

THE MAYORALTY.

Vote For The People's Friend—McShane Must Win.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

The workmen of Montreal will shortly have an opportunity of showing their grateful appreciation of a true, warm hearted friend, by voting unanimously for the elevation of the Hon. James McShane to the civic chair of Montreal.

The leading citizen of our rich and prosperous city occupies a high and responsible position, and the working classes especially should endeavor by every possible means to elect one who will control with impartiality and justice the interests of the city. The wonderful progress that has been made the last few years, in our arts and manufactures, the marvellous extension of our railway, shipping, and other facilities for transit, and the consequent rapid growth of our industrial population make it absolutely necessary for the working classes to protect their own interests by electing a liberal minded mayor who will stand up for their just rights.

Among all the prominent men of the city who has more closely identified himself with the masses than our generous hearted and able friend the "People's Jimmy?" Has he not honestly earned this affectionate phrase? And yet some of his scurrilous and envious opponents have tried to depreciate the honor and dignity of his title which has become a "household word" throughout the Dominion.

Corrupt politicians may glory in the aristocratic sang froid which calmly ignores the innumerable instances of political jobbery which disgrace our Legislatures, and the merchants and manufacturers may value the dishonest support given to their nefarious schemes to enrich themselves at the expense of the toilers, but the working classes know how to appreciate the impulsive zeal and energetic opposition to all jobs and corruption which has always characterized the official life of James McShane.

In Parliament, in the Cabinet, in Committee, and in every phase of public life McShane has always proved himself the true and staunch friend of the workers throwing himself headlong into every measure to promote their interests, and his energetic, untiring zeal has generally proved successful.

With regard to the daily routine of his private life, everyone is aware that he and his estimable lady are always ready and anxious to help and advise anyone who needs their services.

Who, then, will better represent the workmen? And who will be more ready and willing to sweep away the absurd technicalities and monstrous injustices that surround the municipal system and prevent the introduction of beneficial measures to promote the welfare of the people?

Political toadies and insolent dukes whose arrogance and conceit are only exceeded by their ignorance and incapacity are loudly talking about dignity and ability. The shrewdness and intelligence displayed by our friend James in all matters of business would easily comprehend and subvert the insidious designs and corrupt schemes of the bootlickers, and the free, open-hearted manner which is natural to him is far more acceptable to honest, straightforward people than the assumption of a spurious attempt at dignity, which is easily discernable from the true nobility of manhood.

Come to the front, then, workmen! Follow the lead of your tried organized officials, and elect the Hon. James McShane by an overwhelming majority.

CHICAGO'S ARMY OF STARVING WORKMEN.

There are fully 25,000 strong, able-bodied men in the city of Chicago to-day suffering for the necessities of life. Chief Marsh is reported as saying that there are 3,000 in the town of Hyde Park alone. Most of these men have been lured to Chicago with the expectation of obtaining work at big wages during the World's Fair, many of them by the lying advertisements of the Carpenters and Builders Association that plenty of work was obtainable at big wages. The fact is, for every vacant job in any trade or calling in Chicago there are at least ten men to fill it. Many of these forlorn workmen came from small towns throughout the United States and Canada.

The rascally individuals or representatives of employers' associations who are responsible for this state of things hope, by the presence of this starving army, to terrorize and render subservient to their will the workmen who live and have their families in Chicago. They hope to coin money out of the blood and hunger of this army of tramps. Every man known to be closely associated with the working classes is besieged day after day for money to buy something to eat or for assistance to take them out of town.

What will be the result if these hungry stomachs are not provided for? Many of

them will be forced to become criminals or die of starvation. There is no help for them anywhere. The city cannot take care of them, neither can the county. There is no provision for the case. If the scoundrels who are responsible for many of them coming here could be made to suffer the consequences, it would only be poetic justice; but unfortunately the community must suffer for the moral crime of a few individuals. It is to be hoped that the news will be spread far and wide that there is not work in Chicago for thousands of individuals who are here now, nor is there likely to be for many months to come. Workmen in search of employment are warned to give the city a wide berth.—Rights of Labor.

QUEER APPETITES.

