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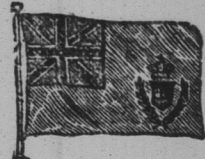
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The Victoria Warde

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1894.



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THE FEE SYSTEM.

The excellent arraignment of Sir Oliver Mowat's government by the leaders of the Opposition has had its effect on the province at large. The exposures in connection with colonization roads, public institutions, timber limits, and the filling of fat offices with fee-fod officials, all prove that a great deal of hypocrisy and dishonesty may for a time be covered up with a mask. Sir Oliver's church connection has covered a multitude of sins.

There will always be more or less deception and fraud in any country under any form of government. One duty of legislators and public officers is, however, to see that the chances of deception and fraud in the public service are reduced to a minimum, and that those guilty should be punished.

The policy of the Dominion Government is, and has been to reduce the chances of fraud and to punish the offenders. Practical illustration of this appears in many instances, among others in the Connolly and McGreevy case. The sentence—a year—was considered a very heavy one, and even the six months' imprisonment given those contractors in addition to the other punishment inflicted was deemed very severe.

The Ontario government pursue a different line of conduct. Contracts are not let by tender as at Ottawa; it is needless in this country to state, the greatest favoritism and opportunity for fraud exist, and that wrong doing is never punished in this country.

But one of the most intolerable burdens on the province is found in the fee system. Registration, search, abstract of title all these are just quadruple the cost they should be. Why should any man for sitting in an easy office receive the fabulous sums paid registrars, and others under the fee system in Ontario?

These questions are agitating the farmers and townsmen of the province.

The people demand government by the people for the people; and not government by officials for officials.

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

In the local legislature Dr. Ryerson has introduced a bill to abolish exemption of church property from taxation. This is a move, to THE WARDEE'S mind, in the right direction.

The custom of exempting church property from taxation dates back to the dark ages when so much was controlled by the negative forces of the universe. Long anterior to the rise of the papacy in the dark ages the church had obtained "by concealment or connivance, certain immovable estates, the revenues of which were applicable to their own maintenance." After the conversion of Constantine in the 4th century, edicts were issued, under clerical influence over that emperor, permitting persons to bequeath property to the church. Within fifty years, in 370, the abuse of this became so patent that an edict was issued prohibiting the clergy from receiving the gifts or bequests of women; thus illustrating that from the very beginning of the organized church in the 4th century the clergy understood where their "bread was buttered."

The old credulity of heathendom easily became engrained on the new religion; the superstitious reverence for barbarian priestcraft was made part and parcel of the Christian faith and practice; the belief in the efficacy of gifts to expiate offences became intensified, for the higher spirituality and emotion of the new doctrines afforded greater scope for the play

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of the imagination. To trench themselves in their special privileges the clergy strengthened the superstition and credulity of the people. The end of the world was preached, earthquakes, volcanoes, storms, epidemics, famines, all were thundered forth as special visitations of an angry God. Property was accumulated and special privileges demanded by the clergy. The sale of relics, of images, bones and teeth of Christ, the wood of the cross, and a thousand other frauds were and have been perpetrated for centuries on a superstitious public. To obtain further control over mankind, the clergy proclaimed the idolatry of saints, inviolability of sanctuaries, the performance of marriage; and to finally prevent the escape of anyone from their clutches, cemeteries were consecrated and purgatory was invented. Thus living or dead none could escape the church.

As centuries rolled on the opulence, arrogance, and intolerance of the clergy increased, until in some parts of Europe the greater portion of the land was exempt from taxation for the state. And the fraud has been perpetrated until the present day.

The theory advanced for exemption of church property is that the edifice and ground set apart for burials is consecrated. Such doctrine is rank popery. If the ethereal spirit is all pervading and all prevailing, and it is, then every dwelling, every home in the land is consecrated just as much as is the church edifice. Cemeteries not creating corporation revenue should be exempt, but such should be controlled by municipalities. The sooner marriage and burial are placed under state and municipal control the better for humanity.

It is hoped Dr. Ryerson's bill will pass.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TYRANNY.

Residents of the more highly favored parts of Victoria county have little conception of the disabilities attending settlers in a score of ways in the northern parts of this district.

The perusal of "Back Woodsman's" letter in this issue presents one of the drawbacks pressed on the hardy honest settlers by that tyrannical oligarchy, the Ontario government. Read the letter.

YANKEE BLUSTER.

A couple of weeks ago a British man-of-war captain landed some marines to preserve order on the mosquito coast of Central America. Forthwith, certain Yankee papers and persons raised the cry, the old Monroe doctrine against European interference in America, and demanded that a cruiser be dispatched to assert the claims of the star-spangled banner.

It turns out, however, that the British, in the absence of any Yankee man-of-war, were petitioned to land the troops to protect citizens of the United States.

Thus, that nation is made to look ridiculous by the magnanimity of Great Britain.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The delegation of ratepayers who on Tuesday last attended before the private bills committee in Toronto, deserve the best thanks of the taxpayers of the town, as if it had not been so determinedly opposed by those gentlemen the bill would have undoubtedly been reported and passed as it was first drawn up by the town solicitor, thus depriving the people of a voice in a matter involving an expenditure of sixty-five thousand dollars. We understand the delegation procured some other very important modifications of the bill notwithstanding the efforts of the town solicitor and the solicitor for the Canada Life.

Mr. James Pym is in attendance at the grand Dominion council of the R. T. of T., Hamilton.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Walton took place last Sunday from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. A. Brown, Augusta st. Mr. Ralph Walton, wife and child, Chicago, Mrs. John Walton, Paxton and Mr. Thomas Walton, of G.T.R. shops, Lindsay, were present to pay their last respects to their beloved relative.—Port Hope Guide.

Mr. A. W. Baker of Toronto, spent Sunday in Lindsay, with Mr. and Mrs. Irvine, corner Kent and Adelaide streets.

Mr. Bert. Bialler left on Thursday of last week for Sturgeon Bay, where he has secured a situation as tailor.

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