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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1900.

How The Eclipse Struck "Progress."

Townspeo ple indulg ed in a nov Monday last, occasioned by the sun's ec

lipse. Pretty nearly everybody saw it, through the sgency of colored or smoked Jeass, blue tissue paper fetc. and around ten o'clock and until 10 30 business and household duties, were somewhat neglected, so rare an attraction did the sun's covering prove. The eclipse as seen from this city as not tetal, although almost so, the great burning orb being diminished to a very thin crescent, like a moon a day old. It was indeed a rare view, and when next the astronomical performance is put on those who witnessed it on Monday will have the weight of an additional quarter century upon their shoulders.

The day of the eclipse dawned bright and fair, it was a glorious early summer morning in St. John. The sun shone his very best, as if not in the least discommodanticipation of his approaching ordeal. Business men and others who work went to their labors in the usual first-of-theweek manner, and the housekeeping ma-ternity and sisterhood busied themselves in their daily routine. Shortly atter eight o'clock a strange

chill came into the air, a very foreign quality of coldness, which bit at those withut their spring overcoats like a snapping cur. Still the sun was shining, but an unusual grey shadow seemed to be cast about everywhere. Even; in the open sunlight this film or heze was quite noticible. Looking from indoors the town appeared as if it were being proor yellow stained glass. People moving about did not seem quite "the same, their complexions were tinted as if afflicted by dice, and the colors in their apparel took on new shades. The only thing the general aspection the streets can be truth fully likened to, is an occasion when a

great fire is on, the smoky clouds serving to dim and filter the sun's ray's, casting muddy light about. Gradually the air; grew more pinching

and the streets greyer and browner. The whole of town, at least the business portion, was on the sunny side of the streets look ing heavenward through bits of smoked and colored glass. The smoked article was more popular because the eclipse could be through it with less pain to the eyes, and because it was available to everybody. On Newspaper Row the promenade of fair Luna across the track of Old Sol evinced a lot of interest. In the excitement old windows were broken out and pressrooms invaded, where the process of manufacturing improverished Lick Observaties, with the valuable aid of a smoking lamp and a jagged piece of the aforesaid window, went on breathlessly, lest the firmamental demonstration should be hastened to its completion before a good view of it was obtained. Everybody saw

eclipse, gained from a half years acquaintance with "eclipse reprint" from all the journals in the business, flowed in paragraphs while the observations were being made. Nobody could tell newspaper Row anything about the sky high event, they

knew it all. Prince William street suspended the activity of business for a short while and took a look at the eclipse. Smoked glass was here brought into play as well, and the brick-red crescent was ogled almost out of countenance. Indeed if the Queen of Night did administer a cold shoulder to fonsie ur le Soliel, he should not have taken it greatly to heart, for in truth he was the object of all eyes on Monday. King street looked queer under the new style of sunlight, and Charlotte street was not quite

like the Charlotte street of an ordinary fine May morning. The harbour had on an appearance like that preceding a big thunderstorm or gale, while high in the heavens, about over the Court House from King street, the star Venus was plainly visible until after eleven o'clock. Ever corner had its crowd of sky gez rs and kodak fi nds were active in "shooting" the

opened-mouthed knots of people and the sun itself. About 10 15 warmth gradually returned to town after a short stay abroad, and the true light of day crept back as of yore. Almost imperceptibly the chilly atmosphere left and by 11 15 o'clock the town was in from the sun's rays by brown the hey dey of its usual bustling routine, as if nothing at all had happened.

The production of the new play Quo Vadis **Ouo Vadis** Criticised by by the Harkins Com-Plebians. pany in this city caused pany in this city caused more of a sensatio

than one would expect. The fact of the piece being the real genuine Quo Vadis was in itself worthy of interest, but outside of that a great deal of curiosity and won der was caused by its being brought to

town, for instance. The liberal distribution of lithograph depicting the various scenes of the play were veritable sources of amezement to the youthful and unsophisticated classes. They stood before the expansive pictures on the dead walls with eyes dilated and mouths gaping, wondering if there was going to be a "really truly" wild bull on the Opera House stage and if the flames of burning Rome would not be a dangerous experimen

within the limited space of the Union street playhouse. Here's a conversation that PROGRESS overheard on South Market street last Tuesday, where a small party of Supt. Martin's men were putting on a first class burlesque of manual labor.

