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The Change of the Ministry.

We received the news of the change of the Ministry just as we were going to press on Wednesday last, and therefore, had no time to do more than simply announce the fact.

The people, without exception, in this city, were taken by surprise, when it was ascertained that it had pleased His Majesty, to ask the late Ministers for their portfolios, and that their successors had actually been commissioned.

We do not for a moment question the right, nor the prerogative of His Majesty, to change his Ministry, as when he pleases, and no doubt the reasons which moved the King to act with decision and promptness in this instance were sufficiently strong and controlling in their character to justify his action.

Having said this much we pass to the personal of the gentlemen selected, as the new Ministry.

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His Excellency J. M. Kapena, is a gentleman who has filled important positions of trust, profit and honor heretofore in this, his native Kingdom. He is a gentleman of education, intelligence and experience. He commenced his career as a journalist, then became Governor of Maui, afterward Minister of Finance, and now Minister of Foreign Affairs.

His Excellency Simon K. Kaai, the new Minister of Finance, is also "native to the manor born," who like his Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs, possesses all the necessary qualifications to make a faithful and conscientious officer. The Minister of Finance is a gentleman of education and intelligence, and of fine natural abilities. He possesses the confidence and respect of his people in an eminent degree, and worthily so; and this fact is an earnest of the good effects of His Majesty's selection; because it is a concession to the native element which is alike creditable to the good sense of His Majesty, and the wishes of the native population.

His Excellency Edward Preston, the newly appointed Attorney-General, is a gentleman possessing the necessary legal learning and ability, to enable him to discharge the duties of the law officer of the Crown, and this is all that is required. We congratulate the new Attorney-General, on his promotion to so high a position in the gift of His Majesty, and wish for him a successful career as a public officer.

The new Ministers have entered upon their respective duties, and are therefore like all their predecessors—on trial; and if they are found competent and shall carry on the Government in a manner that will redound to the honor and best interests of the nation, His Majesty and the people will have cause to congratulate themselves. Whether frequent changes of the Ministry are wise or expedient, are questions which time alone must determine; and to that never failing test, so far as we are concerned, we are willing to leave the issue. What this country wants—indeed what every well regulated country wants—is stability in its government; which can only be realized by the exercise of wisdom, prudence, honesty and sound business qualifications on the part of those entrusted with the arduous and responsible duties of counselors to His Majesty, and the faithful administration of the laws of the Kingdom.

Let us hope then, that the new Ministry may come up to the full measure of public expectation, and thus the stability of the Government may be maintained, and the interests of the Kingdom and the Hawaiian people promoted in a ratio commensurate with the importance of the interests involved.

What we hope for is, that the wisdom of His Majesty's selections in this latter instance, may be signally manifested in the good re-

sults that shall flow from the recent change of his constitutional advisers, and should that expectation be disappointed, that he will act with the same decision, by displacing the present Ministers, for others, who will add both dignity and efficiency to his Government. This is what the people have a right to expect at the hands of a wise ruler, whose heart is moved by proper impulses, and whose head is cool and clear to perceive what is best calculated to promote the happiness of his people.

Western Polynasia.

The people of the islands of the Western Polynesian Group are suffering from famine, as we learn from the Australian papers. This is a matter of astonishment to many who are at a loss to account for the scarcity of food on those islands, where everything grows in such abundance. In addition to the vegetables indigenous to the soil, it favors with wonderful aptitude the growth of European fruits and vegetables in enormous quantities. But a plague seems to have smitten the land, (as an exchange paper puts it). Nature has withheld her luscious bounteous hand and gaunt famine, stark and terrible has stalked through the length and breadth of a desolate country, and disease and death have followed in its train.

It is extremely difficult to trace the source whence this most pitiable state of things takes its rise. We have heard of no hurricane or excessive rains by which the catastrophe deplored could have been brought about or even assisted. No excess of population or series of gluttonous feasts to which semi-savage people are prone, are known to have taken place. The very extent of the indictment forbids the idea that any merely casual event could have contributed to it. But it has occurred, and men have fallen like autumn leaves, and like them have been allowed to strew the ground from want of strength in the survivors to buy them.

The above is a doleful picture of the inhabitants of those once fertile islands and calls loudly to those of the neighboring islands, to institute a careful inquiry to try and discover the cause or causes of so great a calamity, in order if possible to put a stop to the desolation depicted by our contemporary.

The people of New Zealand seem to have aroused themselves to the work of affording relief to the starving Polynesians.

Should the Sale of Opium be Licensed?

The question of the expediency or policy of repealing the law now on the statute books of this Kingdom, prohibiting the sale of opium to Chinese and natives, except for medicinal purposes, has already come up before the present Legislative Assembly, and the bill was indefinitely postponed. We notice, however, that another bill was introduced with the same object in view. Would it be wise to repeal the present law, and permit opium to be sold ad libitum, or, indeed, in any given quantities to Chinese and others on these Islands? Our answer is emphatically no. In order to understand this question properly, let us enquire what would be the effect of the repeal of the prohibition. We understand that the advocates of repeal base their argument upon the fact, that by the repeal a large amount of revenue would be brought into the coffers of the Government annually. We grant it, for the sake of argument, that such might appear to be the case. But have the advocates of the repeal made any calculation how much revenue would be lost in the evil effects of such repeal on the plantation laborers of these Islands? From all we can learn from the sugar planters, they have no little trouble and loss arising from the use of opium among their laboring hands at present, even with all the stringency of the present law on the subject of opium. It seems that, somehow or other, the Chinese laborers do get hold of their favorite drug, and use it to excess, thereby rendering them unfit to labor as they should do for the benefit of the planters. If, therefore, the prohibition is taken off and opium is allowed to be sold, the inevitable result will be a total demoralization of the Chinese laboring population, and a consequent diminution in the production of the sugar crop annually, which may eventuate in the breaking up of every sugar plantation on these Islands. In that event, what then becomes of the revenue now derived from this great industry? It would be simply lost, and all through the injudicious and short-sighted policy of seeking to realize a revenue by destroying the source from which it can be gathered. This, to our mind, would be stopping at the "spigot" and letting out at the "bung-hole." Viewing the question of the repeal of the present prohibition of the sale of opium in this Kingdom, in this light, we are clear in our judgment that it will be wise not to disturb the present law, by making a change. If the desire is to strike down the sugar industry of the Hawaiian Islands, the most effectual way to do so will be to repeal the act prohibiting the sale of opium. The planters should see to it that the law—in as it stands on the statute books—should remain intact; and the sooner they wake up to the danger that lurks in the act now before the Legislative Assembly, the better for their future welfare. We hope the honorable members of the Assembly will look at this question in its true light, and reject any and all attempts to repeal—or even modify—the present law on the subject of the sale of opium.

