

# PROGRESS.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

International Railway.

MONDAY, the 7th September, the first day of the railway will be open, as follows:

ALL LEAVE ST. JOHN  
St. John for Quebec and Montreal, via Riverview, 7.00  
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## MONCTON IS UP TO DATE

AND IS COMING TO THE FRONT IN A SURPRISING WAY.

Its Record for One Week in the Matter of Lawlessness is Alarming—The Many Petty Robberies That Have Been Committed Lately in That Town.

The staid and patriotic citizen of Moncton who travels far afield sometimes and enjoys the advantage of hearing just what the outside world thinks of himself and his native place, sometimes has his feelings deeply wounded by discovering in what light esteem the city of Moncton is held by the inhabitants of other and larger cities, who only judge the railway hub by what they have heard about it, and such information as they have gleaned by reading the papers published in the city itself and the items of news sent by its own press correspondents to other papers. In vain the Moncton man protests that his city is all that it should be both as regards law, order, enterprise and business activity. Moncton is coming to the front rapidly, he asserts, and will soon stand abreast of many cities twice its size.

The staid and patriotic is quite right there—Moncton is coming to the front very rapidly indeed and if it continues its present rate of progression it will soon be qualified to rank with any of the border towns of Texas, if not to 'go them one better' as far as lawlessness and rowdiness goes, and if something is not done very soon towards making the position of property holders rather more secure, Moncton will be a deserted city before very long.

The record for last week alone is one that a city twice its size might well be alarmed over. Some time during Sunday night of last week the lock factory was broken into, the thieves breaking a pane of glass in order to effect an entrance, ransacking the building, opening the safe, which was fortunately empty, helping themselves to a quantity of valuable tools, and finally walking boldly out at the door which they did not take the trouble to shut after them.

On Tuesday night the residence of A. E. Killam, M. P., on Fleet street was boldly entered, it is supposed by a window being pried open, and the very considerable sum of \$71 in cash stolen. As the money was in two different bureau drawers, both of which were locked, though the key was unfortunately left in one of them, it is reasonably certain that the thief was not in a particular hurry, but took time to look about him. The same night a small boot and shoe shop on Cornhill street, kept by a man by the name of Mathews, was broken into, and several pairs of boots and shoes stolen. Wednesday and Thursday night passed in comparative quiet, but on Friday evening the store of J. M. Ross, tailor, was entered between five and six o'clock, while Mr. Ross was at tea, and the cash drawer removed from the safe, which had been left unlocked. Fortunately the safe contained but fifteen, or twenty dollars at the time, but the curious part of the matter is the fact that Mr. Ross went to the safe himself just before leaving the shop, and took out some money, finding everything as usual, but on his return, shortly after six o'clock, the cash drawer was missing, though a son of Mr. Ross' had remained in the front shop talking to a friend all through the tea hour, and the safe was so situated at the rear of the large new shop that it was in full view both from the front and back shops. The cash drawer was found next day behind the market where the thief had evidently thrown it.

Friday night was apparently set apart for rest and refreshment by the guild of housebreakers, but Saturday was a very lively night in the burgling profession, no less than four different instances of robbery and attempted housebreaking being reported on Monday morning. The most successful of these enterprises was the burglary of Mr. George Younger's dry goods store on Main street, the place having been literally rifled from one end to the other, and goods to the amount of several hundred dollars worth stolen. These worthies did not break a window, but carefully removed a glass panel from the back door and took their time about choosing the special line of goods preferred, even unrolling bolts of dress goods testing their quality, and rejecting the cheaper grades. Enough goods were stolen to go a long way towards stocking a small shop, and the thieves must have required a considerable amount of assistance in removing them, as the quantity taken would necessitate the use of a team to carry them away. The thieves scattered in all directions, and left the back door wide open when they departed, but strange to say they did not interfere with the cash drawer, though it contained a dollar or two in change. The same night, only at an earlier hour in the evening, between six and seven o'clock, a singularly bold attempt was made to break into H. H. Ayer's general store on Gordon street, two young rascals of sixteen or seventeen years old pried open the win-

dow in the office immediately opposite the safe, which was open, and would no doubt have succeeded in securing some of its contents, had not one of the clerks heard the slight noise made, and arrived on the scene just as one of the thieves was half through the window, but before they could be either captured or identified the young villains escaped.

Later in the night burglars attempted to enter the house of Mr. W. O. Schwarz, of Church street, and Mr. E. W. Givan, of King street, through the cellar windows. At A. R. Givan's house, the cellar window was taken out, but the marauder was evidently frightened away by the furious barking of the dog.

On Monday night the Record foundry, and machine company's premises were broken into and a quantity of tools stolen. Thursday night was free from any house-breaking excitement, but was signalized by an act of brutality which would be difficult to match even in a large and wicked city in the United States. Some brute in human form tied a cat on the track of the electric cars fastening it securely in place with a stone, and though the motor-man saw it, and endeavored to stop his car in time, the distance was too short, and the wretched creature's four legs were cut off. It was mercifully put out of misery at once, and the matter reported to the office of the S. P. C. A. who have offered a liberal reward for information which will lead to the conviction of the wretch who perpetrated the outrage. But the fact remains that Moncton, city of churches, religious societies, and prayer meetings has won the unenviable distinction, of originating a new and particularly loathsome form of cruelty, as no case of this particular form of animal torture has yet come under PROGRESS notice, or been reported in the press of the day.

