

WHITNEY STICKS TO THE PATRONAGE

Mr. Rowell's Resolution For Civil Service Based on Merit Defeated.

SCORES SPOIL SYSTEM

Opposition Leader Points Out the Need of a Reform in Ontario Administration.

Toronto, April 3.—Mr. Rowell's attempt to have the Government adopt a resolution calling for reform in the Provincial civil service was defeated in the Legislature yesterday on an amendment introduced by the Prime Minister.

The Opposition leader instanced the benefits that had come to the public service in Great Britain. It was the surest way of securing the elimination of the patronage evil in political affairs and would attract a better class of employees into the service. Mr. Rowell was not inclined to accept the Government's statement that the spoils system had not been introduced, and pointed out the well-known dismissal of License Inspector Hastings in Toronto when the license commissioners resigned, and a Conservative newspaper declared that the "spoils system is in control."

Sir James Whitney characterized the proposal contained in Mr. Rowell's resolution as absurd, and asked what kind of competitive examination could be set for a registrar of deeds or a division court clerk.

The Resolution. Mr. Rowell's motion was: "That in the judgment of this House the spoils and patronage systems are inimical to the highest efficiency of the public service and to the best interests of the country; that the public interests demand the immediate creation of a non-partisan civil service commission with ample powers, and that all appointments and promotions in the public service shall be by merit after competitive examination, except in those cases where the conditions of the public service render this impracticable."

The following is the amendment substituted by the Prime Minister: "This House congratulates the people of the province on the fact that under the administration of public affairs by the present Government no such system of spoils and patronage has any place; recognizes the difficulties which would surround the operation of a system of so-called civil service over a small number of officials, and that it would be wholly unwise and practically impossible to bring under such a system the various officials in the service of the province, including such officials as registrars of deeds, sheriffs, and county crown attorneys."

"This House recognizes the fact that success in a competitive examination is in no way a guarantee of pre-eminent or ordinary fitness for Government service, and this House recognizes the wisdom of and fairness with which the Government has dealt with appointments and promotions in the Government service."

Merit System Best. In opening his address, Mr. Rowell said the time had arrived when, in the interests of the province, the Government should establish a non-partisan civil service commission, so that all appointments would be made after a competitive examination, except to minor posts in the outside service. This system had worked to advantage in Great Britain, the United States and at Ottawa. The Indian service today was the envy of every Government in Europe, and the splendid character of that service was in no small measure responsible for the beneficial results of British rule in India.

"Under the existing system," continued Mr. Rowell, "promotions are made and salaries are raised on the recommendation of the ministers. I am prepared to assume that the ministers do what they believe to be best in the public interests, but they are often not in a position to know directly which ones of the office-seekers are most deserving."

Appointment and promotion by competitive examination would mitigate to a very large extent the patronage evil. Members of the House, he said, no doubt suffered more from this evil than from any other. How they were bothered and bothered by people wanting offices!

"We don't mind that," came sev-

eral voices from the Government benches.

"Well, some of the honorable gentlemen no doubt enjoy it," returned Mr. Rowell. But, he pointed out, public sentiment in Britain had seen the evil of the patronage system and had done away with it.

If Ontario should follow suit, the members of the House would have a larger measure of time to look after the public interests.

It would further have the effect of encouraging more men of public spirit to enter public life, as the patronage system was probably a greater discouragement than anything else.

Sir James Whitney was inclined to agree with a portion of Mr. Rowell's argument, but he would not go all the way with him. Everybody would admit that if the elimination of patronage could be brought about some benefit could be derived from a reorganization of the system. It was impossible, however, to deal with an abstract matter with academic speeches. In a civil service composed of such a small number of persons as the Ontario service, no practical good which could be observed by an onlooker could come by the adoption of any such plan had been suggested.

The great public service departments of Great Britain and the United States were out of all parallel with the situation in Ontario. In a large service competitive examinations might be advisable, but they would bring no advantage to Ontario.

"The advice of the deputy minister of a department is of far more consequence as to the efficiency and promotion of an official, than all the examinations you can record in the space of fifty years," declared the Prime Minister.

