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THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

SHOP from Holman's Catalog. THE S. S. "CANADIAN SAPPER" will be due here from Montreal Saturday evening and on Monday, Sept 11th loads live stock and general cargo for St. John's, Newfoundland, Buntain, Bell, Co. Agents.

ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Howatt, Tryon, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Hope, to Mr. William Myers. Marriage to take place the latter part of the month.

WELCOME VISITORS.—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Merchant and Mrs. Prudence Hooper Merchant, are the guests of Mrs. Robert Wares, of Wheatley River. They made the trip by auto from Boston, Mass. This is Mrs. Prudence Hooper Merchant's first visit to her native home in twenty-six years. She will spend part of her time renewing old acquaintances in Vernon River.

POLICE COURT.—At the Police Court Saturday morning one drunk was fined \$10, a second for selling \$20 bail bond and a third for first offense was dismissed. Three men were remanded until the 15th in connection with a street fighting charge, another for creating a disturbance was fined \$10, a corner loafer was given the option of \$5 fine or 20 days, \$5 and \$10 fines respectively were imposed on two motorists for breach of the M. V. Act.

MR. H. PRICE WEBBER.—The Augusta, Me., Journal says: "H. Price Webber the well known veteran actor has recently returned from Boothbay Harbor, where he took part in an entertainment which was given for the benefit of the new library. The proceeds of the fair amounted to \$1,200 Mr. Webber, who is a favorite in Boothbay Harbor was received with enthusiasm. He gave a speciality on side lights of the stage, some of them which were recalled by members of his audience."

NEW ORGANIST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Professor Hiram Ball, organist and musical director of First Baptist Church, Charlottetown, formerly of the First Baptist Church, Moncton arrived in the city Friday evening to take up his duties as organist and choir director of the Baptist Church. Prof. Ball is an organist of gold medalist, having been awarded ten gold and four silver medals for special musical proficiency, before the best musical judges in the Old Country at the most critical public competitions. Prof. Ball comes to Charlottetown highly recommended and will be warmly welcomed by the music loving people of this city. Prof. Ball entered upon his duties yesterday in the First Baptist Church, where he rendered several special selections delighting the large congregation present, which speaks well for the future of the Baptist Church choir in this city.

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REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATURE

In the Belated Bye-Election Contest, Just Ended.

In the belated bye-election contest, just ended, much was written and heard about the extravagances and follies of the contending parties. It is to be regretted, I think, that some consideration was not given to the question "How to Better the Legislature and Administration of the Future"—how to obtain improved government at less expense and so promote the public interests of the province and prevent the increase of taxation and debt.

It is to be regretted, I think, that the proposal of years ago, that the Executive Council and the Legislature of the province be considered as a single body, was again largely reduced to silence. When the membership of this territorially small island was fixed at thirty, and that of the Executive Council at nine, the Postal and Customs services and other services now governed and administered by the Parliament of Canada, and the Government of General in Council were regulated and carried on by the Government here. There was then, consequently a much heavier responsibility and a much larger amount of work to be done by the Government and Legislature of the island than there is now. Yet, even then, there were those who believed and declared that these bodies were too large. As to the members of the Executive Council, the Hon. George Coles, one of the Fathers of Responsible Government, is reported by The Examiner to have said, when leading the House of Assembly in the session of 1867: "I would rather see their number reduced to five, with offices, than as at present."

This emphatic statement of one of the ablest public men of his day may well be recalled and dwelt upon at this time, when the responsibilities and duties of the Government and the Legislature are so much less numerous and important than they were before Confederation. In reason, and in the practice of business, it seems to be clear that four or five office-holding members of the Government would be personally much more responsible for the Government's acts and therefore much more likely to be personally careful of the performance of their public duties than they are as at present with five or six unofficial hangers-on to darken counsel and lessen responsibility.

Concerning the Legislature there is evidently nothing to be gained in the future by the maintenance of a House of thirty members at \$500 each. Judging of the future by the past, the financial condition of the Province is likely to go from bad to worse and the taxation of the people is likely to be still further increased, with no corresponding improvement of the public services, unless there be a reduction of the Legislature as proposed.

It has been shown that, with thirty members in the Legislature the electors of this Province have a much larger number of representatives in the Legislature than those of any of the other provinces in Canada; and it is evident that neither the size of the Province, the questions to be dealt with, nor the duties to be performed require the exertion of the mental ability and consolidated wisdom of thirty men such as those usually elected. By reducing the number to fifteen or less there would still be an abundant supply of good judgment, prudence and eloquence to consider and discuss and decide, wisely and practically, all the questions arising out of the limited sphere of activities left to our local Legislature.

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