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## Our Political Problems And How to Solve Them.

(By ANALYST.)

"Now, when our land to ruin's brink is verging,  
In God's name, let us speak while there is time!  
Now, when the padlocks for our lips are forging,  
Silence is crime!"

Experience teaches us that sweeping statements in the field of political science are dangerous. It is an empirical science. It were absurd to assert that for earthly purposes one form of government is absolutely superior to all others. The case of each country has to be separately considered. What is sauce for the goose is not necessarily sauce for the gander. No doubt, the pattern of the ideal government is laid up in heaven; but, as Socrates dryly intimated in the "Republic," it is not likely to be realized on earth—at any rate, not here in Newfoundland under existing circumstances.

It is quite amusing, though, to follow those tilting in the political arena between the organs of the Government and the Opposition. Both sides show considerable discernment in the witticisms and innuendoes they fling at each other, for it is truly said that satire must be exact in its topsturdiness in order to be illuminating. And here I am reminded of one of the famous duets from "The Mikado":—

"There's a beauty in the bellow of the blast,  
There's a grandeur in the growling of the gale,  
There is eloquent outpouring  
When the lion is a-roaring  
And the tiger is a-lashing of his tail!"

"Yes, I like to see a tiger  
From the Congo or the Niger,  
And especially when lashing of his tail!"

"Volcanoes have splendor that is grim,  
And earthquakes only terrify the dolls,  
But to him that's scientific  
There's nothing that's terrific  
In the falling of a flight of thunder-bolts!"

Yes, in spite of all my meekness  
If I have a little weakness  
It's a passion of a flight of thunder-bolts!"

When Gilbert applied this satirical genius to the politicians or the lawyers, and to pompous people of high estate, his wit invariably helps to bring out the truth.

In undertaking the task of political reform, let us not be fooled into thinking that the task ended by selecting incorruptible officials. That is merely setting one's hand to the plough. For the citizen has no just right to demand from a public official what the citizen is unwilling to grant in himself. The dominion task is an individual obligation. As each citizen assumes it for himself, and neither asks nor accepts what every other man does not have an equal chance to get, becomes absolutely honest in little things both in giving and receiving, he reduces by just so much the mass or power of the wrong that is expressed by corruption. And in substituting in his own field of relations the rule of absolute integrity in giving and receiving, he increases the mass of the power of the right which is expressed in good government. When the majority of citizens do this, government will reflect it. Not intermittently and with spasms, but steadily and constantly.

Of course, the work of cleansing the official must be done whenever it becomes necessary. But it is no time for the citizen to become complacent. The call is for him to examine his own house and more earnestly endeavor to see that no deviation from exact and unwavering integrity in what he asks or what he takes, or what he does, continues to live there. No public official can make the citizen impervious to corruption. Even if he could, the citizen would not let him. But the citizen must do it for himself, and to himself. So far as he can he must endeavor to choose his representatives, so that they, and those whom they will choose, will reflect his spirit and law of action.

It is a truism that "for every corrupt official there is a corrupt citizen." Without an element of corruption in the body of citizens there could be no corrupt official. Like charity, corruption begins at home. And that which may seem a trivial matter when practised by the citizen becomes a dominion scandal when the citizen occupies a public office. Public officers are citizens first and officials afterwards. Public office does not eliminate any of the qualities inherent in the citizen. His oath of office is not a disaffection. Office merely intensifies the qualities of the man, his weaknesses or his strength. And as he was a citizen, so as an official he must constantly deal with other citizens as

they are. In a little while he retires to his place in the great body of citizens. The need, the demand is for an intense and all-inclusive morality in the relation of each individual to his fellow, a self-restraint which repudiates gain at the cost of another's or the common right. "By the Eternal," said Thoreau, "I want nothing for myself that every other man has not an equal chance to get."

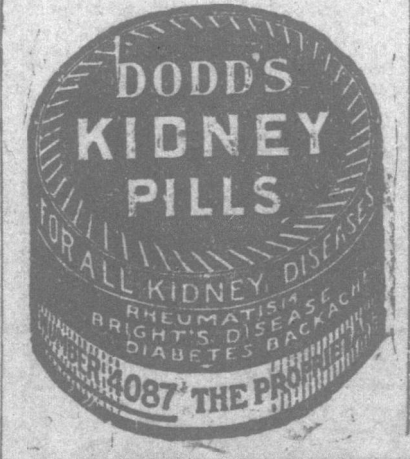
Some people, strange as it may seem, do not admit any advantage at all in the practice of examining and exposing every in public life. And why? Because nine out of every ten of them are in some way identified with poodles and participate in their ill-gotten gains. They argue along these lines: The evils are (1) the certitude that in the general process innocent men will be suspected and (2) the production, by such perpetual exposure, of a sort of atmosphere or consciousness of political weakness. If the mass of people (it is said) get to believe that their representatives are corrupt, the security of the country is weakened.

