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JUDGING by the number of citizens who have expressed their willingness to serve our city in the capacity of Mayor and Councilmen, the civic elections in Charlottetown on Feb. 12th, will be quite warmly contested.

OTTAWA advises say that Senator Snowball, the Chatham lumber king, is to be the next Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, in succession to Lieutenant Governor McOllan. Thus another of the faithful receives his reward.

The election for the House of Commons in Ligar, Manitoba, to fill the vacancy caused by the unseating of Richardson, Liberal, is set down for February the 18th, nomination a week earlier. Mr. Richardson, although a Liberal, is sufficiently independent to oppose the Government on certain questions that affect Manitoba and for this crime he has incurred the everlasting enmity of Laurier and Sifton. It was through their influence he was unseated and now, Mr. Sifton, after fixing the list in the riding has gone to Manitoba to give his personal attention to the campaign against Richardson. The grip profession of faith demands that members of that party must give a "steady support" to the Leader, no matter how injurious such support may prove to the people represented. Mr. Richardson is not sufficiently servile for this and his destruction has been vowed.

The arrest at Halifax, of Walter Gordon, a member of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, appears to have been the result of clever detective work. It was also an exemplification of the adage that "murder will out." The charge against Gordon is the murder of two aged farmers, at Boissevain, Manitoba, over two years ago. After the murder Gordon disappeared and afterwards turned up in Dakota, where he enlisted in the 13th regiment, giving as his nearest of kin, John Gordon of Brooklyn, Ontario. He saw service in the Philippines, and after his return went to Leadville and subsequently to British Columbia, where he enlisted in the Canadian Mounted Rifles, giving his name as John Gray, but he evidently made a fatal slip, for he again gave as his nearest of kin John Gordon of Brooklyn, Ont. This declaration identified him as Walter Gordon, of the Dakota 13th, and no doubt led to his arrest. He was arrested a few days before the date of sailing of the rifles, and detective Hyndman of Winnipeg, identified him at Halifax on Monday and started west with him on Tuesday.

EVIDENTLY very sharp practice has been employed by Mayor Prefontaine of Montreal, to outwit his rivals and again secure his election to the Mayoralty. It was considered that only a Frenchman could beat Prefontaine, and with this view Dr. Lachapelle was nominated. Wilson Smith, a former Mayor then nominated, on the ground that it was the term of an English speaking chief magistrate. In opposition to Wilson Smith, James Corcoran nominated. This complicated matters considerably and it was agreed that Prefontaine and Lachapelle would both withdraw. But Prefontaine had sailed for Europe in the meantime, and his withdrawal had to be effected by proxy. This having been done, and Mr. Lachapelle having withdrawn in person, it was thought the fight would be between Smith and Corcoran, with the chances in favor of the latter. At this stage application was made to Judge Langelier for a writ of mandamus ordering the city clerk to restore Mayor Prefontaine's name to the ballot, on the ground that he could not withdraw unless by application in person. It is thought this was all planned before Prefontaine left Montreal. Smith now retires, as he and Prefontaine represented the same interests, and Prefontaine will be elected. This brings matters to fever heat, and Dr. Lachapelle and his friends are beside themselves with rage and disappointment. It looks as if Prefontaine was a match for his rival, Tarte.

Statement New Cathedral Building Fund for Year 1901.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, Amount, and Description. Includes items like Balance on hand from year 1900, Private Subscriptions, and Country Parishes.

EXPENDITURE

Table with columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Expense late Secretary's Salary, Account Book, and Balance on Hand.

STATEMENT OF DEBT ON CATHEDRAL

Table with columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 1901, Jan. 27, Balance due Credit Foncier, and Audited and found correct.

The Journal's Perversity.

When we were requested to write an account of the monument recently erected in St. George's Cemetery, to the memory of the late lamented "Father Francis," we never imagined that we would be obliged to defend ourselves from the contemptible imputation of the Summerside Journal, that the article was not ours, and that consequently our contemporary was at liberty to appropriate it without credit. The Journal's thieving instincts and its persevering perversity force us to go into the particulars of the matter. The preparation of the article was a labor of love, as the writer had been on terms of intimate friendship with both the lamented deceased priests commemorated by the monument. It so happened, however, that his attention had not been called to the monument, or its inauguration until about six weeks after the inaugural ceremonies had taken place. It came about that the editor of the HERALD had occasion to visit St. George's and on his way thither, on the 19th of December, he fell in with a friend, who was also a friend of Father Francis, and this friend intimated that he desired the editor to visit the monument in question, in the cemetery at St. George's, with a view of writing an account of it. This the editor did, on December 20th, in company with a mutual friend of both the living and dead mentioned in this connection. On his return to the city, the editor received from the first mentioned friend, according to arrangement, dates and other data, as to price etc, and with these facts in his possession he somewhat hurriedly wrote the article headed "A Beautiful Monument," which appeared in the HERALD's editorial columns, on December 25th. This is how the article came to be written, and the steps leading up there to as here recited, can be verified by the friends above mentioned. It certainly was not expected that these particulars would ever be published; but the dishonesty of the Journal, and the subterfuge to which it has had recourse, in the attempt to justify its theft has forced our hand. What has been the Journal's course in the matter? On the 15th of January, it reproduced our article, word for word without credit. We called its attention to this; but instead of expressing regret for its glaring breach of journalistic etiquette our contemporary rather gloried in its theft, and undertook to justify it. It said: "The article was sent us, with a request to publish it, and the name of the writer, who, by the way, was not the editor of the Herald, though he tries to convey that impression, was furnished us." To say the least, this is a most extraordinary statement. The article was sent it, the Journal says, with a request to publish, and the name of the writer was furnished. The Journal knew the article was taken from the HERALD, and were it honest it would have given the proper credit, whether requested to do so or not. But that anyone should furnish the Journal with the name of the writer of the article, and that this name was not that of the editor of the HERALD, is very difficult to understand. If such was the case the furnisher of the information hazarded a statement concerning which he had no knowledge, and consequently, wittingly or unwittingly, abetted the Journal's assuming an untenable position. The insulting sneering insinuation of the Journal writer, that the editor of the HERALD was not the author of the article, is perfectly gratuitous and quite in