Accidents from Kerosene Oil.

The lamentable frequency of the most dreadful accidents to human life from the use of kerosene oils of an inflammable character, are well calculated to alarm the people of these Islands, as they have the people of all other countries where such oils are in daily common use. It is but a few weeks since, we saw a letter from a firm in San Francisco, who deal in kerosene oils, to a gentleman of this city, in which the firm alluded to solicited the trade in kerosene oils for these Islands through the gentleman. In this letter the San Francisco firm were unguarded enough to say, that they were prepared to furnish kerosene oil of any density, or quality to the dealer, and that the said firm would put upon each package any label he might require. Now what did this infamous proposition mean? It meant, that the San Francisco firm regardless of the consequences to human life and property, were willing to furnish to our dealers in oils, any kind of oils, if they were wicked enough to palm off on the community a spurious or a real article, merely to make money. Such a proposition could only emanate from the heart of a man, who is desperately wicked, and fatally bent upon mischief.

Fortunately for our people, Mr. George G. McLean, to whom the infamous and diabolical proposition was made, is an honest, conscientious man, and exposed the infamy of the proposition by exhibiting the letter to the editors of the newspapers in this city, with a view to have the villainy made public. Too much care cannot be taken by our people in the use of this terribly explosive article which is in daily use in every family on these Islands. Indeed, we had a shocking example of the danger to human life in the use of kerosene oil, in the death of a native woman and her infant, a few weeks ago on the other side of Oahu, an account of which we published at the time. We see that the government of New Zealand has become alarmed on this subject, and recently steps have been taken to have all kerosene offered for sale in that country carefully tested and examined by competent Government Officers. This is a laudable step. We are led to make these remarks at this time, in order to bring to the notice of the Legislative Assembly of this Kingdom the imperative duty devolving upon that body, to pass a law regulating the inspection and careful examination of all kerosene oils sent here for sale, before they are taken from the Custom House.

We understand that this matter is now before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, for their consideration. We also understand that the Committee have had a chemical analysis made by Dr. Stangenwald, of certain brands of oils now in the hands of consumers, and that the result of this examination is, that some of the most inflammable and dangerous oils are daily sold to the people. The Legislative Assembly should see to it, that a law be passed creating an inspectorship of kerosene oils imported into this Kingdom, so as to guard the people against the consequences of using oils that are not of the density necessary to render them safe in the use and handling, by innocent people, who are ignorant of their real character. We learn from reliable information that some of the oils now in use here are as explosive and dangerous as gunpowder itself. This, is to say the least, dreadful, and calls for prompt action by our law-makers, and we hope these remarks will not be set on those for whom they are especially intended. In this connection we call special attention to an article from the Hon. W. O. Smith, Chairman of the Select Committee, with the accompanying report of Dr. Stangenwald on the above subject, which will be found in another column.

DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

On Monday, Mr. W. R. Castle introduced a bill to amend the Stamp Act of 1876. The Minister of the Interior gave notice of a bill to regulate water rights in Suvaia Valley. A petition from Hamakua was presented, asking for the following appropriations: viz: \$4000 for roads, \$3000 for improving the harbor of Hamakua, and \$600 for a buoy at Hamakua; and a bill to locate granting houses. The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On Tuesday, Mr. W. R. Castle read the first time a bill to amend the laws relating to the sale of opium, and to authorize a loan. Mr. Castle read the first time a bill to amend the laws relating to the sale of opium, and to authorize a loan. Mr. Castle read the first time a bill to amend the laws relating to the sale of opium, and to authorize a loan.

On Wednesday, his Excellency J. M. Kapena informed the Assembly of the resignation of the Ministry the previous day (Tuesday), and it had passed His Majesty to appoint the following named gentlemen to occupy the places of the resigning Ministers: viz: Hon. S. G. Wilder, to be Minister of the Interior; Hon. S. K. Kaai, to be Minister of Finance; Hon. E. Preston, to be Attorney-General; and Hon. J. M. Kapena, to be Minister of Foreign Affairs.

On Friday, the first part of the day was occupied by the reading of the "Act to Amend the Laws," which was finally made the special order for Monday next. The afternoon session was consumed in the consideration of the Appropriation Bill.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

SUPREME COURT OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, Oahu, on July Term, A. D. 1878. In the matter of the estate of John A. Simmon, late of Honolulu, deceased. vs. P. K. Bishop, Executor.

In the above entitled bill for divorce, it is now ordered that a decree of divorce from the bond of matrimony be entered in favor of the said Hoopole Pui wai, for the cause therein set forth, and that she be at liberty to marry after the expiration of six months from the date of the decree of divorce, and that she be at liberty to marry after the expiration of six months from the date of the decree of divorce, and that she be at liberty to marry after the expiration of six months from the date of the decree of divorce.

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