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BACK FOR THE LAST TIME.

THE ALDERMEN HAD AN UNUSUALLY SHORT SNAP THIS YEAR.

Nearly All of Them Have Been Returned Without Opposition—The Change in Wellington Ward—Prospects of a Very Different Election Next Time.

The municipal elections were in spots this year, for there were contests in three wards only. In the other ten no polls were opened, and the unparalleled sight was witnessed of nearly the whole council being returned by acclamation, or rather by default.

The fights were lively so far as they went, and the triangular contest in Wellington ward resulted in the defeat of Ald. White, who was supposed to have a good deal of strength there, and was defeated by Mr. Robert J. Wilkins, a gentleman very well known in connection with elections in Wellington ward, but not up to a comparatively recent date considered as a possible candidate.

At the time of the celebrated dinner and presentation to Ald. McGoldrick, some months ago, Progress announced that it was part of the programme that Mr. Wilkins who had a grievance because he was not appointed a district engineer, should be run in Wellington ward at this election. The official announcement was not made until last Saturday, however, but when it was made, few had any doubt that Mr. Wilkins would be elected. He and his friends have been ward workers in so many elections that they know just how to take hold of a contest and come out ahead.

Mr. G. P. Pugsley also made it interesting for Ald. Barnes and O'Brien in Kings, though he did not come within 50 votes of getting elected. He was a late arrival in the field, and is said to have been brought out against his own wish. The total number of ballots cast was 292, of which 93 were for Barnes and O'Brien, 84 Barnes and Pugsley, 53 O'Brien and Pugsley, while of the plumpers given, Pugsley got 18, Barnes 29 and O'Brien 65.

Ald. Davis having repented of his resignation in Brooks ward, tried conclusions with Ald. Baxter and Mr. C. B. Lockhart, and was left considerably in the rear. Some of the orangemen are said to have urged that, in view of the Bathurst school question, Ald. Davis ought to be returned pledged not to vote for the appointment of a Catholic to the board of school trustees in St. John. If such a canvass were used, however, the fault must lie with indiscreet individuals, rather than with the orange body or the candidate.

There seems little doubt that this is the last election in which a majority of the men who are now Aldermen will be returned. The Tax Reduction Association bill has been amended so that the question of the changes it proposes to effect shall be submitted to the people, and a popular vote taken in September. In this plebiscite all qualified to vote at a mayoralty election can deposit their ballots, whether their taxes have been paid or not. This in some respects seems fair enough, though the fact that 5,000 people have signed petitions for the passage of the bill is pretty good evidence that the men who pay the taxes want a change. It seems, perhaps, a little too much leaning toward liberality to permit those who cannot vote for mayor or aldermen to have a voice, and possibly a decisive voice, in saying how they shall be elected in the future. A man who has not paid his taxes for one year by September of the next year cannot be supposed to feel much interest in civic affairs or to be materially affected by any action one way or the other. And in many instances men who will be found in this category are of the class most readily controlled by the ward heisters and pot-house politicians. It would be a thousand pities if the undoubted wish of the intelligent majority should be defeated by the votes of men manipulated by this or that sectional machine.

The aldermen, on the evening after their seats were made secure for another year, voted to forward a memorial against the passage of the bill. Some of them, undoubtedly, did so less because they were opposed to the principle of the measure than because they felt that the bill should have first come before the council. Others, including some of the recent "reformers," were opposed to the plan of having anything better than there is now. From their point of view they were quite right. The reduction of the size of the council and the election by the people means that most of the men who now have a big pull in their wards will not be in it. It is just such men whom the citizens, in the interests of all, can best afford to spare. They are the

NO QUICK TRIAL FOR HIM.

HOW THE LAST TWO SENTENCES SCARED HIM.

Four Years for Stealing a Mother's Dress and Three Years for Seating Her Would Indicate What?—The Old Man and His Ticket to Shubenacadie.

The result of the last two cases tried under the Speedy Trials' Act, have been rather unfortunate for the act as well as the prisoners—one of whom received a four, and the other a three years' sentence.

Readers of the events in the police court, will remember, that not long ago, a young fellow was arrested for stealing his mother's dress and jacket. Rather than spend some time in jail in addition to his sentence, he elected to be tried under the Speedy Trials' Act. He was found guilty, and was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. He probably wished then that he had taken his chances with a jury.

Within a few days, another young fellow forgot the maternal relation, and beat his mother severely, knocking her down and clubbing her. Whether he was in liquor or not, Progress is not informed at this juncture; but he also chose trial under the same act, and will have to serve three years in Dorchester.

This would almost go to show that it is a greater crime to steal your mother's wearing apparel, than it is to break her skull. Perhaps, however, the fact that the latter offender rushed to the police station, and declared that he had killed his mother, and gave himself up, was considered in the light of a mitigating circumstance.

But the result of these two sentences is now apparent. An old man belonging to Shubenacadie, N. S., spent all his money in getting drunk a few days ago; and while in that condition, was relieved of his only other valuable—a railway ticket to Shubenacadie. His boon companion—a city tough—when arrested, had the ticket in his possession. It is ample evidence against him, but it is necessary to convict him. He intended being tried under the Speedy Trials' Act, but he heard of the sentences noted above, and now he is waiting to take his chances in court. The old man is in jail without the means of getting home; and, if he is let go he has nothing to live upon. The ticket must be held until the trial is over; and if the owner has to wait to travel on it, he may be much longer getting to Shubenacadie than he bargained for.

