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THE PATRONAGE ABUSE.

As matters are being conducted at the present day the present system of governmental patronage will, without doubt, be taken from the hands of our law makers and certain offices made elective by the people, as they are in the United States. In doing this a sad bone of contention will be destroyed and an incentive to corruption taken out of the hands of the tempted. The Owen Sound Sun of last week had a good article on this question, and we cannot do better than quote a portion of it as follows:

An important needed reform was brought to the attention of the country, in the local legislature, recently, by Representative McColl introducing the following motion: "That, in the opinion of this house, sheriffs, registrars of deeds, county attorneys, clerks of the peace, clerks of the county court, division court clerks and bailiffs, and other county officials now appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council, ought hereafter to be chosen by popular election." The proposition was frowned upon by the officeholding class, led by "queer" Mr. Oliver Mowat, and was, therefore, quickly disposed of for the nonce; but we were pleased to observe that Mr. O'Connor, M. P. P. for South Bruce, elected as a supporter of the Mowat administration, took strong ground against the position assumed by the attorney general and supported Mr. McColl's motion, as did Mr. Meredith, leader of the opposition. We were also glad to observe so many in the legislature prepared to support the proposed reform, though its advocates must expect to encounter vigorous opposition from the officeholding class. However, the question is now fairly before the province, and in these days of electricity and free thought the people will not be slow to assert their ability to govern themselves, and hurl into merited oblivion those who may have the audacity to come before and insult them by declaring that they require to be attached to the apron-strings of any man or set of men in governmental affairs. Mr. Mowat, in his weak utterances on the subject, stated that to inaugurate the proposed reform "would be a violation of the principal that those who pay the salaries should appoint them." What gall! Is it not the people who pay his own salary—who pay the fees collected by his son as sheriff? Is it not the people's money he is handling as premier of the province? Why, Mr. Mowat seems to have cheek enough for a canal mule! What will become of poor Ontario when Mr. Mowat (from his own estimate of himself) passes away to his reward! Greater men than Mr. Mowat have dropped out of harness and scarcely been missed. Beaconsfield is away—England goes marching on! Bismark has been relegated to private life, yet Germany goes forward! Perhaps some time in the next century Saint John may be called aloft, but the Dominion will go careering to her great destiny all the same! The people are mighty! We have faith in the ability of this Canadian people to govern themselves directly, and believe they can do it better off-hand by ballot than through paid servants. Moreover, this sentiment has already taken deep root among the electorate of Ontario. In this connection, it should be borne in mind that time was when similar officers to those mentioned were appointive in the United States, the people brought about the present order of things "over there," and now those officers are elective in every state in the Union. The same reasons that induced the American people to adopt the elective system will force the Canadian people to copy their example in this particular. Appoint-

ments to office in the Dominion are made by Sir John Macdonald almost exclusively from party considerations. Mr. Mowat has the patronage fake reduced to a science; whereas, from a party standpoint, Sir John Macdonald's supporters have frequently had occasion to complain of his disposition of Dominion patronage. Patronage is thus used by politicians of the day, in provinces and Dominion, to keep themselves in power, and, frequently to thwart the will of the majority, by appealing to man's selfishness—his lust for the spoils of office—it may be a tavern license! When the gerry-mandering indulged, in provinces and Dominion, is also taken into account, no wonder the premier of Ontario can afford to insult the electorate by arrogating to himself the position of "provider" and "paymaster" for his appointees!

The large deputation of agriculturists which waited upon the provincial Minister of Agriculture during the fore part of this session just closed, will learn with much regret that their request for an additional grant has not been met. Hon. Mr. Dryden, on Friday last, explained that "it was not many months since he began to occupy the position of Minister, and since that time he had taken several steps to promote the important industry of agriculture. Since Confederation, he thought, no such advances had been made as there had been made this session. A good many delegations had come up, and as far as possible the applications of these delegations had been acceded to. His hon. friend would see that this special delegation desired an increase of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year, and he was not quite sure that they could not spend this money more advantageously in other directions. He had always held that these agricultural societies in the past had been a great deal of service in holding exhibitions in almost every electoral district in the country; but it was possible to go a little too far. What he said to the delegation was that this matter would be fully considered, but at present he was not prepared to recommend this increase. Possibly next year the Government might be able to do something."

