

NEWSPAPERMAN'S PROSPECTIVE HONOR.

HALIFAX, N.S., July 22.—Lieutenant-Governor Daly's term of office expires next June—or, rather, his second term. There is a possibility of him being succeeded by a newspaperman.

Strange things do happen sometimes, but it would be an awful shock to Halifax "society" to have Government House occupied by a newspaperman, because, if there is any class of people in Halifax whom "society" has no use for, the newspapermen form that class. I do not know why that is, but it is a fact, nevertheless. Of course, the newspapermen do not mind it; in fact, they rather like it, because they know exactly of what Halifax society consists of. Indeed, they contribute to help it along by publishing, week after week, a column or more of "society" gossip, and paying some "society" belle for writing it.

But our newspapermen do exert themselves sometimes. A newspaperman occupied the position of Lieut.-Governor of this Province, and he was the most brilliant man ever to hold the office. I refer to Hon. Joseph Howe. In May, 1873, he entered Government House and about one month later came out a corpse.

Next June, the chances are, Mr. Charles C. Blackadar, one of the editors and publishers of The Acadian Recorder, the oldest newspaper in Nova Scotia, will be called upon to represent Her Majesty the Queen in this part of her realm.

Mr. Blackadar is a man of wealth, a man of character, and a man of ability. He belongs to the old school of Liberals. He is a Liberal in season and out of season. His paper is the most pronounced, politically, in Canada. Although Mr. Blackadar does not tangle with society as it is at present constituted, he is a good entertainer. He is a warden of St. Paul's Anglican church, the most fashionable and wealthy congregation in the city. He is a director of the Union Bank, a director of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, a director of The Halifax Fire Insurance Company, a director of the Academy of Music, and a shareholder in many industrial corporations. Mr. Blackadar owns and occupies one of the most beautiful residences in the city, and there is an idea that this will be the future Government House.


Following the example of other Provinces, the local Government may be induced to abolish Government House—to hand it over for use as an art school, a public library and a number of other things for which people are clamoring to-day.

Mr. Blackadar and his brother, the proprietors of The Acadian Recorder, are having a new home constructed for their paper. It is situated on Granville street, directly in front of the Provincial building, and, when completed, will be one of the handsomest brick and stone structures in the city. They have arranged for new presses and typesetting machines, and intend to improve their paper in many respects.

The Toronto Globe has opened an office in the Canada Life building, Toronto, with A. C. McPhee, formerly its New York agent, as representative.



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