HE REMAINED AT HIS POST.

When a fire was discovered the other morning word was sent to an engine house, and one of the firemen rushed out in very scanty attire to sound the alarm. The door shut behind him with a snap, and having no key he was compelled to dance around in his night-clothes until the doors were opened. The time was not so long as it seemed, but it was a fairly cold night for the time of year. This reminds Progress of a frosty night some years ago, when a prominent citizen in whose house there was a fire alarm key, rushed out to sound an alarm, having on nothing but a night-shirt. The department did not respond with the speed common nowadays, and the citizen, after jumping around for some minutes, got out of patience and raved to the shelter of his home, leaving the box open and the key in it. When the chief engineer arrived there was a lively row between the two, and the result was a complaint at the police court. The case was withdrawn without trial however. The withdrawal without trial however, is moral in that a man who gets out of bed to sound an alarm on a cold night might save himself trouble by taking time enough to put on at least enough clothing to protect his limbs from the wind and weather.

THE BILL COMMITTEE WAS SHARP.

The telegram to Fredericton from the bill committee of the council, asking that the assessment bill be withdrawn unless Ald. Baxter's rider for a one cent levy was left out, was a rather good joke on the old alderman. The bill committee had no authority in the matter that the man in the moon, and some of the east side men were perfectly well aware of the fact. They carried their point, however, and Ald. Baxter did not discover the trick until he had time to think over the matter. The whole affair seems to have stirred up the small but lively hornets' nest among the legislators, who some pretty saucy things about Ald. Baxter as the man who, in his zeal for the West side, put them in a good deal of bother. Ald. Baxter's motive in proposing to fix the ferry fares by legislation outside of the council was undoubtedly good, but the carrying out of the idea would have established a most vicious precedent.

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST VIETNAM.

The electric cars are running in fine shape now, and the morbidly curious are watching to see who will be the first victim of an accident by jumping on the front platform while the cars are running at high speed. The trick looks dangerous, and it is also just as dangerous as it looks. It is also just as dangerous as it looks. The question worth asking whether the general public and the motor man should be crowded together on the same platform under any circumstances. In the meantime the cars are doing a good stroke of business.

HE NEEDED A CYCLOPEDIA.

The civil service system of examination has one less friend in the person of a citizen of St. John who recently sought to qualify for a letter carrier's examination. He had an idea that if a carrier had a knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic, and could find his way about the city he had all the necessary qualifications

TOO FEW TO GO AROUND.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF CANDIDATES CALCULATE RIGHT.

The Fourth Aspirant to the Mayoralty Will Get no Votes—It is Any Man's Race, so Far, and Only One is Known to Feel Confident About It.

There are not votes enough to go around in the mayoralty election. That is to say, allowing any three of the candidates to get one third of the votes he is calculating on, there will be none left for the fourth man. This is the way one of the four in the field has figured it, and any one of the lot can make the application of the theory to suit himself. It is any man's race so far, for nobody can tell just how the votes will be divided up among the four. With two men in a field it is sometimes easy to predict a result, but with four, each having independent sources of strength, the matter becomes very much mixed. Not more than one out of the four candidates would feel safe in risking any amount in a bet on himself.

The exception to this would be Mr. Jones, who apparently becomes more and more confident as the campaign progresses. He is working hard, and has been lecturing on civic affairs to audiences in the three ends of the city during the past week. He will get a good many votes from the old timers of Kings' ward, who remember that he was a good alderman thirty years ago. If Mr. Jones is not elected it will not be for want of energy and activity in his canvass.

Whether Mayor Peters is lulling himself with false security, has inside pointers as to his chances or is simply getting used to running elections, it is very evident that he is going into the fight with a more jaunty air and cheerful demeanor than he has shown in previous contests. He has a good committee at work, and is himself far from idle. Mr. Sturdee has also been making a strong canvass in many quarters, and his campaign is also "personally conducted" in all sections. It will be remembered that he was very early in the field, and that his canvass began some months ago. Mr. Tufts appears to be taking matters more easy than any of the others, though he may be doing a good deal of quiet work which will tell in his favor on election day. A good many people who did not find occasion to qualify themselves as voters for the aldermanic elections settled up with the chamberlain last Saturday, and will be able to take their choice of the lot next Tuesday. A large number of citizens, however, have not yet paid their taxes, and will have nothing to say about it. Each of the candidates appears to be under the impression that the men who are thus shut out are chiefly of the class who would have voted for the other man had their taxes been paid. They will know all about it before this time next week.

ONE ELUGIAN IN GREEN PASTURES.

