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PATRONAGE

The Conservative press in the south seems to be worrying considerably as to how H. C. Brewster, the new premier of British Columbia, is going to make out in trying to live up to his promise to do away with the patronage system. Patronage has reigned so long in Canada, and, in the last few years has become such a powerful thing, that many seem to feel that it will be impossible to root it out. Of one thing we may be very certain, Mr. Brewster was thoroughly sincere in his promise, and we may rest assured that he will do everything he possibly can to destroy the evil which has made politics in Canada the most corrupt of any of the Dominions.

One of the first things done will probably be to place the outside civil service entirely under a commission, with each position to be filled by competitive examination. Examinations exist at present, but the system is a farce, in so far as throwing open the service is concerned, as the appointments are first made by political agents, and the appointees pass the examinations afterwards, there being no competitive element. In Britain, not only are the competitions purely competitive but the examiners have not the slightest idea as to the identity of the students whose papers they are checking up, a number being used on each, and the papers sent to London for checking purposes.

The worst feature of the patronage system is not, however, in the appointment of civil servants, but in the distribution of government orders for supplies. These have been handled in each district by a

patronage committee, within the party, the members of which took what they could for themselves and handed out the crumbs where they thought they would be most effective. The system lent itself to the most flagrant abuses, costing the province and the country many thousands of dollars more than it should under an honest contract system. In Britain, there is no such thing as a patronage list and tenders for supplies submit samples and prices, without the names of the firms being made known to the parties passing upon the tenders. It is asserted that the patronage system cannot be abolished root and branch, no matter how honest may be the intentions of Mr. Brewster. That remains to be seen, but, in the meantime, the new premier will leave no stone unturned to bring about the desired change, and he can be greatly assisted by the public in general. He is no longer the leader of a political party, but the premier of the province and, therefore, the guardian of the welfare of British Columbia and every person in it for the next five years.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Gaumont Graphic at the Westholme Theatre last night presented Sir Sam Hughes on his big black charger, announcing him as the "Kitchen of Canada" but nobody cheered.

The news from the Rumanian front yesterday was more encouraging, though it is questionable if the Odessa report that the Allies had assumed the offensive on the Dobrudja is correct. However, Berlin is silent in regard to

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further gains so they can't be getting things all their own way.

More serious than the setback in Rumania is the fact that the Russians are not making any headway in Galicia. Everything points to a shortage of big guns or big gun ammunition on that front.

The Fish luncheon in the Central Hotel yesterday was a delight to all lovers of fish and something of a revelation to those who are not given to indulging in fish.

Nicaragua has got into financial difficulties. This is not an unusual occurrence with a South American State and in the long run it will likely prove beneficial as the American bankers will bring about a better system of collecting revenue.

NATIONAL FISH DAY CELEBRATION YESTERDAY

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should be the watchword of Prince Rupert for the year 1917. This city is dependent on the fact that it is here that rail and ocean meet, and it is at this point we must have the facilities for handling our industry. He went on to say that progress in the fishing industry is dependent to a large extent upon the railroad companies, as fish must be carried rapidly that it may reach the eastern markets in prime condition. He believed that the railway company had as its motto "Safety First." He thought it should be service first, as the one included the other. In dealing with the transportation problem, he pointed out that it costs \$2 per 100 pounds to land fish in Montreal, while it cost only 65 cents to carry a 100 pounds of copper the same distance. There was not this difference in the gross rates, but fish included boxes and ice and this was the figure on the net weight of the fish. He thought that the food of the people should be carried at a lower rate than such a commodity as copper which could not be termed a necessity of life. When the time comes when the fishermen would be handling the cheaper grades of fish, it would not pay them to ship east, as the freight would amount to more than the value of the fish. He thought that the railway company had its work to do in the building up of the fishing industry.

Haddock.

Mr. Johnston said that the government could do much towards building up the industry

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And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.
Dated this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1915. APR. 2.

MINERAL ACT

Notice to Delinquent Partners.

To G. W. Maxwell and Charles Nicholson.
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Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 19th day of February, 1916.
J. E. STARK

MINERAL ACT

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Dated this 24th day of March, A.D. 1916
GEORGE R. NADEN.

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