"If this motion is in order now it is several years overdue," said Hon. Mr. Hanna. Since he had become head of his department there had not been one dismissal for partisan reasons, although at the time the Government took office 99 per cent of the officials in Provincial institutions were Liberals.

Mr. Hanna pointed out that the late Government had received promotion, because the Government preferred to continue the employment of men they knew rather than experiment with strangers.

Mr. Rowell pointed out that Mr. Hanna vindicated the principle of promotion, which was the spirit of his resolution.

Mr. C. Elliott took exception to the statement of the Prime Minister that there was not a sufficiently large number of civil servants in the employ of Ontario to justify the making of appointments by examination. He pointed out that the number of people in the civil service was rapidly growing.

Mr. W. J. Johnston (West Hastings) thought Mr. Rowell's resolution was "the joke of the session."

Mr. Allan Studholme said that labor stood solid as the rock of Gibraltar for the appointment of civil servants according to merit.

POWER REPORT WILL BE READY SHORTLY

Ingersoll Ratepayers Have Been Anxiously Awaiting Word From Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, April 3.—The announcement has been made that the belated report of the electric power and light commission, which should have been submitted to the council in January, will be presented at the next regular meeting. The report has been prepared and submitted to the commissioners, who will go over it at a meeting tonight. If it is found satisfactory it will be sent on to the council. The absence of this report has occasioned a great many queries in the council during recent meetings, and the councillors as well as citizens as a whole will be glad to know that it is forthcoming.

Mayor Coleridge is receiving congratulations for his suggestion that the mill dams of the town be inspected. It is a matter of history that many appalling investigations and warnings have been given. It is difficult to estimate the strain on mill dams during the spring season, when tons of ice and immense volumes of water are pounding against them. While it may be that the dams are absolutely secure, the precautionary step suggested by the mayor is certainly a step that should be taken with as little delay as possible.

Lost His Chickens. An irate citizen was yesterday lamenting the loss of several choice Black Minorca chickens which mysteriously disappeared by the "lifting" process. The nocturnal visitor did not leave behind any clue that would be of assistance to the police in establishing his identity. However, no stone will be left unturned to hunt down the miscreant, as chickens have disappeared from the coops of late.

Town Clerk Smith has prepared the following statement of the expenditures by the various council committees to the first of April: Board of works expended by resolution \$140, by chairman's orders \$11220, total, \$256 61; overdraft, \$12 40. Fire, water and light committee expended by resolution \$1,668 71, by chairman's orders \$76 54, at credit of chairman, \$223 40. Market committee expended by resolution \$74 18, at credit of chairman \$25. Police committee expended by resolution \$412 65, by chairman's orders \$10, at credit of chairman, \$40. Incident committee expended by resolution \$136 32, at credit of chairman \$50.

PLEASANTLY SURPRISED

Pretty Ingersoll Girl Was Tendered a Shower by Her Friends.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, April 3.—Miss Clara Strowbridge, whose marriage takes place on Thursday, was very pleasantly surprised at the home of Miss Lela Kerr, where a number of her friends gathered and tendered her a miscellaneous shower. Many dainty and useful gifts were received by Miss Strowbridge, which serve to emphasize the esteem in which she is held by a wide circle of friends.

Although the Thames has been very high this week, there has been no damage reported thus far. This probably is accounted for by the fact that no serious ice jams have occurred here to back up the water. As far as the eye can reach up or down the river, it is clear of ice, and flows on with a majestic sweep, mighty indeed in comparison with the meandering, gurgling stream of the summer-time.

Mr. George Clark and son Earl left



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last evening for Radville, Sask., where they will reside.

The Caledonia Society met last evening and discussed details of the Dominion Day celebration, which is now receiving earnest attention.

Miss Lella Law has returned after visiting friends in St. Thomas.

The customs collections at the port of Ingersoll for the fiscal year ending March 31 amounted to \$341,626 37, being an increase over the fiscal year ending March 31, 1911, of \$170,299 70, and the largest in the history of the port.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL ACT

Will Consider Amendment in Regard to Interprovincial Registration.

