

Guelph Herald.

There will be no lack of persons to tell Lord Graham when his coronet is not on straight or his garter slips down.

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Hamilton Times.

The Ottawa Journal-Press supports Mr. N. W. Rowell's protest against creating hereditary titles in Canada. No doubt if the Imperial Government understood the true feeling of Canada on this question there would be no more Lord Beaverbrooks or Baron Gramhams.

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Ottawa Citizen.

It is really amusing to read the fussy protests of certain journals and individuals in Canada just now against the introduction of hereditary titles. The number of newspapers which have successfully concealed their democracy until the present time is astonishing. But there can be little doubt of their sincerity now; they are against the whole toadyish practice. Some, indeed, are apparently out to wipe the whole business from our scheme of things.

Particularly bitter is the comment regarding the alleged reception of these honors in the Dominion. The statement in the London Times and the Daily Mail that Canada was delighted with the last batch of hereditary titles is scornfully repudiated. The new-found democrats are almost speechless at the implied condescension of our British cousins.

But are these very journals not entirely responsible for the condition that they now decry? Are not many of the new democrats among those who fiercely attacked or scoffed at the Citizen when this journal protested against the appointment of a member of the royal family to the Governor-Generalship of the Dominion a few years ago (previous to the coming of the Duke of Connaught) on the ground that such an appointment could not be otherwise than harmful ultimately

in a democratic country such as Canada professed to be? How many of these newspapers backed up the late Hon. Mr. Emmerson in his dignified protest along the same lines in the House of Commons?

The truth is that we have had so much toadyism among the press of the Dominion that the British have mistaken it for the real spirit of the country, and have decided to cater to it. Had the press and publicists now so indignantly repudiating the mistaken notion in Britain that we are hankering for an aristocracy protested at the time it became apparent that we were being "readied up" for the honors, it is scarcely likely that we would have the respectable foundation for a titled class which we now possess.

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Calgary Herald.

In entering protest against the tendency which is becoming apparent in Canada for wealthy people to go title-hunting, and particularly against the fastening to our democracy of a number of hereditary titles, the Ottawa Journal-Press is speaking for the great mass of the Canadian people, and it is to be hoped its protest will carry weight with the powers at Ottawa and elsewhere.

In this country men are judged on their merit and the incident of title carries little weight. The man who is a "rotter" cannot hope either to gain or retain the respect of the masses through such distinction handed to him by the dispensers of that sort of thing. We still are democratic enough to pay tribute to real worth in the man, regardless of his station in life, or the presence or absence of appendages to his name, and we want to remain that way.

As for hereditary titles, they are altogether objectionable in this country, and we doubt if ever the time will come when they will be regarded, here at least, as of greater value than the ordinary family heirloom to their possessors. Certainly they will not serve the purpose of an Aladdin's lamp except in those very limited circles where pedigree and position count for more than brains.