

Board of Works

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THE MOST POPULAR PLAYER IN THE ST. JOHNS AND SHAMROCK HAS FIFTY DOLLARS WAITING FOR HIM.

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AFTER US, THE DELUGE!

THE ROLLER WHICH HELPS TO ROLL UP THE TAXES.

A Bigger Burden than the Ten Times Laid on the Ratepayers of St. John.

The big, ten-ton steam roller has arrived and made its debut, to the intense terror of every horse which gets a glimpse of it, and with the probability that some citizen who is trying to get sober will be frightened into the Jim-jams when he meets it early in the morning.

It is not a handsome brute, by any means. It is said that it cost about \$5,000, and most of us could take the money and buy something that would be a good deal more pleasing to the average eye.

No one contends that it is handsome, but the assertion is made that it is useful. How useful remains to be seen after the man at the helm has learned to steer it, and it has been put to the test on some such thoroughfare as Smythe street.

There are others who object to it as an expensive luxury. Softly, friends, it has not cost so much after all. Perhaps it was needed to finish the Mount Pleasant boulevard which will cost three times as much as it has cost.

It is all part of a scheme to make this the finest city in Canada. The idea is to lay down a bedding of stone, then a layer of earth, and then a layer of gravel. The roller will pack it so hard that it will be like an asphalt sidewalk, and there will be little or no dust.

Men who have made a study of civic finances, and it is unnecessary to say that they are not on the finance committee, allege that there is no need of this. The public have been kicked "under the pump with a skip and a jump" to the extent of \$45,000 in one year.

But there is a great deal to be done in Portland, says some one. True, and it is from Portland that nearly all of the increased valuation of \$1,000,000 has come. One of the city papers published a list of the heavy rate-payers, the other day. These are the men who feel the burden the most, and they are the citizens who take the least interest in civic affairs.

SHE IMMORTALIZED TRURO.

But the St. John Board of Trade Thought the Price too High.

Mrs. Marie E. Wright, "correspondent of the New York World," was swept down by the St. John, and vanished again like a beautiful dream.

Mrs. Wright is a most engaging, not to say fascinating lady. When she arrived here, the daily papers gave several inches of their valuable space to an account of her journalistic abilities and achievements.

The World correspondent had heard of the fishing in these provinces, and she came to fish. Her quest was not the lordly salmon or the gamey trout. She was after suckers, and she caught them.

She visited Truro, N. S., an enterprising town which is anxious to be boomed, and she boomed it in a letter to the World, dated from the Prince of Wales hotel.

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Except, perhaps, when the additional precaution was taken to enlist the services of a man from an opposite end of the city, leaving his mate to look after the entire beat alone.

The men fully realize the mistake, in being compelled to do solitary duty. They can readily see how hard it would be for one of them to capture a burglar if he got into a building, which by some strange freak on the part of the architect or others, happened to have more than one door.

She wanted to meet the board of trade, to get information, it was supposed. She did not meet it, but she saw Messrs. Spurr and Robertson, and stated her object.

An officer belonging to one of the steamers in port recently went into a bar-room near Reed's Point and bought a bottle of whiskey. It was a high priced article which sells at \$1.25, and there is more advantage in buying a bottle than in paying drink by drink for the contents.

Look out for ten dollar bills of the Consolidated Bank of Canada. The notes were stolen, unsigned, and the signature is forged.

THE SOLITARY "BOBBIES"

WHO PATROL THE STREETS AFTER 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

The Convivial Ways of the old Portland Force, and the Probable Outcome of Affairs in the City-Officer Weatherhead's Version of His Case.

The facts published last week, about the police protection afforded the city at night, were a revelation to many and a source of amusement to a few. The many were men who have valuable property in the city, much of it in buildings between Prince William street and the water front, and who were under the impression that the same number of police patrolled that district as formerly, and made hourly rounds about the buildings and "tried the doors."

Any person who has had anything to do with the old Portland police force knows how capable Capt Rawlings is of controlling any body of men. He was a pattern for them to go by, and they followed it into bar-rooms and everywhere else.

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He is almost sorry now that he took the trouble to be made a magistrate. The only consolation is that he can get the Acts of future years free, and that his heart may be gladdened each week by a perusal of the Royal Gazette.

