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Mr. H. H. Miller M. P., recently received from a Dominion member representing another Riding, a letter rom which the following is an excerpt:

"Are you having much trouble from your supporters asking for reprisals to the Whitney Government's dismissals from office? Practically all of the Provincial civil servants of my Riding, right down to the Issuers of Marriage Licenses, have been removed from of Licenses, have been removed from of-fice. I presume all of the Ontario Lib-eral members are up against the same proposition, and it does seem to me that the whole question should be carefully considered by the Federal Government. If we decapitated a few Conservatives Federal office-holders it might prove a salu ary check on the spoils crowd in Toronto."

Mr Miller's reply was as follows: 'We are not, as yet, having any trouble in this Riding as to the dismissal of Provincial Government officials. None have been dismissed. Some of my political friends have suggested that if there be any dismissals I should in return, recommend the dismissal of of the Christmas trade. Conservatives under the Dominion Government. I will not, however, under any circums ances, do anything of the kind. I am heartly and thoroughly opposed to the "spoils" system. If the Whitney Government make general what appears to have been their Happy Christmas tained office, and continue to dismiss Acknowledged to be the best in market, officals under them who are and have been Reformers, and should the Dominion Government in any measure retaliate. we will at once, and probably for all time, have the American system and all Government officials will expect dismissal at ev. ry change of Government, The result will be that inexperienced and untried officiais will be continually being appointed in the place of experienced men whose only faults have been their political opinions. With such a system in vogue officials will feel sure of their positions wh.le their party is in power and just as sure as sure that they must go when their party goes, and thus a great incentive to good and faithful service will have been removed.

I believe that the Whitney supporters by their so free use of the guillotine will but weaken themselves. If we imitate them we will do curselves and the country a great injury. So far as my Riding is concerned I, while I represent it, will recommend that officials who do not offensively meddle in political affairs and who properly perform the duties of their offices shall be retained and that officials who persistently neglect their duties shall be dimissed.

We believe that the best men of South Grey, to whatever political par-Raymond Sewing Machines. McClary Stoves for Coal or Wood ty they may belong, will approve of Agent for the Dillon Hinge Stay Fence. Mr. Miller's reply and of his position upon the now much talked of subject to which the letters refer. No sensibly loyal Canadian desires to have the pernicious American spoils system introduced into Canada, and the Reform Party, whose record along that line is so good had better resist every temptation and every demand to do anythat will encourage it.

> ----**Egremont Council**

Council met Dec 15, minutes approved An order was passed in favor of A moyer An order was passed in favor of A Moyer for \$15 r A Prio'r funeral expenses. A petition was presented by John Kennedy tings, &c., for full Junior Leaving and Matriculation work. The following competent staff are in and lo others asking for a USS to be formed on Eg't and Arthur townline but was uct entertained.

The account of \$2 from Arch. McEachern could not be entertained until it is certified to by the pathmaster.

Csm'r Gordon reported on a water grievance on East Arthur Townline. He with the Reeve of Arthur deepened the ditch and put in a tin culvert; total cost \$31.50, Egt's share \$15.75 less \$3 50 for tile. Com'rs fees \$2.

ing 1oth sideroad. Con 4.5, Cost \$8; Jno esidence. Currie repairing two culverts. con 5-6. Cost \$4; Com'rs fees \$4.

Com'r McArthur's expenditure-R Harper, sundry jobs, drawing tile, putting in culverts and ditching costing \$29.12 on Con 12 and 13, Neil Calder, drawing tile and culvert, \$3.50, A Stewart do 2.25 A McGillivray ditching 2.85, Thos Watson culvert 2.00, Fees 4.00

Reeve's Expenditure - Chas McInnis, gravelling 79 rods cost \$63.20: filling the holes and repairing road 5.00; pav-ment recommended less 25.00; paid on account—Thos Weir. tile culvert and ditching, cost \$7,50; Com'rs fees 3.00, S Robb's acct of 50c for outlet to sulvers was not entertained.

Mr McNeil was paid \$7 use of council room. By-law No 191 to appoint DRO, Polling places, and place to hold nomin-ation meeting on Friday 22nd inst, was passed and signed.

An order for \$2.25 in favor of Jao Waddel to buy wood for Mrs Barc'ay. Reeve read Financial Statement to Coun-cil and 200 were ordered to be proted. Reeye and clerk were paid \$3 each for preparing said statement.

Reeve read Dr Speath's yearly report as M H officer which showed eight cases of Scarlet Fever reported in January, al in N E corner of Tp. These were strictl quarantined. Boothville school was dis infected. In June their were four case in one family—no deaths resulted—no diphtheria cases were reported. During last three months a large number of severe cases of Typhoid Fever have existed—infection could not be traced in all cases—No small pox in Tp. but there is an epidemic in a neighboring Tp and Board of Health should advise a general vaccination—No eases of Tuberculosis reported, measles have been epidemic in township almost the whole year and some deaths. almost the whole year and some deaths from accompanying pneumonia were re-

reported. Sundry accounts were paid am't'g to \$215.70.

Motion for Reeve to vacate the chair and Mr Wm Lawrence take the same, Carried. McArthur-Robb-That a vote of thanks be now tendered to the Reeve for his kind, able, and courteous manner displayed in discharging his duties as head

of this council during the year now draw-The chairman in presenting this vote of thanks to the Reeve spoke in the highest terms of commendation of the Reeve and Council. The reeve replied after which

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