"Oi say, they don't be going t' have a rale buffalo in the play, do they ?'

from the big ranges on the Arkansas and

the short grass country, as far north as

the Platte in Nebraska and as far west as

CATTLE KING 10 COUNTER JUMPER. and from the far |West. Cattlemen came

fellow workman gezing knowingly at the scape. Fan brakes of various sizes regulate poster of the circus sce "Its no buffalo at all, at all," joined in another, "its a bull and a wild wan at thot. an the divil's toime they'll have vgit it to stay an the platforum bedad !"

"No datter o' moine i'll go to that theayter, its ondacent. Luk at the weeman all undressed," said the man with the hoe "Go lang wid ye," interposed still another scavenger, "its toights they all how on, dcan ye know."

Well, they talked on this way between their spittings upon their hands, and their askings of the time of day, until they had picked and shovelled themselves out of sight of the flaring lithographs.

> Another man has been Another found dead in town from the effects of Bar-Room alcohol, which makes Victim. three cases of the kind,

or nearly alike, in about three months. The last victim's name was Morrison, a fellow of good address and intelligence, but who was allowed by grasping run sellers to drink himself beyond all sort of reason and into his very grave. A citizen told PROGRESS he saw Morrison Sat urday night when he was so utterly help less from liquor that he could not open his eyes let alone lift a limb. He was simply saturated with alcohol, poured into him by barkeepers as long as their victim was able to cling to the bar and pay over his ten cents for each drink. After he became unable to reason sufficient to find his money and ask for more rum he was thrown into the street, and friends who thought they were doing him a kindness put him in an old shed off Mill street, where he was found in death next morning. Still, sell-

ing to intoxicated persons goes on without even a stray example being made of some avaricious mixologist. Perhaps no branch

> of summer amuse Of Interest to ment is gaining as Kodak Fl much popularity as

botography, in fact the whole year rou this diversion is being greatly indulged in-St. John has now a veritable regiment of kodak and tripod camera fiends, regardless of sex, and not a day passes but the ranks of this regiment are receiving newcomers. Soon there'll be a brigade. But to say what I started out to say there is a new kind of camera in town, known as a panoramic instrument. It is oblong in shape with the long side of the camera to the front. The lens is . worked with a swivel movement and when the scene desired looms up in the "finder" and the "level ball" is well centred, then the button is pressed, and the lens sweep around in a semi circle, it however, and technical knowledge of the "Sure they do, they do," answered a gathering in an incredible expanse of land-

PRINCE OF WALES IS TIRED.

He Longs For Private Life and a Li tie

The Prince of Wales's engagement book

the speed of the instrument from a fraction of a second to a whole minute. Prints made from the products of these panoramic cameras are excellent and show the scenery of St. John up in a new light altogether.

A crowd of men were in the Royal Hotel barber A Barber Shop Episode shop the other evening just before supper when the tall man of the Em-

pire Tobacco Advertising duett-the one who represents "the size of our plug"came in in his regimentals and of course being so exceedingly long and lanky attracted considerable attention. His turn soon came and it was in the midst of the lathering process that he started to ac-, quaint the waiting customers of his travels, dilating upon the beauties of this particular place and speaking his dislike for other

ections of Canada. "You can talk as you like," he said, 'but Toronto's the Queen City all right. She's the finest city in Canada." "Yes," replied one of the waiting cus-

mers with a wink to the crowd, "but the place is so darndably hilly !" The crowd waited for the long fellow to

fall into the trap. "That's so," he agreed when the tonsoral artist released his upper lip, "but do you know I enjoy a few hills in a place !" Ot course the commercial travellers and others in the shop almost burst in trying to suppress their mirth, for everybody knows that Toronto is a veritable plain.