The Englishman will not eat a squirrel, but will gloat over a meal of barnacles and periwinkles, the latter a species of sea snail that adheres to the rocks. The Highlander relishes a feast of decayed shark, yet looks with horror on a piece of bread and butter. The Japanese have a prejudice against milk and beef, but will enjoy stewed or roasted rat. The Turks shudder at the thought of eating oysters. The Digger Indians of the Pacific slope rejoiced in the great locust swarms of 1875 as a gracious dispensation of the Great Spirit, and laid in a store of dried locust powder sufficient to last them for several years. The French will eat frogs, snails, and the diseased livers of geese, but draw the line at alligators. Quass, the fermented cabbage water of the Russians, is their favorite tipple. It is described as resembling a mixture of stale fish and soap-suds in taste, yet, next to beer, it has more votaries than any other fermented beverage. A tallow candle washed down with quass forms a meal that it would be hard to be thankful for. In Canton and other Chinese cities rats are sold at the rate of two dollars a dozen, and the hindquarters of dogs are hung up in the butchers' shops alongside of mutton and lamb, but command a higher price. The edible birds' nests of the Chinese are worth twice their weight in silver, the finest variety selling for as much as thirty dollars a pound. The negroes of the West Indies eat baked snakes and pale worms fried in their own fat, but they cannot be induced to eat stewed rabbits. In Kaskaskia, a town on the banks of the Mississippi, "Musical Jack," or fried rattlesnakes, decapitated and skinned, and showing a meat as white and firm as a chicken, is a standard dish. The octopus, or devil fish, when boiled first and then roasted, is eaten in Corsica and esteemed a great delicacy. In the Pacific Islands and West Indies lizards' eggs are eaten with a great gusto. The natives of the Antilles eat alligator eggs, and the eggs of the turtle are popular everywhere, though up to the commencement of the last century turtle was only eaten by the poor of Jamaica.

Platform of Farmers' Alliance. OMAHA, Neb., January 29.—The Farmers' Alliance yesterday afternoon adopted as their platform the following demands:—

The free coinage of silver on same conditions as gold and the abolition of national banks. Productive classes should have no part in factional contests of political parties. The Interstate Commerce law should be so amended and enforced and supplemented by state laws as to reduce profits to a reasonable rate of annual net income on actual value of property. Foreclosure of mortgages on the Pacific roads should be effected so as to operate them in the interest of the people, the government also building a trunk line to the eastern seaboard with the ultimate view of operating the railroads of the country by the government. Land being the basis of all security, citizens should be allowed to borrow from the Government direct, on land security, money at 2 per cent per annum, no borrower to be allowed a loan to exceed \$3,000, and no corporations to be allowed to become a borrower. Large property holders, and all money, takes, bonds and mortgages should be sought out and listed as property for taxation. For election of President, Vice-President and United States senators by direct vote of the people. For exclusion of paupers and criminals from privileges of the ballot. For Australian ballot law. Women should have legal right to own the share of her earnings after marriage, and also should be entitled by law to all privileges of the ballot. Reductions of charges in stock yards. Liberal pensions for soldiers. Opposing aliens owning land. Favoring the control of the liquor traffic, so as not to increase the taxes.

The number of suicides in the United States in 1890 was 2,640. In 1889 it was 2,124, while in 1888 it was but 1,487. The rate of increase in 1890 over 1889 was, therefore, nearly 19 per cent. The increase in population during the same period was, at the outside, but 4 per cent., so that the suicides increased five times as fast as the population.

MONUREAL NEWS.

The Road Department has 225 men and 100 carts at present engaged in clearing the streets of snow.

Since January 1st over 100 applications have been made for the remission of the water rates on account of sickness.

Liquidators have been appointed to wind up the Canadian business of the Glasgow and London Insurance Company.

A team of horses attached to a City Passenger Railway sleigh on Ontario street ran off and created quite a sensation.

Mayor Grenier has not as yet given any outline of his future policy if elected, and he also keeps silence as to his past record.

The Governors of the Protestant Insane Asylum are to have a conference with the members of the Local Government on Monday.

Mr. George Carslake is to build a new hotel at the corner of Windsor and St. James streets. The building is now in the hands of the architect, Mr. A. F. Dunlop, and is expected to be ready for occupation in May, 1892. The building will be fitted up in the most modern style.

The friends of Messrs. Anderson and Fordham, the well-known amateur performers, have tendered them a complimentary benefit in the Vics' Armory Hall on the 17th February. A large array of talent have volunteered their services, and from the well-known readiness of the recipients to give their valuable aid to any charitable or worthy object, we have no doubt a bumper house will greet them.

On Thursday morning Mr. J. B. Vandaigne alias Gadbois, was arrested for refusing to support his family, whose case had been put in the hands of Mr. H. C. St. Pierre, advocate. Upon Mr. St. Pierre refusing one of the bails offered by Gadbois, words followed and the latter called Mr. St. Pierre a liar. He complained to Judge Dugas, who was then sitting, and asked the protection of the court, but the Judge replied that there was no contempt of court in private enquete and that he could do nothing in the matter. Thereupon Mr. St. Pierre said he would take the law into his own hands, and before anybody could guess what he was going to do, he slapped the prisoner's face. Gadbois took it very quietly and at once filed an action against Mr. St. Pierre.