The Ontario Legislature was prorogued on Monday afternoon.

Roads.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR.—The season has returned when the quality of roads is a pertinent question, and when schemes for their improvement are in order to be considered, decided upon, and shortly to be carried out. It must have been vividly impressed on the minds of the travelling citizens and the general public of Artemesia, during the past few weeks, that our township roads needed to be improved, and that extensively. I for one have had cause to give this matter some serious consideration, and have concluded that the question should be agitated throughout the township at once, with a view to arrive at some line of operations and have them carried out in the present road making season. I make no pretense to be profoundly learned in municipal law, and so may not write in conventional lines, but I venture to offer a few suggestions and indulge the hope that the cue will be taken up by abler hands, and a marvellous improvement on our township roads shall be a verity. My ideas may be crude, and the means I will suggest may be primitive, but here goes:

The railroad debt being wiped off, now is surely a good time to secure the means to improve roads. What man would be so wild as to say the township would have been better without the R. R. and its debt we have paid, although at the start we had lots of kickers, and no doubt will in road questions. Well sir, let first and mainly the gravel roads as known in the past, east and west, north and south, through the length and breadth of the township, be put in first class order as gravel roads, on which say expend \$10,000. Second, let other main-travelled, leading roads be gravelled; made no second class either. Say the road leading from 6th line through Eugenia north, and a main road leading to the Thompson settlement from the centre to the south east corner of the township, then another leading to the north-west corner. Let us say \$10,000 be

appropriated for these veins as feeders to the main arteries, which, if made first class, would pulsate and throb with teeming life towards the citadels of trade and manufactures throughout the township, and our products and manufactured materials would flow on in readier and ever increasing streams to the great heart centres of the world, over the majestic highway running through our midst, which has connections with the greatest R. R. system of the world. The roads being O.K., what an inducement for the populace to have rigs for convenience, pleasure, comfort, as well as heavier work, consequently the tradesman would be called upon to issue an ever increasing stock of both classes. The advocates of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will say speed the day when our roads will be such that our noble, willing horses will not have to be compelled by their drivers to do more than they are able, as has been the case in perhaps hundreds of instances during the past few weeks in Artemesia. And again, sir, how the values of property are advanced by good roads in their immediate vicinity. Better sales can be effected. Greater tastefulness and more thorough cultivation is induced amongst the agricultural classes by being in close call to an A 1 gravel road. Yes sir, the hamlets would feel the influence. The villages would bound ahead with renewed vigor. The towns would leap forward in population, in financial advancement, in professional and mechanical activities. Our not-to-be-surpassed water powers would be turned to more lucrative properties, etc. The moneys expended in the construction of such roads would fill the pocket books, gladden the hearts and pay the debts of our people all along the lines, and the whole township be the richer and happier. Piety would be shed abroad and the good cause be advanced by better roads, inviting our isolated and sturdy yeomen's families in their easy rigs with no fear of smash ups, to hie away to churches in the more central locations on the Sabbaths as they occur. How many more in the back lines now scarcely hear a sermon, and the children scarcely ever enter a sabbath school, the roads are often so discouragingly bad. Now how to get the means to do this and not overburden the taxpayer is the main question to be devised. Well, it's a great enterprise, and a legitimate enterprise,

and a paying enterprise, and there is said to be money always available for that. Let the township issue debentures for say 20 years for \$20,000 and do this, and not leave municipal aid to the wards undone, and supplement that by the statute labor as usual, and our roads would bloom. In the end the township treasury would be filled, the people be contented in having first class main roads, easy of access, and an amount of profanity avoided. Mr. Editor, I think I am not alone in these sentiments. I believe some of the township officials will corroborate what I say, that our roads need prompt attention. F. T. C. Eugenia, May 4, 1891.

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