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THE MORNING GUARDIAN.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1899.

THE JUDGESHIP.

The esteemed Examiner claims that THE GUARDIAN has changed its ground in regard to the filling of the County Court vacancy in Queens. The facts are that we have not changed our position in any way, but have given the news in regard to the matter, just as we did in regard to the Governorship. The situation in regard to both these offices changed from day to day and THE GUARDIAN was able, usually in advance of its contemporaries, to keep the public informed as to what was going on. But to the record. The Examiner now says:

A few weeks ago THE GUARDIAN announced that it had strong reason to believe that Judge Warburton would be promoted to Queens County and Mr. Blanchard made County Judge for Kings County,—there was not a word about a "deal" at that time.

Behold now how plain a tale shall put the Examiner down. On May 23rd THE GUARDIAN made the statement that without positive knowledge we had strong reason to believe that the following appointments would presently be announced: Dr. P. A. McIntyre, ex M. P. to be Lieutenant Governor; Hon. A. B. Warburton to be Judge of the County Court of Queens and Mr. Stanislaus Blanchard to be Judge of the County Court of Kings. To this we added:

"These appointments and changes will not meet with universal approbation. In fact there will be some pretty lively kicking over what is thought "to be a deal" in judgeships."

At a still earlier date, on May 11th THE GUARDIAN called attention to the circulation of a petition in the New London district the object of which was to further the interests of Judge Warburton and Mr. Blanchard, and we then expressed the opinion that "when Judge Warburton becomes aware of the doubtful propriety of this action of his former constituents the petition will be withdrawn."

The readers of THE GUARDIAN have not been left for a moment in doubt as to our attitude toward the proposed deal, and the Examiner is absurdly wrong in asserting that we have changed our position. What weight THE GUARDIAN may have had in preventing the carrying out of the policy which was first agreed upon it is not for us to say. As a matter of fact a halt was called at Ottawa and a little later the friends of the Attorney General became very hopeful of his appointment. This was announced at the time as an item of news. What the government may yet do we will not predict. THE GUARDIAN has made it clear at least that certain things ought not to be done.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Sprague is received and will appear on Monday.

The strong resolution adopted and placed on record by the Summerside Methodist District as published in yesterday's GUARDIAN speaks for itself. The clergymen and laymen present at the meeting, who joined in the discussion and in the adoption of the resolution will not be charged with having been actuated by political motives. They have doubtless simply expressed their intelligent and conscientious convictions. It is gratifying to find that every word and line expressed in the resolution of the District Meeting is in full accord with the position taken by this journal in regard to the license question. We have the best of reasons for knowing that the same view is taken by all such churches and temperance organizations throughout the province as are committed to the principle of prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The number of summer cottages that have been burned by incendiaries

in the vicinity of Charlottetown is alarming. Another and quite a valuable and beautiful one was re-

A Presbyterian minister residing in another province, in a private letter to the Editor of THE GUARDIAN says: "We receive your valuable paper daily and prize it more than ever. I congratulate you on your able journal and your firm and fearless stand for every thing good and true."

duced to ashes on Thursday night. So far none of the dastardly incendiaries have been brought to justice or even arrested. Such impunity may naturally increase the audacity of the felons who take delight in destroying property. Under such conditions who will venture to build a summer cottage? It augurs a great want of detective skill as well as laxity in the administration of justice that such crimes can be repeated night after night until the country is practically terrorized and yet the criminals remain at large. If our local police and constabulary are unequal to the task of ferreting out these fire-bugs it would seem to be the duty of the government to import a special detective from abroad.

The Presbyterian General Assembly now in session at Hamilton has resolved to undertake the raising of a million dollar fund. The objects will be to relieve existing funds that are hampered by deficits, to provide additional endowments for institutions that are now hindered in their work for want of sufficient support, and to encourage congregations now burdened with debt to remove the same. Among the suggestions as to application of part of the proposed fund when raised are: \$10,000 to the Presbyterian College, Halifax; \$10,000 to the aged and infirm ministers' fund of the eastern section, and \$30,000 for the church and manse building fund in New Brunswick and P. E. Island. It is proposed to employ a special agent in the interest of the million dollar fund, and that it shall be completed and closed May 1, 1901.

An Ottawa despatch tells that Hon. Mr. Mulock has introduced a bill amending the Post Office Act, one feature of which is the insurance of registered letters to the extent of \$25. So far as we can learn from the rather obscure wording of the despatch there will be an extra charge for such insurance. Unless such charge is a very moderate one the amendment will be both inoperative and useless. The popular impression is that when a registered letter is entrusted to the mails the government ought to make good the contents if they are lost. This may be an extreme view, but if it were carried into effect it would, we think tend to the greater security of money and valuables passing through

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ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

Dr. William Johnston Marries Miss Nellie McAndrew, Montreal.—Ceremony performed by Rev. J. F. Johnston. Charlottetown, Brother of the Groom.

