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WILL SETTLE THE DOCK.

BUT WHETHER TO SUIT MR. LEARY
REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

New Patches on the Old Structure of the Common Council—The Fight in Kings-Neck and Neck in Queens—How Ballots Played April Fool in Victoria Ward.

So the "fight is fit," and contrary to the expectation of some, there are not 18 supporters of the Leary dock scheme in the common council. Just how many there are for and against it, will be shown when the next vote is taken. In the meantime, giving the dock men McKelvey and Likely, about whom there appears to be some doubt, it looks very much as though the vote would be a tie. Should this be so, the re-election of Mayor Lockhart will clinch the dock scheme.

The triangular fight in Kings ward was about as interesting as any in the city. It was considered that Ald. Barnes was safe beyond peradventure, and it was believed by him and his friends that unless there were a good many liars in the ward, Ald. Blackadar was pretty sure of another term. Nevertheless the men who had put Mr. James Straton forward claimed very loudly that he would lead the poll, and it is but justice to them to say that they tried their best to bring about such a result. They gave him no less than 95 plumpers, which included one individual who told him he would plump him because PROGRESS told the truth about his candidature. He got 160 votes which was four more than his opponents allowed him. Ald. Blackadar got 188, which was exactly what had been figured beforehand. Ald. Barnes got 218, which was in excess of the calculation.

The ticket "Barnes-Blackadar" was the only one issued by these gentlemen, and neither of them was willing to sacrifice the other to help himself. Blackadar, however, did get three unsolicited plumpers.

The only surprise in Kings was when a prominent employer of labor, who was counted on as sure for Barnes and Blackadar, walked into the poll, picked up a Straton plumper and voted it. His friends insist that he made a mistake.

The triangular fight in Queens was very quiet, but was none the less a determined one. Ald. Robertson was sure of re-election, but he did not relax his vigilance on that account, and led the poll by 383 votes, about half of the number on the revised list.

So far as anyone could judge, Ald. Jack was likely to be re-elected. He had started with his list early in the year, and on the day before election had seen all but 200 of the 968 voters in the ward. From a great many of these he had pledges of support. The non-payment of taxes reduced the list about 33 per cent, and undoubtedly to Ald. Jack's disadvantage. In the meantime, Mr. W. Watson Allen came forward, and while looked upon at the outset as a weak man, developed surprising strength from day to day. Ald. Jack was personally as popular as ever, but he had not worked and voted to suit his constituents. He was very busy at the polls, and wore a glossy plug hat, despite the heavy snow drifts. Mr. Allen was also busy, but reserved his plug hat to wear when he became alderman, and his dome of thought was decorated with a plain Derby.

Mr. Joshua Turner, who represented Mr. Allen, was unkind enough to challenge a lady who came to vote for Ald. Jack, but she voted, and gave Mr. Turner her opinion of him, into the bargain.

When the poll was closed, it was found that Allen and Jack had 292 votes each. Everybody supposed there would have to be another election. In anticipation of such an event Ald. Jack was confident of defeating Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen was also confident of defeating Ald. Jack. So they were both happy.

A little later, when it was found that the presiding officer, Mr. E. T. C. Knowles, had the casting vote, only one of them was happy, and that was not Ald. Jack. Mr. Allen was declared elected.

Ald. Allen and his friends claim that he had a majority without the casting vote. On the first count, the clerk made him out nine ahead, but as the tallies did not agree, another count by the clerk made a tie. Six others, however, who had kept count, made Allen ten ahead. The ballots, in the meantime, had been scattered or destroyed.

Ald. Jack has to thank his friends and supporters for the 90 plumpers they gave him.

In Prince ward, everybody guessed that Morrison, and probably McKelvey, would be elected, though some had hopes of Nelson. The latter gentlemen had been nominated at the last hour, and had made no canvass. Under these circumstances, he took a very good vote, indeed, and would have taken more had not many been led to suppose that McKelvey was opposed to the Leary dock.