The 62nd battalion Minister marched out on Monday Borden evening last to be review Was Funny. ed by Minister of Militia

was gone through with a lot of formality nd military furbulows. The militian hemselves looked and acted very well, although some awkward files were very noticible, as of course is the case with every volunteer corps in the recruiting season Major Sturdee was not altogether at home on the colonel's horse but he stuck to it well and commanded the battalion in a manner worthy of the genial Hugh H. himself. Bandmaster Jones should feel gratified with the quality of the tones his end of the show produced. The Minister of Militia was in a ver

jovial mood apparently. When under the glare of a shovel!ul of red fire on the Royal balcony he reviewed the redcoats as they stretched in a long line on King street, and waved his gold headed cane in time to the serenade of the band. Then he swayed his stately boyy to and tro, nodding and gesticulating as if in highest glee, to the amusement of the soldiers and thousands watching him.

him of the batallion before him, but ap parently the information being so freely parently the information being so herein given was finding an equally free vent on the other side of his head, for he simply nodded an occasional nod to the Colonel as it to say. "Oh yes, thats all right, I know." Without a soul-stirring air or even a national selection the band pulled up stakes and led the batallion off to the drill shed where Minister Borden talked and talked and talked again to the wearied soldiers for nearly an hour, while the politicians present were delighted, but the edcoats were ready to drop. They didn't want any official utterances, it was the "dismiss" they were anxiously listening for.

Tuesday afternoon an old woman upon whom Carted on a Sloven, the evil one, through the agency of strong drink had laid his governing hand, was ar-

rested at the corner of Clarence and Brussels streets and carted to the Central Station on a sloven. The sight was disgusting to say the least, to see a grey-haired woman lying full length on a bumping, lumbering sloven cart, with a brawny policeman standing over her like the Colos sus of Rhodes, while now and then in her maudlin senses the aged prisoner would kick her heels high in the air. What about that police patrol wagon ? The Women's Council have offered to start a movement to get one, for they like most res are conscious that it takes some sort of s "popular movement" scheme to get the ssaries of public life for this town, and as they have proved their worth in securing the hospital ambulance, why not let them make s try for a patrol. If we don't we'll never get one, that's sure !

> The Aberdeen School Unenviable on Erin street has not School the most enviable sit Site ustion in the world indeed its situated in

very unhealthy neighborhood. It is ithin a hundred yards of a public dump and backs up against the slimy, muddy Courteny Bay creek. Here in the warm days the aroma of these combined disease breeders wafts incessantly in through the school windows and over the street upon which the scholars play, for as yet they have no play ground. Messrs. Peters have not yet started to build their tannery on the Fraser shipyard so the matter of a school yard is yet a very open question. Perhaps the children will get a spot to spend their recesses in and perhaps they won't, its a ten to ten shot. At any rate the school authorities have to talk b with Messrs. Peters about the space, and you know the Peters are not any too kindly disposed toward our civic rulers, on count of that fire incident and water dis

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revelation of a startling kind may shortly what deaf, although his ability at times to come to light. It, on the contrary, I appear with a smile it is given out in the of him that he dropped into the business papers that the Prince of Wales looked department of the office one day to make pleased and happy and is in the best of an inquiry about something that had ochealth, whereas perhaps I am feeling ex- curred to him, and a young man who had

tremely unwell and upset. What sort of clothes I wear, the pat-dertook, in a loud tone of voice, to en-

cussion. All this time Col. McLean kept telling

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Gillette, Late Millionaire Plunger New Sells

Shirt Waitts.

Grant Gillette, who less than two years

ago could borrow \$100,000 or more from

almost any big bank in the section, whose

the husband sells the shirt waists the loyal wife makes and the hats she trims.