Toronto, April 3.—A special medical committee of the Legislature will consider the amendment to the medical act introduced by Dr. D. Jamieson (South Grey) to provide for interprovincial registration of medical practitioners, and for the recognition of the practice of osteopathy. Dr. Jamieson explained his bill in the House yesterday, and moved that it be referred to a committee composed of Dr. Reaume, Dr. Pyne, Dr. Jamieson, Dr. Jessop, Dr. McQueen, Messrs. Thompson, Marshall, Musgrave, Johnston, Bowman, McNaught, McPherson and Sinclair.

Hon. Dr. Pyne explained his adolescent school attendance act, which came up for its second reading. The act is to give municipalities the option of passing a bylaw to require children between the ages of fourteen and seventeen who are not receiving an education to attend some school. Those children who may be employed shall, if the majority of the ratepayers desire it, be required to attend a night school, and the employers shall be required to allow them a sufficient number of hours off from work to attend such schools. Such laws were in force, Dr. Pyne explained, in France, Germany, Switzerland, Scotland, and other European countries. The act he proposed would be operative as soon as the child is free from the provision of the truncheon act.

With the exception of two sections the insurance bill was passed through committee of the whole. Mr. Rowell called attention to a lack of carelessness in the section providing that an insurance company once having disputed a claim on the merits of their case cannot also claim immunity from payment on the ground of a technicality. Mr. Rowell also pointed out that under certain conditions the section requiring a period of sixty days to elapse after the proofs of loss are sent in before the settlement of a claim for insurance may be unfair to the policyholder. He advocated reducing the period to ten days. The two sections were held over and will be amended.

ITALY BLOCKADES [Canadian Press.] Perim, Red Sea, April 3.—The captain of the Italian cruiser Piedmont, one of the squadron of Italian war vessels which has been cruising in the Red Sea since the beginning of the war between Italy and Turkey, today proclaimed a blockade of the ports of Lohia and Salif on the Yemen coast of the Red Sea and also of Kamaran Island, the cable station which connects various cities on the Arabian shore with Egypt.

The Italian war vessel has severed the connections by cable between Kamaran and the Arabian mainland. A British steamer Woodcock has been arrested by the Italians in the vicinity of Lohia because she was transporting contraband.

Pruning the Appendix

What thousands of people are rushed to the hospitals these days with the idea that pruning the appendix will rid them of the cause and effect of wrong habits of eating and living.

We eat too much, take too little outdoor exercise, breathe impure air, and when the system gets loaded with foul impurities, which irritate the digestive system and set up inflammation, we are told that the operating table is the only place for us.

Why not prevent appendicitis, as well as acute indigestion, peritonitis and Bright's disease of the kidneys, by keeping the liver active and the bowels regular. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills cleanse the digestive system of foul impurities more quickly than any treatment you can obtain. They awaken the liver and insure the healthful action of the kidneys and bowels.

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Special Purchase \$17.95. Regular Value \$25.00 to \$27.50

From the maker who supplies us with the high-grade Suits. The maker of the highest class garments made in Canada. Our buyer made a special trip to headquarters and was more than repaid for the journey, as the group of 50 suits picked up for our Easter customers will win many friends for this department. Every woman loves a bargain, and a bargain is only a bargain when you need the article and purchase it at less than the regular value of same. These suits are the very newest spring styles and a great variety is represented in this group, of which it will be impossible to give a detailed description, but the two styles mentioned will impress you of their newness, and some of the models are duplicates of suits we have today on the racks at \$25.00 and \$27.50, our smartest models too.



MANY EASTER SUITS WILL BE PICKED FROM THESE TOMORROW.

BASEMENT SALE BEGINS TODAY

Cottons, Sheetings, Wash Goods and Table Linen

The opportunity of the season to save money on your season's supply of SHEETING, COTTON, TOWELLING, TOWELS, COTTON SUITINGS, MUSLINS, COTTON VOILES, And 500 pure Irish Linen Table Cloths (Manufacturers' Seconds.)