C. O. F. ENTERTAINMENT.

On Friday evening next, February 6th, in the Armory Hall, Cathcart street, an entertainment will be given well worthy of the patronage of all who sympathize with the object of mutual assistance between man and man. It is the second annual concert and social of St. Patrick's Court, C. O. F., and the funds derived from the entertainment are to be used in the support and assistance, medically and otherwise, of members who may have been so unfortunate as to have contracted sickness and be thus incapacitated from business. A well selected programme has been prepared by a very energetic and painstaking committee, and will be thoroughly enjoyed by those who may attend. Seats are selling rapidly, and when the evening of the concert arrives there will scarcely be a chair vacant.

VARIETIES.

The Duke of Bedford, who died last week, owned 118 acres of land in the very heart of London, and over 156 square miles or 100,000 acres of agricultural lands. His income from both sources was said to be over \$4,000,000 a year. On his London estates his tenants had erected some 30,000 buildings of every description, and a large number of these had, by expiration of leases, become the property of the duke. So that he was probably the largest house owner in England. The famous Covent Garden Market was on the duke's property, and the ownership of this carried with it the right to levy tolls on every cart approaching within a quarter of a mile of the market, as well as the produce sold in the market. From these tolls he derived an income of over \$100,000 a year. As a man, he was reserved and eccentric, and took no part in public affairs. The man who succeeds him, the present Lord Tavistock, is not much better. The old duke did as much to make landlordism odious as probably any landowner in the world. He was rapacious and grasping to the last degree, and took every advantage that law allowed him to take; but, while his tenants suffered, the community at large have gained in having so conspicuous a "bad example" of landlordism.

According to the income tax returns the richest individual in Germany is Krupp, of the famous gun works. His income is given at \$1,500,000 a year. If the income tax comes as near to the truth there as it does elsewhere, on the average Krupp's income may range anywhere between \$150 and \$1,500,000,000 a year. Over in Eng-

land, some time ago, it was found that some men testified to having large incomes when they were really almost bankrupt, for fear of allowing their true condition to be known. On the other hand ninety-nine out of a hundred, if they can, return their incomes as little as they dare.

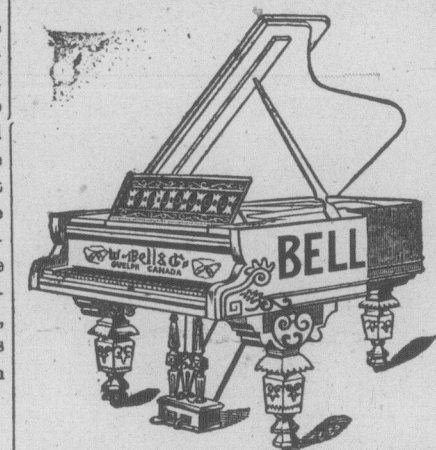
In a speech on "Darkest New York," delivered before the Unitarian Club last week, Rev. W. T. Elsing made the statement that one out of every ten persons who die in that city is buried in "Potter's field." The wolf will not enter Mr. Russell Sage's door yet awhile. Last week a decision was rendered in the United States Circuit Court of St. Paul, which gives him a clear title to 3,000,000 acres of land in Minnesota valued at \$10,000,000.

The latest scheme for protecting American labor is, according to the Boston Globe, to double up on the price of every workingman's tin kettle, in order to start a single tin plate factory in Pennsylvania for the benefit of monopolists.

News comes from Pittsburg that the miners of the United States have completed their plans for the great industrial battle between themselves and the mine owners for eight hours a day. It will begin on May 1, and will involve 150,000 men.

Mr. Blaine has informed a man from Oregon that he will not be a candidate for President in 1892. Referring to this the Kansas City Star says: "But Cleveland will run in 1892, and will run like a fast mail train. Perhaps Mr. Blaine has this circumstance in mind."

The Journal of the Knights of Labor warns miners and mine laborers to "stay away from Alabama, as there is a strike in the State, and crowds of idle men are around everywhere."



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With every Tweed or Cloth Suit, Overcoat, Garment in the Clothing Department, at and over \$4.50, we give one harmless Gun or Pistol with Target.

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In addition to the above, each boy is allowed five shots at the Target with either Gun or Pistol, five yards for Gun. If three Bull's Eyes are made an extra Gun or Pistol, with Target, will be given in the bargain.
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With every Tweed or Cloth Suit or Overcoat, at \$4.50 or over, one Harmless Pistol with Target, complete for the game, will be given free of charge, or the value of the toy deducted from the bill, or other Bazaar Goods of equal value may be selected.

No Advertisement on Them

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