

"DON," ON PHILLIPS THOMPSON.

I understand that Phillips Thompson, who for the past year practically did the work of Clerk of Forests, is applying for permanent appointment. The office was held by the late Hon. C. F. Fraser for a few months after the decease of R. W. Phipps, who was a practical man. His reports were always worthy of attention and Mr. Thompson having acquired all of his knowledge and wielding a pen which has long been recognized in this country as second to none, should certainly be held by the Government as worthy of the place. Phillips Thompson (once better known as "Jimuel Briggs.") first achieved prominence as a humorist, but afterwards held editorial positions which entitle him to the highest respect as a Canadian writer. He has been identified with labor reform and movements of a humanitarian character which justify me in alleging that there is no man in Canada whose sympathies are wider, whose aspirations are higher or whose honesty is more unimpeachable than those of him who hailed, according to his old comic saying, from "Coboconk University." Phillips Thompson is no longer a young man; he has never worked for money but always for principle, and the press of this province should unite in clamoring for his appointment. In him are united the ability, the experience in the special work to be done, the independence of mind, the separation from political "pulls" and cabals, and a record of such public service as entitles a man, if anything does, to a permanent position which shall at least secure him from poverty in his old age without creating a tax on the provincial purse. He has never before been an aspirant for a political office; he has never been a politician, though always engaged in politics; he has been neither Tory nor Grit; from his point of view he has worked for the public good. If such a man be denied an appointment for which he is especially fitted it will be a declaration on the part of the Government that only those who have done a ward-heeler's work are entitled to provincial offices. He is one of the few men who have claims on the province and country because he has served them without thought of pay or promotion, and it will interest everyone to watch how he fares when his clean claims to recognition are presented to the Government.—Don.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH.

Propriety, in fact, is the crystallisation of a race. And if we consider that a race, in proportion that it is plastic and capable of change, may be regarded as young and vigorous, while a race which is fixed, persistent in form, unable to change, is as surely effete, worn out, in peril of extinction; we shall see, I think, the immense importance to a nation of checking the growth of conventionalities. It is quite possible for conventional rules of action and conventional habits of thought to get such power that progress is impossible, and the nation only fit to be improved away. In the face of such a danger it is not right to be proper.—William Kingdon Clifford.

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