in the Crown Lands Department, Mr. R. W. Hardy by name, but he was not certain which of the two names, R. W. or Hardy, had the most influence in putting him there. [Laughter.] He thought it might be the time name. [Renewed laughter.]

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MUNICIPAL GOVERNORS.

The act respecting town councils, also read a second time. It was the election of a mayor and two councillors, elected by general vote, and two councillors elected by the ratepayers for towns of over 4000 population, and for all towns under that, a mayor and six councillors to be elected by the ratepayers. Similar provision is made for villages and townships, which are to be governed by a mayor and four councillors. Reeves and deputy Reeves in towns are done away with.

The Attorney-General stated that he had not been able to come to a conclusion in reference to the voting by ward system. It was urged by the labor and Roman Catholic elements that the election of one councillor by the ward and the other by the city would do them an injustice in cases where they were a minority. The bill had also been asked to limit the number of wards, but as each town had always mapped out its own wards, this course would be impracticable.

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Mr. Matheson endorsed a letter, which he read from a reverend, who suggested the appointment of county auditors who were to be chartered accountants and to be responsible for county funds.

Mr. McDonald, the Patron member for Bruce, and Mr. Kerna concluded the discussion and the bill was read a second time.

Upon the item of \$670 for the insurance branch, Mr. Matheson enquired whether there would be any loss of revenue owing to the abolition of the fees to insurance agents.

Mr. Gibson replied that the change would cause a reduction in revenue of between \$100 and \$200.

Mr. Matheson protested that this item of expenditure had grown in 10 years from \$200 to \$670.

Hon. Mr. Gibson explained that the work had been doubled because the inspection of benefit societies had been undertaken.

Upon the item of \$100 for the Department of Agriculture caused Mr. Whitney to remark that he supposed it was useless to expect a reduction in any of the items.

Mr. Matheson inquired what the immigration secretary was doing. It appeared to him that the gentleman was a purely ornamental member.

Mr. Whitney was asked his duties, and the Commissioner replied that he earned his salary and in the province's interest.

Asked by Mr. Macneil as to this clerk's previous experience, Mr. Gibson said he had been in the Hamilton Asylum, nor a cousin in the license branch.

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From The Nanapan Beaver.

The life of one afflicted by rheumatism is at times almost unbearable. The sufferer is racked with pain until he cannot move, and he would as well be a child in the hands of a cruel giant. Among those who have suffered much and found relief is Mr. Samuel Sparks, a market gardener, well known in Nanapan and vicinity. Mr. Sparks recently related to a reporter how he was restored to health and strength.

He said: "For several years I have been a great sufferer from rheumatism in my limbs. The doctor who attended me called it sciatic rheumatism, and the trouble was worse than in the spring than at any other season. In the spring of 1895 I had a very severe attack, and was much worse than I had ever been before. I was not able to do any work, and the doctor said I suffered the greatest agony and could get no relief either sitting up or lying down. I was as helpless as a child, and I was as much as a dog in the hands of a cruel giant. They had become paralyzed. Then the doctor said I was suffering from consumption of the bowels, and that I could not live much longer. As the doctor said nothing for me I determined to try another fight for life and try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had heard that they would give me relief, and I was a blessing. Great was my astonishment when I found that the doctor was disposed of and concurrent resolutions passed, the House will promptly take up the School Act amendments. They deny with equal vigour the Conservative Opposition will take regarding the amendments has not yet developed, though it is known they are to be made to Mr. Laurier, and what he has not asked for them. What the House will do regarding the amendments has not yet developed, though it is known they are to be made to Mr. Laurier, and what he has not asked for them.

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