Mr. S. H. Chapman, or rather Lieut. Chapman, late of H. M. 50th foot, the educationalist and Crimean veteran, was not nominated, but he was a candidate just the same, as was announced by large

posters around the polling place. The common clerk had refused to receive his nomination, because he was assessed on only \$400 income. Mr. Chapman insisted that he had \$1,000 worth of property, and decided to run without nomination. If he received a majority of votes, and his seat was refused, he proposed to bring the matter before the supreme court by a *certiorari*, cause a *quo warranto* to issue against the aldermen *de facto*, sue the assessors and common clerk for damages, and cause a writ of *walligotagus* to be served on the mayor. This interesting programme has been abandoned, chiefly owing to the fact that Lieut. Chapman received only two votes.

Lieut. Chapman's defeat is probably due to the fact that he was over-confident. He was sure of first place, and said so. This led the voters to consider him so safe that there was no danger, and they therefore voted for their favorite candidates as men for second place.

Had Lieut. Chapman been elected, it was his intention to have tendered the hospitalities of his house to his friend, the Governor-General, Lord Stanley, with whom he is intimately acquainted, the two having had cordial relations at Preston, Eng., years ago.

With Lieut. Chapman out of the council, there will not be a new catch-basin at the corner of Elliott row, or an electric light in anybody's back yard.

The defeat of Ald. Vincent in Dufferin was not unexpected by his friends, but they fought hard against it by giving him 125 plumpers, only to find him 16 votes behind Mr. Likely at the close of the poll. He took a solid Orange vote, and Mr. James Kelly did his best in what he knew was an up-hill fight.

Two things had much to do with Ald. Vincent's defeat. One was that when on a ticket with Mr. Millidge, last year, he dropped his colleague and made a combination with Ald. Kelly. This lost him a good many Protestant votes, outside of the Orangemen, but he would have been all right if he had not voted against the appointment of "Danny" O'Neil as an assessor, which cost him even more votes on the other side. By his defeat the opponents of the Leary dock lose a staunch supporter in the council.

The re-election of Ald. Kelly was never doubted by anybody, and the fight was between Likely and Vincent. When James Kelly and James Wolfe went to the polling booth to represent Ald. Vincent, they found Danny O'Neil installed as the representative of Messrs. Kelly and Likely. They had some interesting encounters. One old lady, who was brought in by the Kelly-Likely combination, had such a rough experience that she wanted to go home without voting. She was expected to vote for all three of the candidates, and in deciding just how this could be done, the representatives all laid hands on her, and the two Kellys, Wolfe, Dunlap, the policeman, and a lot more politicians got mixed up in a heap, and order was only restored by the polling officer ordering everybody out of the room. This was done, and the woman was finally persuaded to vote for Kelly and Vincent.

One young man who cast his ballot in that ward probably doesn't know who he voted for. He was approached by a politician with a request to vote for Vincent, which he promised to do provided he could vote for Likely also. He was assured that he could, and was given a Vincent plumper. He had a Likely plumper in his hand at the time, and laid the two ballots on the box. The officer told him that he couldn't put in two ballots, and the politician said "certainly not," and picked up the Likely plumper. The other ballot went into the box, and the voter seemed really glad to get away with voting for anybody.

Polling officer Willet hasn't a very exalted opinion of the Northern division after Tuesday, especially that part of it sent to protect him. When the time came for counting the ballots, the stove was red hot, the little close room crowded with husters and the perspiration was sticking out on Mr. Willet and his assistants like beads. Then he made the reasonable request that a few of those present go outside and let him have breathing room. Nobody seemed to want to go, and officer Laskey couldn't make them. This made officer Laskey very mad, so he went outside to the shop where the air was cool, and hustled a few unoffending voters out into the street. Then he was satisfied.