A very pretty wedding took place Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Patrick's Church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, when Miss Nellie McAndrew, daughter of M. J. McAndrew, Dorchester Street, was married to Dr. William Johnston, of Boston, Mass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Johnston, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., brother of the groom. The bride, who carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses and orange blossoms, wore a gown of white duchesse satin, veil and orange blossoms. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Edna Sauriol, of Cornwall, Miss Eveline Milette, and Miss Kathleen McAndrew, as maids of honor, carrying baskets of pink roses, lilacs and lilies and wearing lovely gowns of pink and blue crepe de chine and lighorn hats, trimmed with chiffon. Master T. McAndrew acted as page. Miss Bernice Jingley, of South Boston, was bridesmaid, and was dressed in a handsome costume of pink silk with leghorn hat trimmed with red roses. She carried a handsome bouquet of pink roses. Mr. R. E. Johnson, of Summerside, P. E. I., brother of the groom, acted as best man. At the ceremony a reception and breakfast were held at the residence of the bride's mother. Among the guests present were Sir William Hingston, Rev. Father Callaghan, S.S.C., Rev. Father Cavanaugh, S. J., Rev. Father J. F. Johnston, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Rev. Father John O'Holloran, North Cambridge, Mass., Rev. Father Holland, Adirondacks, N. Y., Rev. Father McDonald, Pt. St. Charles, R. V., Father McGarry, St. Laur n., Rev. Father McDermot, St. Mary. Dr. Hugh Lennon, Dr. S. Morrison, Prof. Fowler, and a large number of friends and relatives of the young couple. The bride received many handsome presents, including several substantial cheques, a cabinet of silver from St. Patrick's choir and presentations from various societies. Dr. and Mrs. Johnston left on the 8.30 train from Bonaventure station for Washington, D. C. The bride's going away gown was of pearl gray cloth tailor made, and hat of grey satin straw. Dr. and Mrs. Johnston will reside at 175 Norfolk street Boston.—Montreal Star.

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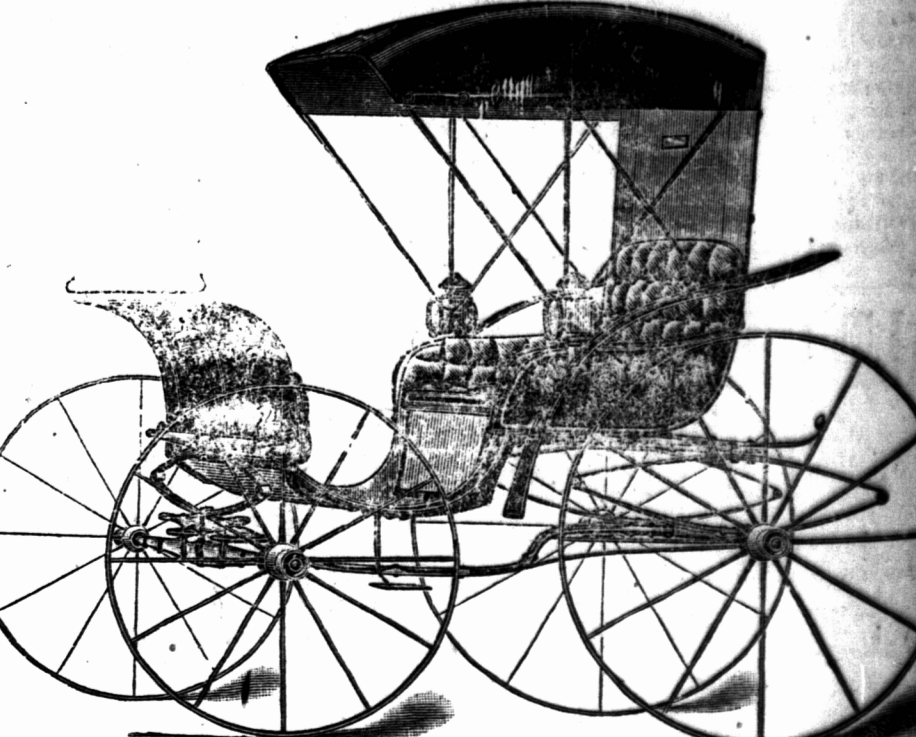
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