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THE DAILY EXAMINER. FEBRUARY 13, 1897.

WORKING OF THE SPOILS SYSTEM.

Is the disastrous fire at Ottawa, involving a loss to the country of a quarter of a million of dollars, besides all the private papers of Hon. Mr. Davies, we have a striking example of the working of the spoils system. The experienced men employed by the public Works Department to take care of the hydrants around the public buildings, as well as other things, were, it appears, discharged by Hon. Mr. Tarte, and certain Liberal shysters, were put into their places. The new men either did not know how to their duty or did not care to do their duty. At any rate their duty was not done. The hydrants were neglected and when the fire broke out they were useless. So the fire gained headway and the taxpayers of Canada must fork out \$250,000 to pay the damage. Besides this there is the loss of Mr. Davies' private papers including, we presume, all the applications for offices and positions! This great disaster is typical of what might have occurred, and may yet occur elsewhere. It is a kindly Providence that has not given us exceptionally cold and clear weather, and a usually good ice between the Cape and a disaster to our ice-boat service, a loss of mails and of human life, must inevitably result from the employment of raw recruits to do a duty which is often fraught with great danger, and for which only trained men should be employed. We are informed there are now six new men in each boat, instead of the five trained men employed by the late Government; and that while the cost to the country is increased, the danger to life and property is enhanced in open water on account of the increased weight. But for the sake of a few hangering Liberal office-seekers, the Government have added this new danger to the Cape service. We can only hope and pray that the existing conditions at the Cape will continue and that no accident will occur, as at Ottawa. The working of the spoils system is bad even under the most favorable circumstances; for under it officials are more anxious about the success of their party than they are concerning the performance of their duty to the country. As soon as there is another Government at Ottawa, the officials and employees who have been discharged to make room for the spoilsmen, must be restored to their former positions and a permanent public service, independent of party, vindicated and maintained. We hope, too, that the day is not far distant when the spoils system in Provincial politics will be abolished.

ANOTHER COMMISSION PROPOSED.

It is again reported that Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Davies will, as the outcome of their visit to Washington, recommend a Canadian commission to sit with a similar commission representing the United States to take into consideration the matter of trade relations between the two countries. These commissions "come expensive" and are in some cases farcical. A commission to bring about reciprocity of trade between the States and Canada upon fair and equal terms, would certainly waste money and accomplish nothing. The people of the United States have no idea of reciprocity with Canada upon fair terms. They have voted that the American market shall be protected and preserved for themselves. As well try to induce the British to give up Egypt as the people of the United States to assent to a fair measure of reciprocity.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

May Prove the Worst Ever Experienced.—Subscriptions Being Augmented. The news from India that the famine may prove the very worst ever experienced is moving many to augment their original subscriptions by large sums. Central India is almost incredible; these stories will be gross if aid is not forthcoming at once. The arrangements for distribution of relief at Calcutta are admirable, and the funds received are at once expended in a most judicious manner. When relief is sent to a section it is specified where the aid comes from. The fact that the relief is invariably found to come from Great Britain or a colony is creating a lively sense of gratitude in the breasts of those who have to be relieved, and also among those who are better off. India is now experiencing the greatest test of the beneficence of British rule. This means much in future loyalty; it is forging another strong link in the chain that binds Britons together.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—The officers of Court New London I. O. F. were installed on the last regular night of meeting. They are as follows:— C. R.—Walter Simpson. V. C. R.—John Hillman. W. S.—Daniel Weir. F. S.—Stanley Wedlock. Chap.—A. K. Henry. S. W. Thos. Pickering. J. W.—D. M. Simpson. S. B.—Geo. Simpson. J. B.—J. R. Stewart.

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—The St. John Sun does not think very much of the recent cut in the wages of the Island railway employes. It thinks that Grit economy, as thus far practiced in railway matters, will not make the working man rich. But then the offensive partnership commission must go to a 25% rate, and something must be provided for the smelting committee. If the system is fortified by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which makes rich, red blood, there is little danger of sickness.

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SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. THE TURCO-GRECO SITUATION. Great Excitement at Athens. The Powers Will Not Permit War. ATHENS, Feb. 13. The greatest excitement prevails here. The papers have issued extra, and the Turkish Government has been denounced on all sides. It is expected that war with Turkey will result. LONDON, Feb. 13. A statement is published that the powers are unanimous in their condemnation of the attitude of Greece, and will not allow her to continue her present course. She must, it is added, abandon the idea of commencing war with Turkey.

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