While I admit the existence of the evils in question, I do not for a moment admit that they outweigh the good. If an innocent man is accused he must take the rough with the smooth. He has deliberately entered professional politics. He knows his trade to be tainted; he must run the risk. A man does not go in for professional politics without some idea of advantage to himself. He desires to be talked about or to have power, even if he does not desire to pilfer public money. He cannot see what goes on around him as a member of these little political oligarchies without either denouncing their corruption or winking at it. If he denounces, he cannot long remain a member of the party he thus betrays. If he winks at it he is a partner in the guilt of his fellows.

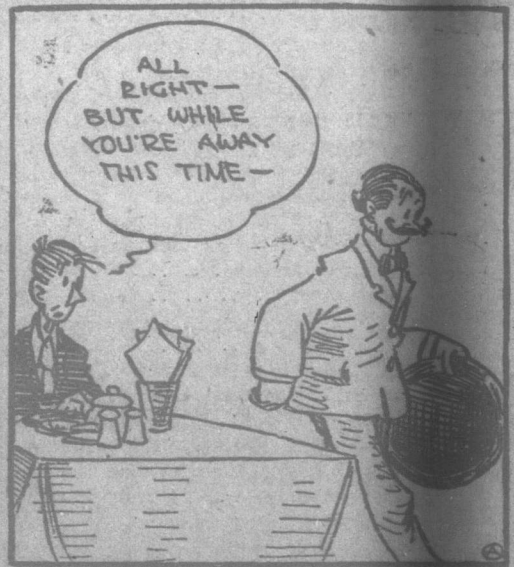
It is a source of some satisfaction to know that Premier Warren has decided to take criminal proceedings against those indicted in Commissioner Walker's Report. The country is responsible that the standard of governmental ability has fallen so low, and the habit of acquiescence in the dolours of the old guard in politics is so firmly fixed that effective independence of judgment has well nigh passed away in Newfoundland. It is only by a thorough house-cleaning, by a moral and practical resolution that the affairs of the country should also be the affairs of its decent citizens that we can accomplish much.

Badly needed legislation, much-desired reforms, reduction in taxation and the reorganization of the Civil Service, have had to wait while politics and financial scandals have their day. Yet, unless there is a rapid change, the present government will have as little to its credit as did the last. Rarely has such an opportunity for constructive work come before the Legislature. Yet its reputation and its accomplishments sink lower and lower. Is the Government of Newfoundland to fail, as have so many legislative bodies in other more pretentious countries, till our people begin to clamor for a change from Responsible Government to Crown Colony? That, or Confederation, seems to be a possible result of the present situation. The disgust which has filled the mind of the public, and the confusion which at present exists as to the purpose of the continued inquiries, all bear strongly in a certain direction.

When I favor government reforms I only ask for what is necessary and essential to the honest administration of public affairs. Listening to some people talk about political reform re-



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minds one of a newspaper wait I read some years ago. It runs like this:—

"I'm thankful that the sun and moon Are both hung up so high That no pretentious hand can stretch And pull them from the sky. If they were not, I have no doubt But some reforming ass Would recommend to take them down And light the world with gas."

When the average present-day party leader holds the mirror up to nature and to man, men will be excused if they shrink from contemplating their features as he (the party leader) reveals them. To exaggerate the likeness of human nature, to dwell on the shortcomings and failures and the weaknesses of man, and to float and jeer, or, still worse, to ignore those greater elements which are, after all, the dominant forces in human affairs, may be useful, but it is a thankless task from which most men would recoil. The party leader of to-day, however, reveals in that task, and is so happy in the doing of it, that it is impossible to disturb his equanimity or the composure with which he contemplates his handiwork.

There he stands, all unmasked before you—heartless and grasping—with an audacity beyond that of Verres, a subtlety beyond that of Machiavel, a meanness beyond that of Bacon, and an unscrupulousness beyond that of his own Gammell—the man who "got there," in 1908. But even if they permit the principal to escape, it will not be the first time in history that a platform erected for punishment has become a pedestal of honor in the eyes of a devouring swarm of political parasites. It is true, as our prince of poets puts it: that

"A sceptre, snatched with an unruly hand,  
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And he that stands upon a slippery place,  
Makes nice of no vile hold to stay him up."

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