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VICTORIA'S REIGN.

Friday was proclaimed a holiday by the Mayor "to commemorate the attainment by Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria of the longest reign in British history."

When Queen Victoria began to reign she was a young woman of eighteen years of age. She ascended the Throne on the 20th of June, 1837, so she will have reigned sixty years on the 19th of next June.

The long reign of George the Third was a stormy one, and it does not appear that he enjoyed any unusual amount of domestic happiness. His mind, too, gave way and there were intervals in which others had to think for him and to act for him.

It will, we believe, be admitted by the historians and the statesmen of the future that Queen Victoria, by her virtues and her good judgment, has given a

new lease of life to monarchical institutions. If monarchy, after sixty years of Queen Victoria's reign, is more popular in Great Britain than it was when she ascended the throne, the credit is due to our good Queen.

God save our gracious Queen, Long live our noble Queen, as sincerely as it is sung in any part of the Empire."

INARTISTIC.

The hypocrisy of our Liberal contemporaries is not artistic. It is in fact very much the reverse. It is so clumsy and so gross that it is seen through by the least discerning.

The stories that were so industriously circulated from Ottawa of late, from inventive Conservative circles, doubtless, to the effect that an outsider—sometimes it was Hon. Joseph Martin of times it was Hon. D. C. Fraser of Guysboro—had been offered or would receive the vacant appointment on the B.C. Bench—were, it is now announced, on Ministerial authority, all moonshine.

The Westminster paper is so strong a partisan that it evidently believes there is no harm in trying to deceive the public if the deception is calculated to benefit the Liberal party. It knows very well that the "stories" were not inventions, and that they came from Liberals as well as Conservatives.

ABOUT DISMISSALS.

A good deal has been said of late about the dismissal of civil servants. The question is really not a party one. A great many on both sides of politics are of opinion that a civil servant should not take an active part in politics, and that if he does he must not think it hard if he is dismissed by the men against whom he worked.

jeopardy. He may expect to be deprived of his means of living as soon as the Government or one of the Ministers has had time to pay attention to his case. Then such a system as this opens the door wide for malicious intrigue and false accusation.

We consider it cruel and most unjust to place men in this miserable position. If the Legislature of the Dominion consider it best in the interest of the public service that civil servants shall be disfranchised, or that having the privilege of voting they shall not take an active part in elections, why cannot a law be enacted defining their political privileges?

If Mr. Laurier and Mr. Davies are right in their views with regard to the political status of civil servants let them embody them in a law, and not doom civil servants to something that has very much the appearance of slavery.

A CASE OF PERSECUTION.

The Times on Thursday repeated editorially the announcement made in the previous day's issue in its Ottawa correspondence that Dr. George Duncan, Superintendent of Quarantine, has been dismissed. We find it extremely difficult to believe this, because Dr. Duncan had received no intimation that any charges had been brought against him.

The simple truth is that Dr. Duncan committed no offence whatever. He is merely suspected of having done wrong by political partisans who are ignorant of the duty of a health officer with regard to persons supposed to have come in contact with a man who was believed to be suffering from smallpox.

go to the polls, the Mayor, who is a gentleman of high intelligence and who is more than usually strict in the exercise of the power entrusted to him, freely declared that Dr. Duncan had committed no offence against the law of the city, and voted against the motion for his dismissal.

The truth of the matter is, that this case is one of political persecution. The zeal for the preservation of the public health exhibited by Dr. Duncan's persecutors is a shallow and a transparent pretext. His enemies are actuated by political spite and political greed.

"CLERICAL POVERTY."

It is generally supposed that the clergymen of the Church of England in England are very well paid. People read a good deal about "fat livings" and of aristocratic rectors who do nothing or next to nothing, and are exceedingly well paid for what they do not do.

The accounts of the poverty of clergymen in England are truly pitiable. We read of ministers who cannot afford to have butchers' meat on their tables and who are unable to pay for medicine and medical attendance for themselves or for members of their families.

"For a Church whose Bishops in England and Wales have an aggregate income of £153,000 a year—i. e., £5,110 (\$25,500) a year each on an average—to appeal to the laity on behalf of the poorer clergy is a somewhat cynical proceeding unless accompanied by some attempt of equalization of incomes."

Those who denounce the clergy of the established Church in England as a number of over-paid and under-worked men should try to remember that there are about 11,000 clergymen in England who do not get \$650 a year each, a very large proportion of them getting much less.

Toronto, Oct. 15.—Dr. Murray, Bryanston, is dead, aged 40.

AWARDED Highest Honors—World's Fair, DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE.

October, November, December.

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