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day. He claims, however, that the find was advertised in several papers before he was reported. He says that Chief Clarke investigated the affair, found that there was no desire on his part to keep the money unlawfully, and told him so.

HE WANTED A LIBRARY.

A Law Student's Clever Device and Its Rather Unexpected Results.

Not long ago a St. John law student, realizing the importance of getting a full set of the provincial statutes for future use, set about wondering how he could secure them at the least possible cost.

The student knew how to apply for his commission, procured it and was duly sworn in. Then he wrote to the Secretary asking for the Consolidated Statutes and the Acts of each year since the issue of that book.

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At least that much as curiosities.

Attractive Picnic Grounds.

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WHY ALL THIS DELAY?

Does the City Intend to Have the Electric Light this Season?

In March last, the tender of J. Calkin to furnish electric lights for the streets was accepted by the common council.

The Alarm Broke Them Up.

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WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE!

AMONG THE PLAYERS IN THE ST. JOHNS AND SHAMROCK BALL CLUBS?

"Progress" offers Fifty Dollars to Find out the Favorite of the People--The Conditions of the Contest, which will last Through August--Where the Ballot Boxes will be Placed--Papers can be Bought Anywhere.

Who's the favorite? That is the question this morning, and since it will not be settled until the last of this month or the first of next, it may be well to state how it arose.

Two spectators sat in the grand stand at the last Shamrock-St. John game and as the nines went to their work in the first inning one asked the other, "Who's your favorite?"

His answer and the discussion that followed suggested to PROGRESS the idea of settling the vexed question by a vote of the people, of the men and women, and boys and girls, who go to see ball, and enjoy the game for its own sake.

To give such an election greater interest, PROGRESS will give a cash prize of \$50 to the player in the St. John or Shamrock clubs who gets the most votes.

The ballot is printed in PROGRESS to day, and will be printed in this paper so long as the contest continues.

BALLOT.--Write the Name on the line below.

When it will close will depend very largely upon circumstances, but the present intention is to terminate the contest the first Saturday in September.

There is great enthusiasm among the friends of the ball players to whom PROGRESS has mentioned the idea, and, figuratively speaking, they are "red hot" for the fun.

To explain the details of the vote: every ballot must be cut from PROGRESS, and the name of the voter's favorite player written upon it plainly. The vote can then be folded and deposited in one of the ballot boxes placed in the following centres throughout the city.

MORTON HARRISON, King Street; D. J. JENNINGS, Union Street; THOS. CROCKETT, Cor. Sydney and Princess Streets;

Secretary Clarence Ferguson, of the A. A. club; Secretary D. J. Jennings, of the Shamrocks; and Mr. H. V. Moran, of the advertising department of PROGRESS, will have charge of the ballot boxes, and will see that every man who gets a vote is credited with it in proper form.

No person connected with PROGRESS office can cast a vote for any player. That this rule may be observed rigidly, there will be no ballot box in Progress office.

Where there are two men of the same name, as in the case of James Sullivan and Joseph Sullivan, the Christian as well as the surname of the player must be written.

Some of the laws that govern an ordinary election do not enter into this. For example there is: Universal Suffrage--every one, men, women, and children can vote.

Every vote must be bought. You can vote often as well as early. Bribery is allowable. Candidates for election can canvass openly, and offer what inducements they please to their friends to do the same.

for the negligence of the city to perform its duty, the alderman was not so sure. The act of 1889 in regard to Letters Patent Companies is simply permissive in regard to any application to the local government for the placing of poles.

It stipulates for a light of 2,000 candle power, and it is claimed that the Wood arc is more than up to the standard.

It will take at least six weeks to do what is required to be done before the city is lighted. If work is not begun at once, there will be no light at exhibition season.

Not Very Enthusiastic. The pastor of one of the leading city churches, when announcing, last Sunday, that he was about to take a vacation, caused some little excitement among the congregation, by saying that it had been decided to discontinue the prayer meetings during his absence.

When PROGRESS asked one of the Board of Works the cause of the delay, he replied that Mr. Calkin had not yet got permission from the local government to place poles on the streets, and further that having agreed to furnish the Brush arc light, he now proposed to substitute another light, of which nothing was known.

When asked if these arguments furnished any ground

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Various vertical advertisements on the left margin including 'FAMOUS', 'SHARP', 'MED', 'CAFE!', 'ROYAL', 'CLARK', and 'PROGRESS'.