Two years sgo Grant Gillette's herds were the most extensive in the whole State of Kansas. Careful cattle feeders, like "Wheat' Robison, George M. Munger, the Plumbs and the Lantrys, looked on in amazement at his operations. His paper was good in every bank in the country. He brought cattle to Kansas City by the train loads, and the men who counted their cattle in hundreds wondered why Grant Gillette could talk so glibly of the thousands in his herds. The banks had confidence in him and his paper was good anywhere. He could come to Kansas City and borrow a hundred thousand as easily as some men who are reliable could borrow a thousand Two years ago in March he organized a

cattleman's association at Abilene. It was to be a rival of the State association that had been fighting the railroads (on the rate question. The big railroad sempanies sent their live stock commissioners from Chicago

ain on the Rock Island, chartered by Gil they were guests of the cattle king of Central Kansas. It is hardly eighteen months since Gil-

lette sent a train load of cattle from one of friends.

the base of the Rocky Mountains. Gil-lette's own cowboy band entertained them arising from the war. When he dropped

with music. 'After the convention a special in late last night at a well known bohemian

his ranches to another in Kansas, and a night passenger train had to wait for Gillette's cattle train to get out of the way. The collapse came two days before Thanks giving in 1898. Gillette, the millionaire plunger, became a defaulter and a fugi-

"Don't critise him," said the Kansas who told a reporter about seeing Gillette "The sight of the man in Chihuahua. whose check for \$100,000 was good anywhere two years ago selling skirt waists to the Mexican girls swept away from me all the condemnation I had telt for his action.'

Mrs. Bronxborough-Did you tell the cook that the beefsteak was burned? Mr. Bronzborough-Not exactly. I pear in public without a smile on my face told her it was just right, but that we pr:-

club, whereof he is an h lette, took them to Gillette's farm, where the members remarked what a worn look he had. As usual, he was left alone to enjoy the quiet of a cigar and a chat with two or three literary, artistic and dramatic

On these occasions he generally comes accompanied perhaps by some Russian grand duke or German princelet, who is mazed at what he considers the prince's condescension. Wales, however, never regards it in that light, and makes himself tive from justice. Cattlemen and banks are still fighting in the courts over the remnants of the great business he has left behind. "Don't critise him," said the Kanasa

plays and books. Born in another sphere of life he would make an admirable critic. On the authority of an intimate friend of the Prince of Wales it is said that, when staying with Lord Rothschild some time ago, he said with sadness : Your life, Rothschild, may at times be

arduous, but it is easy compared with mine. I long for private life. Every look, every gesture of mine is noticed. If I sp the papers announce that His Royal High-tess locks worn and sad, and we fear that editor of the Chicago Tribune, was some-

tern of them, the color of them, the co ot my ties, whether I shook hands with Mr. So and So or only bowed to him-all these little things are noticed and made public; but whenever I read a paper or agazine and see my name figuring in it I turn away from it quickly, for I know were I to read about my self in the paper I should have to read a lot I know already

and a lot I don't want to know. The Duke of York, being younger doesn't take such a gloomy view of his position. Writing to a friend, he said: 'I had a trying day yesterday. I attended a small cattle snow, examined pigs, tended a small calle show, taking pige looked pleased, and told the staff the pige were magnificent. I paid three official visits and for each visit had to change my

uniform. In the evening I went to the the atre, afterward to Lady Blank's dance, and went to bed very late and woke up this norning to find that I have a still harder day before me than yesterday. Be thankful that you are a plain and not Duke of

York.' Able to Hear it.

'What did you say ?' asked Mr. Medill, outting his hand to his ear.

The young man repeated the question m still louder voice.

'I can't hear you,' said the editor. 'Oh, chase yourself around the block, you old granny !' muttered the impatient employe, just above his breath.

employe, just above his breath. 'I am not an old granny,' said Mr. Med-ill, turning away, 'and I shall not chase myself around the block.' The fresh young man made immediate arrangements to say good-by to his job; but the great editor probably thought that the lesson he had received was sufficient, and did not disturb him.

Daughter-No, mamma. Harold has not proposed as yet; that is, not in so many words.

Mother-Mercy me, Jane ! You must not wait for words ! Proposals are mostly made up of sighs, gurgles, stammers, coughs, hems, haws, and looks, you know!

What sort of a legal light is a petti-fog-ger ^p asked Diming, when a discusion arose about lawyers and lawyers. 'A pettifoger is a legal lightweight,' 'A pettifoger replied Larkins.