keeping with the Journal's course throughout this whole matter. It is the language of a henchman and altogether worthy of the source whence it sprang. Whatever may have been the belief or the motives of the person who made the alleged request for the republication of the article, the Journal's course was wholly inexcusable. It knew the article appeared as an unsigned editorial in the HERALD and should therefore be credited to this paper. Even if it had not been written by the editor, so long as it appeared as an editorial in this paper assumed responsibility for it, credit should be given. Journalistic courtesy and common honesty demanded this. The best illustration of this we can give is the Journal itself. It is well known that the man whose name appears as editor of that paper writes very little for it. The Journal seeks to minimize its crime by insinuating that we sometimes appropriate items from it without credit. Well, these are at all times items of news going the rounds of the press, that it would be difficult to tell where they originated, sometimes appearing in more than one paper simultaneously. This will be admitted by all newspapermen; but we are free to say we do not appropriate anything from the columns of the Journal; it seldom or never has anything that would be worth reproducing, except, of course, what it steals.

The Agriculturist of Saturday last, reiterates the Journal's attempted justification of its theft, with this addition: "We presume that the reason the friends of the late Father Francis asked us to reproduce the article was that they were anxious to have it reach the public." It will be noticed that this time our contemporary says it was asked to "reproduce" the article; but it does not state whether or not it was asked to give due credit. We cannot believe that any "friend of Father Francis," would knowingly make a request to do us an injury. During his life time he would not do so, and he would not wish any of his friends to do so after his death. As to the assertion that the request for reproduction was on the supposition that the Journal might be a good medium through which to reach the public, we beg to say that the position assumed by our contemporary is not well taken; that it is untenable and illogical. If these alleged "friends" had been actuated by any such motive as that attributed to them by our contemporary, they surely would have supplied the Journal with data for the production of an original article immediately after the inauguration of the monument, instead of waiting for upwards of two months until the HERALD furnished them with an appropriate account which our contemporary was simply asked to "reproduce." The piles of unclaimed and "refused" Journals that lie around the post offices throughout the Province can scarcely be regarded as very strong evidence that our contemporary is a good medium through which to "reach the public." Despite the tortuous course pursued by the Journal in connection with this matter our contemporary will now surely make the amende honorable. The first principles of journalistic ethics demand this and an unbiased reading public expect it.

Samples of Choice Grain for the Improvement of Seed. To the Editor of the Herald: DEAR Sir,—By instructions of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution is of the very best, and has been secured by the Director of the Experimental Farms from the record-breaking crops recently held in the Canadian North-west. It will be worth while for farmers generally to renew their seed of oats when varieties which have produced more than 100 bushels per acre can be had. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, field peas, Indian corn and potatoes. Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications for more than one sample for one household cannot be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge through the mail. Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 15th of March, after which the lists will be closed, so that all the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing should mention the sort of variety they would prefer, and should the available stock of the kind asked for be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place. WM. SANDERS, Director Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Jan. 15, 1902.

The Herald's Scoop-Net.

CONDUCTED BY TOM A. HAWKE.
Not so easily today!
The year ear-lugs down.

Once more it is announced that Miss Stone is to be released. This is about the twentieth time that the announcement has been made. The reverts evidently believe in the good old-fashioned rule of taking their time about things.

"I thought you wanted some sensational news" said the reporter in a bewildered way as the city editor showed him his copy in a high state of blue pencil.

"I do," said the city editor wearily, "but it isn't necessary to murder the English language in order to make a sensation."

"Is your new husband much of a provider, Malindy?"

"He does sn't nuthin' else, he sn't. He gwine to git some new kyabrets to de house, providin' he get the money; he gwine to git the money, providin' he go to work; he go to work, providin' he sn't miss him. I never see sich a providin' man in all my days."