The clock in Lansdowne polling place was set to neither standard nor local time, but had a time of its own which was 20 minutes faster than the time ball. The presiding officer had no watch and so, it is said, he opened the poll at 8 by the eccentric clock and 7.40 by the clocks around town. When the error was discovered it was pointed out that matters would be evened up by closing by the same clock, at what was equivalent to 3.40 city time.

It didn't make any difference to anybody,

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QUIET BUT WIDE AWAKE

MEN WHO PREFER PLAIN BALLOTS
TO EASTER CARDS.

The Contest for the Mayor's Chair Next Tuesday—Mr. Lockhart in Confidence while Mr. Chesley is Quiet but Determined—Probable Surprises in Store.

Considering that there are only two working days between now and the election for mayor, there is a marvellously quiet state of affairs. A good many people seem to see nothing more in the contest than a fight between two men, and refuse to become enthusiastic over either of them. There was many times the interest in the Barker-Everett election last year, even though that contest was purely a personal one, and the Leary dock scheme was undreamed of by the public.

This year there is a tangible and vital issue before the people. Mayor Lockhart offers for re-election, not only as a man favorable to the Leary scheme, but as an ardent advocate of it and an active worker with those who have determined that it shall be carried. He not only wants harbor improvements, as do also the most of his opponents, but he wants them made under the direction of Mr. Leary, of New York, or his assigns. Should the council be equally divided on the subject, as now appears possible, the re-election of Mr. Lockhart means the adoption of the Leary scheme as quick as a vote can be taken on it.

Looked at in this light, the contest involves a vital issue upon which the electors are called to vote. If they want the Leary dock they have only to return Mr. Lockhart. If they don't want that particular dock they will say so by electing Mr. Chesley. As they are all of age, and ought to know which course is best in the interests of the city and of municipal morality, PROGRESS has no advice to offer. They pay their taxes and can take their choice.

Mr. Lockhart, meanwhile, is very confident that he can sweep everything before him. He claims that every Catholic in St. John will vote for him, that he is solid in Carleton, can have a majority in the old city and has great hopes of Portland.

So far as can be learned, Mr. Chesley and his friends are not making predictions yet, but some of them are pretty hard at work in what they call the infected districts. There doesn't seem to be any "boodle" launched out by either side as yet. Probably there will not be. Perhaps it is considered that those who are subject to this "influence" are all right anyway. Perhaps the voters who were grieved for the aldermanic elections were given a double ration for the mayor's election as well.

Besides, it's rather early yet. There are two clear working days before the ballots begin to drop, to say nothing of Sunday, which is sometimes the best working day of all for that kind of business.

Each of the candidates has had meetings and all of those meetings have been very encouraging to those who attended them. But everyone knows that meetings don't count for much in an election of this kind. The men who can work the wards are the men who tell the tale, and five ballots safely in the box are worth ten hurrahs before the election.

Despite the quiet with which the campaign has been conducted, there will be some pretty lively work between now and Tuesday night. Nothing can be safely predicted at present. It is one of the elections in which they may be some pretty big surprises on either side. Portland, Carleton, and the old city are all, to a certain extent, unknown quantities.

Neither of the candidates is likely to be defeated through any false modesty in asking for support.

Judge and Counsel.

Will Mr. Robert J. Ritchie, police magistrate of the city of St. John, explain by what precedent he appears as a practising lawyer in a disputed will case? It is the general impression that such a course is hardly in accord with the proprieties. No compromising situation may be the result of this particular instance, but supposing a case in which the outcome of a probate matter was perjury or forgery, would Mr. Ritchie hear the preliminary examination or elect to remain a counsel in the trial? The law provides for a sitting magistrate, but there is no provision for a judge *pro hac vice*, where the magistrate is interested in a criminal case. Mr. Ritchie ought to be able, with economy, to live on his \$2,500 salary, without dabbling in outside lawsuits.

For the Dock or the Bell Buoy?

