

P. P. A. PRINCIPLES PUT IN PRACTICE.

A dispatch to the daily press of Thursday says:—"The P.P.A. movement was pushed to its logical conclusion in the village of Southampton on Saturday, and if there could be any doubt in the mind of any person that this organization aims not only at depriving Roman Catholics of their civil and religious rights, but also of their means of livelihood, the action of the P. P. A. lodge of Southampton will surely dispel that doubt. In the village is a large tannery employing about 70 hands, controlled and managed by the firm of Bowman & Zinkan. When Mr. Fred Bowman, the bookkeeper, arrived at the tannery on Saturday shortly after seven o'clock he was astonished to find that the engines were at a standstill and no fires had been kindled, while the men were standing in groups discussing the situation. About 25 men, who are of the P.P.A. persuasion, declared that they would not work unless Mr. McDermott, who is a Roman Catholic and foreman of the tannery, was dismissed by the firm. They had no grievance against the foreman, but they plainly intimated to the bookkeeper that the sole reason why they wanted McDermott dismissed was because he was a Roman Catholic. Mr. Bowman made an effort to repair to the engine house to see to the fires, but he was told by the leaders that if he approached further they would shoot him. The bookkeeper then called upon Mr. C. M. Bowman, who at once arrived on the scene of such an extraordinary state of affairs. The dismissal of McDermott was again demanded, but the men found out that Mr. Bowman was not a man to yield to such a request. He told the men that, rather than submit to their demands, he would prefer to see the tannery closed, stating at the same time that McDermott was not only a capable and faithful mechanic, but kind and considerate to those under him. Before noon, however, the tannery was again at work; but Mr. Bowman in view of the action of the 25 men, dismissed five of their leaders, who were guilty of bringing in religious discord where it should never find a place. The boldness of the men may be explained by the fact that the whole affair was dictated by the lodge, which met on Friday night." If such principles are put into practice a religious war must inevitably result.

WILL THE FARMERS FORGET?

No finer farming country can be found in the world to-day than that which surrounds London and makes it what it is, yet Mr. Meredith when opening his campaign there was dumb about Agriculture. On his eloquent silence touching a subject of the greatest importance the following resolution, found in the proceedings of the House the session the office of Minister of Agriculture was created, will throw a perfect flood of light.

"Moved by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Creighton, that, while the House concurs in the proposition to give greater attention by the executive government to the agricultural interests of the Province than has hitherto been done, it is of opinion that that end can be attained without incurring the expense of adding another member to the executive council, and the inevitable additional expense which shall be consequent on such addition."

Mr. W. D. McPherson, President of the Toronto Young Conservatives, said in his inaugural address last fall:

"Then we have a Minister of Agriculture who has practically nothing to do, and accordingly does little, a department which could easily have been managed by one of the other Ministers, and should never have been created."

Will the farmers of Ontario forget this attempt of the Opposition to frustrate the Mowat Administration in its effort to advance Agriculture by placing a practical farmer in charge of a responsible department of the Government of the Province?

Under the heading "The Proper Ground of Criticism," The Evening News—a paper not generally friendly to the Ontario Government—says:—

"In his address Saturday night,

Mr. Marter declared that, had the Sandfield Macdonald policy been continued, there would now be a cash surplus of \$20,000,000 in the Ontario treasury.

The statement is probably correct. But if the money had not been spent, we would be minus half the railway mileage of the Province; there would be no deaf and dumb institutes; our asylum accommodation would not be nearly so great; and there would be no Central Prison or Model Farm. These things are surely of more benefit to us than cash hoarded in the treasury. A Government is not to be condemned merely because it has spent the public funds. The question to be considered is, has the expenditure been within the financial capabilities of the State, and have the best results been obtained from the spending?"

SUCH A DIFFERENCE.

A Liberal opening an attack on the Dominion Government would very probably refer to the national debt, which now amounts to about \$240,000,000 net. The leader of the Opposition in Ontario has to apply himself to the task of reducing the surplus claimed by the Ontario Government. The difference in the methods and records of the two administrations is thus fairly well illustrated. The Dominion Government is habitually put into an attitude of defence or apology. Criticism of the Ontario Government takes the form of detraction. It is honest, say the critics, but that is no credit to it; every Government ought to be honest.

A RECORD THAT IS UNIQUE.

The Hamilton Herald, an Independent Conservative Journal says: "It is a comparatively easy task to defend the Mowat administration, and a rather difficult one to attack it on its merits. Its sins have been few, when all is said and done, and its virtues many. In a number of respects it has a record that is unique among governments. So well has it withstood the assaults of the Opposition that after all these years no charge of corruption and dishonesty can be sustained against it. In an age of corruption and dishonest government this is certainly something to be proud of."

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR STONY MOUNTAIN.

Personations at elections do not appear to be uncommon, as we see by the Evening News that one James Joseph Muldoon, of Toronto, over a solemn declaration, avows that he actively bribed and aided other rascals like him to carry on the nefarious practice of personation at the last general provincial election in Toronto. What he says of himself, we do not doubt, but when he tries to implicate others, we are justified in questioning his veracity.

BIRTHS.

KERSWILL—At Elgin Mills, on Friday, the 25th ult., the wife of Giles Kerswill, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LENNOX—MEERING—On Tuesday, June 5th, at the residence of J. H. Bennett, Esq., Barrie, by the Rev. W. Reiner, Louisa Esther Meering Meeking, youngest daughter of the late E. S. Meeking, of Allandale, to T. Herbert Lennox, of Aurora, barrister-at-law.

DEATHS.

JENNINGS—At "Thornton Cottage," Victoria Square, on Tuesday, June 5th, Henry Jennings, aged 82 years.

The Delineator.

The July issue of The Delineator, which is called the "Midsummer Number," begins a new volume with a most attractive table of contents. The styles displayed are seasonable and, therefore, picturesque and graceful, and the fancy work will please the most fastidious Summer maid or matron. The opening chapter on The Voice, by the author of the Delsarte System of Physical Culture, will interest a large class of readers, and most fascinating home employment is provided in the first of a series of illustrated papers on Foretime Iron Work. The College Article for the month is A Girl's Life and work at Wellesley, and an expert writes on Telegraphy as an Employment for Women. The Daughter's Friends is the subject of the article in the Mother and Daughter series, and some salutary advice on bathing is given in the chapter on Wise Living. A novel entertainment in the shape of a Fan Party is described, the ceremonial for a silk and Leather Wedding is given, and there is also a seasonable paper on Picnic Giving. Flower Making is specially considered in The Uses of Crepe and Tissue Papers, and further instruction is given on How to Serve Small Fruits. The illustrated papers on Knitting, Netting, Tatting and Crocheting are as attractive as usual, and the Bright talks Around the Tea Table, and a review of the Newest Books complete a very entertaining number. The subscription price of The Delineator is \$1 a year. Single copies, 15 cents. Address orders to The Delineator Publishing Co. (Ltd.), 33 Richmond street west, Toronto, Ont.

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