

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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CIVIC MATTERS.

The new broom of the City Council is vigorously sweeping out things bad and good. We hail with great pleasure the movement, inaugurated last evening, to wards ridding the city of the jail nuisance. Though it is not probable that the Provincial party at present in power will, or can, do anything to this end, the movement must, ere long, result satisfactorily under able auspices. It is pleasing also to hear that the street committee have decided to go right along with the construction of a bridge at the city end of Brighton Road, and we hope that the macadamizing of Pownall street, as far at least as the corner of Grafton street, will be proceeded with in order that this much used road to and from the western part of the country may be in some degree creditable to the city. At present it is disgraceful.

On the other hand the change effected in respect to the City Surveyor will come as a surprise to many citizens. Mr. Dalziel has proved himself to be an exceptionally efficient officer, and his dual position as superintendent of water works and street has—so we all thought—been held with advantage to the city. We have not heard that any work of importance has been neglected, and we know that by having one capable man to oversee all the works, a considerable amount of money (not for salary alone) has been saved to the city. Mr. Dalziel's salary was \$800 a year—\$400 being paid by the Sewerage and Water Commissioners and \$400 by the City Council. The Council has dismissed Mr. Dalziel and appointed Mr. John P. Nicholson at a salary of \$600, on the ground that one man should not hold the two offices. If this be so, the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners must retain Mr. Dalziel or obtain the services of some other man; and must therefore raise the salary to at least \$600. The result of the change is therefore an increased salary charge of at least \$400—

and a prospect of increased expenses. Of course Mr. Dalziel is neither an engineer nor an architect; and Mr. Nicholson is not to be condemned until he has been tried. The Councillors have, however, taken upon themselves responsibility for the results of the change, involving as it does the dismissal of an officer who has done well.

GOVERNMENT'S MILITIA POLICY

The policy of the Tarte-Laurier Government has been formulated upon at least one point. In the course of a recent speech in the House of Commons, the Minister of Militia said:

"I say without the slightest hesitation that, other things being equal, in the selection of officers and in the selection of men upon whom favors are to be conferred, either by promotion or otherwise, I am prepared, in every case, to give the preference to the friends of my own political party."

We always thought that the militia was maintained "by the people for the people." But the Liberal Government, it appears, has established it upon the principle of "by the party for the party." To be promoted in the Militia Department one must now be, first of all, a supporter of the Government. He may be a man of pre-eminent ability, he may be brimful of patriotism—but if the ambitious young officer is not a Liberal of the Tarte-Laurier school he has no hope of promotion to any position in the militia service, unless there is no Liberal who doesn't want the place. This is the plain English of the Government's militia policy. The disastrous results of the same kind of a policy have repeatedly been made apparent in the States. It is, of course, in Canada as in the States, designed to hold the party vote. We can only hope that the patriotism of the people will rise superior to party, and that those who have formulated this policy will be voted out at the first opportunity. In the militia, above all other departments of the State, merit should be the test of promotion.

—A number of Doukhobors have left the Northwest for California, saying that "the country is too cold." The government's Doukhobor investment was a dear one for this country, whether the Doukhobors go or stay.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The Montreal Gazette remarks, concerning the present Minister of Militia, that he is a little man in a place so big that it attracts attention to his failing.

—The European press, generally expresses great indignation at the recent attempt upon the life of the Prince of Wales; and the Paris Figaro says that the feeling of apprehension and irritation against the English, which promises to revive feelings of anger and hostility to foreigners, has been happily abated.

—Having opened up Summerside, the Stanley is about to go to the Magdalens. How does this square with the positive reply made to those who wired the Minister in the interest of the Islands last January that there wasn't water enough for the Stanley in the Magdalens? Evidently the tide has risen since the new year. The nautical knowledge of the Marine Department would make a dog laugh.

—"I am no politician and very seldom voted," said a prominent commercial traveller in one of our hotels the other day "but I know what's going on in the country and I can tell you it is not favorable to the present party. Who gave us everything we have as a country? seems to be the vital question; and it is not necessary to add that the Liberals have done nothing for Canada but draw their salaries. Everything which makes Canada what she is to-day is the work of the Conservatives, and the independent people of the country intend letting them manage what they have created the first opportunity."

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Charlottetown April 5th, 1900

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Provincial Rifle Association.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association, will be held in the City Court Room, City Building, at 4 o'clock, p. m., Friday, April 27th, 1900.

FRANCIS DOGHERTY, Lt. Col., President.

S. F. HODGSON, Major, Secretary-Treasurer.

Charlottetown, April 10th, 1900

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