A large pair of shears for cutting bolts, etc., is being manufactured for Ald. Lewis at one of the city foundries. The job was sent to another concern, which was unable to undertake it, and so sent it to the foundry. Whether the shears are intended for the dock or the bell buoy is a question not answered. The alderman appears to be making preparations for a busy summer.

Celling Decoration a specialty of Wilkins & Sands, 266 Union street.

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and Northumberland claim Messrs. Murray and Burchill; Charlotte, Mr. Douglas; Kent, Mr. LeBlanc, and Carleton, Mr. Ketchum. They all happen to be government supporters, or perhaps it would be more correct to say that they have voted with the government thus far. It does not follow in these days that because a man votes with the government that he is an out and out supporter. He may malign the administration at the hustings, condemn it in his most vigorous fashion, and yet vote for it in the house. PROGRESS imagines that the political positions of Messrs. Murray and Burchill would be defined more correctly by "North Shore" than "Government" or "Opposition." They may vote with one party or method when it pleases them, but they always vote for the North Shore. Both Burchill and Murray are party leaders in a certain circle that is very fond of a joke, the for-

mer being assigned the prohibition section of the house and the latter the third party, the platform of which it is suspected is identical with that of the equal rights party.

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WILLIAM DOUGLAS.

Mr. Douglas, of Charlotte, is another representative of an independent frame of mind. He is probably the most popular member in his county today. He was not

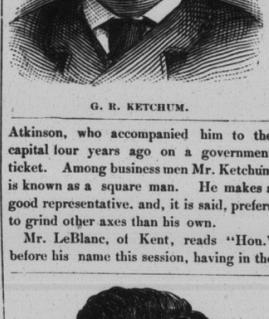
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Atkinson, who accompanied him to the capital four years ago on a government ticket. Among business men Mr. Ketchum is known as a square man. He makes a good representative, and, it is said, prefers to grind other axes than his own.

Mr. LeBlanc, of Kent, reads "Hon." before his name this session, having in the

interim accepted the shoes of Mr. Turner who retired for reasons enough to fill a page of PROGRESS. His position is more vulgarly defined sometimes as the "fore-castle" member of the executive. He is one of the quiet men of the house, taking no part in many discussions and but little in any.

Next week a portrait and sketch of Mr. Tweedie will appear.

WHERE WILL HIS MARGIN BE?
A Question in Arithmetic for the Journalistic Member of the House.

The one man in the local house who earns his salary is the official reporter, McDade. For him there is no recess. So long as the speaker or the chairman is in his place the reporter's pencil is busy, and long after when the members are dreaming, he is racing with the telegraph operator pouring copy of their long speeches into the morning newspaper offices. This session, so far, has been particularly trying and expensive. Up to last Sunday evening 105,000 words has gone over the wires while the outside figures of his contract called for only 4,000 words a day, or about 55,000 words in all. When Mr. McDade pays one quarter of a cent a word for that to the Western Union, and about \$100 for assistance, and publishes 300 copies of the debates, PROGRESS would like to know what he will have left of \$800. This is a question in arithmetic for H. Thaddeus Stevens.

There is no excuse for such parsimony as this. There is not a newspaper man in Canada who would do the same work for the money. Unfortunately for McDade, he thought this would be like other sessions and leave him a living margin. When members will persist in making long speeches, and grumble if they are not given a decent show, they should see to it that the telegraphic bills fall on someone better able to pay them than the official reporter.

She Wanted a Boat.

During the heat of the contest in Kings ward, Tuesday, one of the canvassers for Barnes and Blackadar bethought himself of a lady living in the suburbs of York Point, who might throw a vote for his men. Seeking her out, he blandly enquired, "Shall we send a coach for you to vote for the aldermen, Mrs. C—?" Pointing to the street, in which mud and water contended for supremacy for about the depth of a foot, she screamed, "Coach, is it? Ye'd better be after sending a boat. I won't vote for either of them"—but the canvasser had retired. Mr. Straton did not hear about this incident in time to send a boat.

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