Dr. T. W. Musgrove, formerly of Carleton, is now located at Puyallup, in the State of Washington, and from the tenor of a recent letter to Progress appears to have dropped into a pleasant cany. On March 25, two weeks ago, he says, "the grass is growing rapidly here to-day, and early vegetables were planted this week. We are having a heavy rain, while the Middle States are having blizzards, ice-caves and snow. This is a fine State and will be the wonder of the West, if the politicians don't destroy the good prospects." The doctor's many friends here will be glad to hear of his being so pleasantly situated. He is in better luck than some exodians who have not gone so far West.

HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE.

The opponents of the reduction of the police force are pointing to the fact that the man who originated the idea, in the department of public safety was Ald. White, and that he was defeated last Tuesday. It is not likely that there was any relation between the two facts. The electors of Wellington ward did not vote against Alderman White because they wanted more policemen, but because they were anxious to be represented by Mr. Wilkins. Had Ald. White launched out enough money, it is quite possible that he could have remained at the council, though in that case Ald. Shaw would probably have been the defeated candidate.

FREDERICTON'S THEATRE SEASON.

By the appearance of the bookings for this month and next, Fredericton is to have quite a theatrical season. The attractions cover a wide range and should give unusual satisfaction. The dates are as follows: April 17, 18, 19, Josie Mills Company; April 26, Fisk Jubilee Singers; April 28, 29, J. S. Murphy's "Kerry Gow" and "Shaun Rhee"; May 5, "Arthur Reshan" Company; May 9, 10, "Social Religion" Company; May 25, Madeline Meril's Company.

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The Easter services at St. Mary's church were of a specially pleasing nature, the choir being ably supported by an orchestra under the direction of Mr. Stokes, of the artillery band. The musical portion will be repeated on Sunday, when some new selections will be rendered by the orchestra. The following anthems will be sung: Morning—"I know that my Redeemer liveth" (Pattison); Te Deum (Hopkins). Evening—"Why seek ye the living among the dead?" (Orange).

THE ORANGE AND THE GREEN.

No one seems to have authority to pronounce a "rag" but the story is told that the police magistrate, Robert J. Ritchie, of this city, and the grand master of the orangemen, George W. Fowler, of Sussex, were given one bed in the crowded Queen Hotel in Fredericton a few nights ago. No harm seemed to result. They are both good fellows and if each came around a trifle to the other side of the question both have been benefited by the act of host Edwards.

AND ALL ENDED WELL.

The new rector of Shediac, Mr. Burt, who was reported last week as waiting in St. John pending the Bishop's decision has received the necessary authority, and is now in charge of his parish.

IT DESERVES SUPPORT.

A letter in regard to the Halifax School for the Blind was received too late to be inserted this week, but it may be stated that it is proposed to hold a carnival and bazaar in Halifax on the 21th of May, in aid of this deserving institution, and the cooperation of other cities and towns is asked for the same good object, in the way of local entertainments. Lady Tilly has kindly undertaken the management of the St. John entertainment, and will no doubt enlist the aid of many other able and willing workers.

THE CASH REGISTER REMAINED.

The introduction of the cash register was resented by the employes of a city hotel a few days ago. They went "on strike," and at last accounts were still striking. The proprietor, it seems, was taken with the idea and usefulness of the modern cash box, and had a register placed in his saloon. The employes were indignant, and their injured feelings prompted them to throw up their positions. The hotel is still running, and the machine registers the cash.

ALL ON ACCOUNT OF A MONKEY.

There was some fun in the Salvage Corps department a few days ago, when Mr. Wilson discovered that the pet monkey had been tampering with the paint, and spreading it here and there. He began to reprimand the youthful Taylor, who stood a moderate amount of censure before he began by making it interesting for Mr. Wilson. The latter finally had to retreat hurriedly, and invite the police to call Taylor off.

WEBSTER AND HIS ROUTE.

H. Price Webber and the Boston Comedy company spent Sunday in the city en route for Annapolis where they opened Monday evening. Yarmouth was the next place booked, then the Annapolis Valley before a lengthy engagement is opened with Zera Semon in Halifax. The last time Webber played with Semon in Halifax the joint shows made a big hit and neither of them are less popular now than then.

HE HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM.

Some time ago Progress printed a paragraph in re Mr. L. D. Vaughan and a demerger claim, which kept him quite busy for some days denying in the daily press, in connection with the statement that the matter was sub-judice, and that he would have more to say about it later. The court decided that he was wrong, and the other man right. Perhaps this is the reason Mr. Vaughan has not been heard from.

WHAT ARE POPULAR PRICES?

According to the advertisements in the Maine and Montreal papers, the Hopper and Josie Mill Companies played to "popular prices in both of these sections. This means in the theatres named, 10, 20 and 30 cents. The same companies in this city ask 25, 35 and 50. Perhaps the performances are worth the price but why make such a difference?

A BUSY FOURTH.

The fourth of the month is always an unusually heavy day in the banks especially in March and April. This year April 4th fell on Easter Tuesday and the notes due on April 2nd and 3rd and 4th were crowded into one day. It was a time to bustle in the banks and it is pretty safe to assume that there was some busting done outside too.

OPENS MONDAY NIGHT.

The city cornet band open their Columbian Fair in the market building Monday evening. The preparations for it have been made on an extensive scale; the tickets are going well, and success is promised on all sides. Some particulars will be found in the proper column on the eighth page.

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