A Savannah (Ga.) embezzler was captured through the instrumentality of a silver-mounted rabbit's foot, which he had left in his stateroom when he disembarked from a steamer at Seattle. Probably it wasn't a genuine left hind foot, from a rabbit killed in a country graveyard, on a Friday night, in the dark of the moon by a cross-eyed negro.

"Now," said the medical college professor to the class, "we will proceed to the dissecting room, where the body lies, just ahead."

"I beg your pardon, sir," remarked the freshman student, "but how can it be a body if it's just a head?"

"It can't be," replied the professor, beaming benignly over his glasses, "that's the reason I said it lies."—Indianapolis Sun.

The weather is one of the chief topics these days. It's puzzling the old stagers. In almost every conversation this remark comes in, "It's a very strange winter, isn't it?" Well, the whole fact of the matter is this: I ain't a winter at all. It's an entirely new variety of season which has been placed at the services of the public, patented and marked copyright 1902. It's a sort of cross between Fall and Spring. All it needs is a name.

A schoolmaster once said to his pupils that to the boy who would make the best piece of composition in five minutes on "How to Overcome Habit" he would give a prize. When the five minutes had expired a lad of nine years stood up and said: "Well, sir, habit is hard to overcome. If you take out the first letter it does not change 'abit'." If you take off another letter you still have "abit" left. If you take off still another, the whole of "it" remains. If you take off another it is not totally used up, all of which goes to show that if you want to get rid of a habit you must throw it off altogether." Result—he won it.

In looking over some old files of the Herald, we find this item in the issue of Dec. 19th, 1896:—

A CURIOUS.—A single seated steam wagon passed through the city this week on its way to the owner, the Rev. Mr. Nelson. If you saw it, you saw it, but it is furnished with a steam engine, etc., and can be propelled by steam. It is the first vehicle of the kind introduced into this island.

An automobile, eh? And there hasn't been one seen here since. Does anybody know anything about the history of that strange vehicle, and what became of it, or if it's still in existence, who wrote that item have "wheels" in the head.

Here is a piece of poetry which appeared in a Halifax paper ten years ago when they were going to elect a new mayor. It's rather poor poetry, but it don't look bad. The author of the lines if he happens to see it in print again, will have the satisfaction of seeing that the ravages of time have not made it any worse, and that we think it is appropriate now that a civic election is to what here:—

WHAT SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING.
I'm as big a chump as the other chumps,
So I thing I'll run for Mayor,
My head is short of intelligent bumps,
But still I'll run for Mayor.
I know my wife will much object,
But still I won't obey her,
The city's weel I must protect,
And so I'll run for Mayor.
I'm quite ambitious, I've seen,
That's why I'd run for Mayor;
A most successful chump like me,
Would make a splendid Mayor.
Somebody has been collecting queer advertisements from the papers; here are a few specimens:—
"Want—A boy to be partly outside and partly behind the counter."
"Annual sale now on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated—come in here."
"For sale—A pianoforte, the property of a musician 'with curved legs.'"
"Want—A room by two gentlemen about thirty feet long and twenty feet broad."
"A lady wants to sell her piano, as she is going abroad in a strong iron frame."
"Wanted by a respectable girl, her

Supreme Court.

JAN. 23.—The King v. Daniel Daley. This morning Judge Fitzgerald charged the jury, after which the case was given into their hands. At one o'clock they returned with a verdict of "Not Guilty."

The King v. William H. Birr. Indicted for shooting with intent to do bodily harm upon Thomas Butler. The jury were directed by the Judge to find a verdict of not guilty which they did without leaving their box. Attorney General Peters for the Crown McKinnon & Williams for the prisoner.

JAN. 24.—The King v. Edward Hurry, Jr. It will be remembered that the prisoner who is a boy of ten, pleaded guilty of the charge of larceny. On account of his tender years the sentence was suspended pending good behavior. His father executed a bond for \$800 that the boy would appear at any time and answer for his good behavior.

The King v. William Pippy. Indicted for arson. There was considerable difficulty in selecting a jury on this case. Attorney General Peters for the Crown. Mr. J. J. Johnson for the prisoner.

Five manly witnesses were examined. The King was examined by Mr. Robert Jenks, H. J. Palmer, Wallace Egan, Robert Egan, Margaret Jenks, Mrs. Ada Brow, Harry Jenks, Roy Jones and Peter Bradley. The deposition of Samuel Egan who gave evidence at the preliminary examination, and is now in the States was read.

The King v. Margaret Ware, Pleasney was discharged on her own recognizances of \$800 to appear at next Trinity term of the Court to be held in June.

JAN. 25.—Henderson v. Mathersill. On motion of Mr. A. J. B. Melliha the Court set down Saturday next for hearing demurrer.

The King v. George Pippy. The following witnesses were examined—John N. Campbell, Peter Jakeman, David Arthing.

JAN. 27.—The Jenkins incendiary case was concluded this afternoon after five days of trial. The evidence was given in the court since Thursday. But little evidence was given in addition to that at the preliminary examination. The Chief Justice who presided charged the jury that the evidence was sufficient to warrant a conviction, and the prisoner was discharged.

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