Everything arranged in the basement, where there is nothing but special priced sale goods. The Table Linen Seconds are at and about half price, 1½ to 6 yards long, bordered. The wash goods are mostly half price, some lines at a third regular price. If you cannot come today, come tomorrow.

Basement.



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An opportunity to make a visit to your store, and if convenient, spend a few days with your friends in the city.

Make This Store Your Headquarters

A free cloakroom to take care of your luggage, wraps, etc., on main floor. Restrooms, Lavatories and every convenience and equipment for your use, whether or not you make a single purchase.

Dinner Will Begin in the Restaurant at 11 o'Clock

Short lunches served continuously from 3 to 6 p. m.

When you arrive in the city come direct to this store.

April Showers: See Special Umbrellas; Men's and Women's, \$1 Each.

The sizes are in maids', small women's and women's—16 to 18 years and sizes 34, 36 and 38, made of the very newest and smartest materials, whipcords, terra cloths, serges and tweeds, newest models lined with messaline and taffeta silk. The colors are in navy, blue, gray and fawn, the three most popular colors of the season. Every suit worth \$25.00 to \$27.50, and early comers will have a choice of fifty suits at only \$17.95.

Navy Whipcord Suit, \$27.50 for \$17.95

Ladies' or misses' sizes, Navy Whipcord, coat semi-fitted, notched collar and revers, crescent-shaped pockets, 2-button cutaway closing, lined with taffeta silk; skirt has high princess waist-line, front and back in new drape effect. A \$27.50 model, sale price \$17.95

Another stylish model will be seen in light gray tweed, coat semi-fitted, messaline silk lining, breast and hip pockets, skirt 4-gore, panel front and back, high waist-line. A smart travelling suit. Sale price \$17.95

It will be only a matter of getting your choice of color and your size, for which it will be worth your while to come early tomorrow, as this is a group of stylish, up-to-date models. It will pay you to come even 100 miles if you live out of town to buy your Easter Suit here tomorrow.

Second Floor.

Easter Specials in Whitewear

The prices are no indication of the superior quality or style of these four specials. Two Gowns and two Underskirts, as the illustration demonstrates, which is an exact picture of the 69c gown.

Cambric Gowns, 50c and 69c

No. 1—Slip-Over Gown, made of soft finished cambric, half length sleeve, neck and sleeves finished with lace. Price 50c

No. 2—Slip-Over Gowns, extra quality cambric, short sleeve and ample skirt. A splendid gown (as shown in illustration) 69c

Cambric Petticoats, 50c and 98c

No. 3—Ladies' White Cambric Petticoat, made to suit the narrow skirt, wide flounce formed of bands of lawns and four rows of insertion, finished at bottom with lace to match. Special 98c

No. 4—Plain Petticoat, nicely shaped, narrow style, with 8½-inch flounce of lawn, made with cluster of tucks and hem. Very special, each 50c

Second Floor.

Lighter Underwear for Spring Wear Specials for Saturday's Selling

20 dozen Ribbed Cotton Vests, low neck, short sleeves or sleeveless, with pretty lace yokes, in new designs. Specially priced, at each 25c

Extra value in Ribbed Cotton Drawers, umbrella style, lace trimmed, at pair 25c and 35c

Ribbed Cotton Combinations, 50c Suit

Low neck, sleeveless or short sleeves, lace yoke, umbrella drawers, lace trimmed. Special value, at suit 50c

Also low neck, button front and sleeveless, umbrella style, suit 50c

Also extra sizes, suit 60c

Main Floor.

Mercerized Lisle and Cashmere Hose

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S. Children's fine 1-1 Ribbed Mercerized Lisle Hose, double knee, heel and toe, in pink, sky, cardinal, tan, white or black. Silky and glossy even after washing, all sizes, priced accordingly. Sizes 4½ to 6 inch, 25c; size 6½ to 7½ inch, 30c; size 8 and 8½ inch, 35c, or 3 pairs \$1.00

Ladies' Plain Black Mercerized Lisle Hose (Hermesdorf dye), double garter top and spliced feet, all sizes, pair 50c

Ladies' Cashmere Hose, Special, 3 Pairs for \$1.00

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Main Floor.

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