This brings the record of crime up to date and a grand showing it is for one week! Truly it would appear as though we had too much church going and not enough Christianity; too much religion of a certain stamp, but not enough humanity; and as if there was considerably more need for the various missionary societies to send earnest and able bodied missionaries to Moncton, than to China, or the Sandwich Islands.

In the mean time, and while our claims in this direction are being considered it might be as well to secure our temporal welfare by appointing an extra policeman or two, and paying their salaries for the present, until the city council can manage to agree about the appointment out of the scanty funds which seem to be continually pouring with the municipal treasury.

**CIVIC RULERS TAKE A TRIP.**  
They Spend Thanksgiving in Montreal With the C. P. R.

Since PROGRESS appeared last about the only movement made toward the harbor improvements has been the jaunt of the mayor and two aldermen to Montreal to see the C. P. R. That corporation has a wonderful influence over the present government of the city of St. John and all it has to do is to beckon and the council seems to obey. As PROGRESS stated before a verbal guarantee for \$50,000 is not as good as a written one and under the peculiar circumstances of the construction of the wharves the aldermen have not the same certainty that the sum will be paid. But the object of the civic visit to Montreal was to try and increase the railway grant and the wires have announced that the representatives of the council are returning with a memo of agreement for the approval of the council.

Alderman Christie objected to taking the trip because he was giving too much of his time to the city's service already. Perhaps all of the aldermen could say the same with equal truth, but had Alderman Christie agreed that the work should be given out to contract he would not have had to attend meetings at every whiff of a rumor. It is correct this North end alderman has his eye upon the mayor's chair. How then would he manage to attend to the city's business and his professional duties as well?

The sunken crib has been floated in a great measure, towed away and is being broken up. The Freepress has been put on half time or rather upon day time, and ordered to complete certain work as soon as possible. The contention of PROGRESS that the people are tired of paying \$600 a day for this service has been borne out and the fact that so much money has been spent already may have had something to do with the conclusion of the council that it was best to call a halt in this direction.

**How was She Treated at Home.**  
The death of the young girl Jones by poison is one of the distressing results of the lack of care for their children on the part of some parents. When little ones are allowed to go wherever they please and almost whenever they please they are sure to get into bad company. The claim that the Jones girl was assaulted will of course be carefully inquired into, but at the same time some attention should be given to the home treatment of the child.

## HER ERRATIC STORIES.

JANE GREEN'S STATEMENTS ARE NUMEROUS AND VARIED.

She Denies all Knowledge of the Letter to "Progress"—Mrs. Green is Fond of Writing Letters—Maggie Datcher is Able to Be Out Once More.

Mrs. Jane Green of Meadow Brook fame, evidently wishes to keep the Datcher murder well before the public, and it is probably with that object in view that she writes to the 'Daily Times' utterly repudiating her letter in PROGRESS of the 14th of this month, and stating that she knew nothing about it until she saw it in print. Mrs. Green adds that she did see a man, or some person, moving about the Datcher house with a light, on the night of the fire. Considering that Mrs. Green took the trouble of writing to the 'Daily Times' some weeks ago, and explicitly denying that she saw anything of the kind, or knew anything more about the events of the memorable night than she told at the time of the inquest, it would seem as if her relatives would be pursuing a wise course, in adopting some means of keeping her quiet, for she will certainly succeed in convincing the public that she knows a good deal more about the tragedy than anyone else if she continues to contradict herself as she has been doing lately. Fortunately for Mrs. Green the public has become rather tired of her, and takes little stock in her contradictory statements. It is expected that the preliminary examination which has dragged along for so many weeks will be concluded tomorrow, as it has been finally decided not to place Maggie Datcher on the witness stand until the case comes up in the Supreme Court, next January.

There is no longer the least room for doubt that this poor child will be able to give an intelligent account of the events of that dreadful night, and that her testimony will be of the greatest possible value, but her system is still in such an enfeebled condition from the shock she has sustained, and the long illness she is only just recovering from, that it is considered advisable to spare her as much mental strain as possible, and give her time to regain her strength, physical as well as mental, before obliging her to give an account of the awful ordeal she has passed through. Solicitor General White and Mr. F. A. McCully, counsel for the prosecution, called on the child at the almshouse a few days ago, and though the conversation that took place on that occasion can be only conjectured, its result was to set at rest any doubts of the child's ability to throw light on the case; and the poor little creature was thrown into such a state of agitation, and excitement at its close, that her physician strongly advised giving up all thought of taking her evidence at present.

Maggie has been over to the city in charge of her nurses, to whom she is devoted, and seemed to enjoy the trip immensely. She is an unusually attractive and engaging child, making friends wherever she goes.