THEY HAD A SQUABBLE. AN AMBITIOUS REPORMER 18 8AS

The aldermen are still holding back from the aldermen are still holding back from entering actively on a campaign, but two of the board are reported as not intending to run again. These are Ald. Jack ot Queen's and Davis of Brooks, whose places seem likely to be filled by Messrs. T. N. Robertson and C. B. Lockhart respectively. Others may deem it advisable to resign if the T. R. A. bill becomes law and the el-

ction is by the citizens at large.

The mayoralty campaign is coming to a ocus, however, and the cards of four candidates appear in this issue of Progress. They are all brief and give no indication of the talking powers of the aspirants. Mayor Peters takes only about 50 words to an-nounce that he is in the field, and seems to rely chiefly on his record. Mr. Jones also refens to his record, which goes back to a when Mayor Peters was a boy. 30 years ago. Mr. Tutts states that he com after due deliberation with many taxpayers He enunciates a brief but sweeping policy of retrenchment and reform. Mr. Sturdee has ordered a place kept for his card, but

time of writing.

Just one month remains before the conflict.

In the meantime the T. R. A. canlidate is to come to the front. So far, his name is not disclosed, though several individuals have been mentioned each as the possible choice of the nominating committee.

The aldermen do not appear to be dismayed by the proposal of the T. R. A. for reform and on Thursday, for the third time in a period of a few months, the mayor made an official declaration from his chair that he was ashamed of the council. He said it in a tone which indicated more of

sorrow than anger.

The subject matter of his remark was an undignified squabble which arose over a bold attempt of a Carleton alderman to nfringe upon the powers and prerogatives of the director of public works. It came

In January last Ald. Baxter, of Brooks introduced a resolution to the effect that as the street department was \$30,000 in debt no turther expenditure be made on the streets, except in emergencies, unless by order of the council. Also that the director of public works and the chamberlain the council monthly as to the work done, the number of men employed and the expenditure. This resolution was referred, and finally came up for discussion in the public works committee last Tuesday. Unfortunately for Ald. Baxter, the paper containing the resolution was not at hand at meeting, and the committee discussed nded only the section regardand recommended only the section regard-ing the monthly reporting. The alderman, however, subsequently got hold of the ori-ginal paper, and at the council meeting on Thursday he moved the omitted part as an amendment to the motion which the report of the board recommended. The wording of it was that no further expenditure be or it was that no further expenditure be made, except in emergencies, unless by order of the council. This would not prevent the council from ordering all the work they thought was required, but it would give the aldermen and the public some idea of what was to be done. When he moved the amendment on Thursday, however, most of the council appeared to take the idea that the passers of the preting results. that the passage of the motion would stop all expenditure and allow the streets to go to rain for want of repairs. On this mistaken theory they argued and grew in-dignant for nearly one hour. Then they were in the contest, Walsh's Johnnie Dick

who spoke against the amendment did not know the effect of it, while those who may know the effect of it, while those who may have understood it were opposed to it on stances, beat out the party. Mr. Berry

ly made to the men who had the floor, and to the mayor, when the latter called him near '50, he should make the good ones

Ald. W. A. Chesley made a long and vigorous speech. He seemed to think that the passage of the amendment would of necessity stop all work on the streets. Ald. Baxter had had the "cheek" to propose that the \$25,000 to the credit of the general revenue should be applied to the terry indebtedness. Why should it not be applied to the street indebtedness? Why should they not stop running the ferry, should they not stop running the ferry,

Instead of stopping work on the streets?
They might as well reduce the efficiency of the fire department, or take away half the electric lights, and see what the people would say. There was more business done would say. There was more business don on the Strait Shore road than in all on the Strait Shore road than in all of Carleton, and there was more money paid for wages there, but it was in a terrible and scandalous condition. So was the Douglas road, and the City road.

"Why don't you put in a word for Brussels street?" asked Ald. McKelvey.

Thereupon Ald. Chealey did put in a number of words for that street, and returned to the Strait Shore road, where he asserted waspung or mired and had to be prized out.

Ald. Davis interrupted the speaker once or twice to protest against being classed with the Carleton men in the general de-nunciation, as he was not in favor of the

mendments meant a stoppage of work on

ioneering dodge, by which dust was to be thrown in people's eyes. Ald. Blizard, the father of the council, Ald. Bizzird, the latter was a young man who ought to be content with grasping Carleton, without trying to grasp the whole city.

Ald. McGoldrick was also in opposition.

Ald McCarthy was the only man, apart

bate, he explained what his resolution meant. He did not want the system of men buttonholing the director of public works on Prince William street, and then having laborers sent to quarry rock in some partment of works knowing anything about it. Ald. Blizard rose bristling with indig-nation to enquire the names of the men who buttonholed the director.

Ald. Baxter replied that he was speak ing of a possibility, but that though Ald. Blizard was a member of the works department, there were many things done of which he had no previous intimation and in regard to which, if asked about them, he could give no information until he had made enquiry. Therefore Ald. Blizard sat down, looking less indignant but more thoughtful.

The whole wordy war was so marked by

disorderly interruptions and "back talk" that at times it was more like a fracas than a debate. At one time, too, the members who were in the outer room made so much noise that the mayor ordered the doo closed. "We can't run two councils at once," he asserted.

At the end of the squabble the mayor sharply reprimanded the disordorly alder man. He did not wonder the Tax Reduc tion Association wanted to reduce the council, and if the public could have been present that afternoon the number of signa tures to the petition would be largely in-

"They also propose to have a new mayor," suggested Ald. Baxter. "They will not choose him from this

council," answered his worship. "I am ashamed of the council," he continued. "There is neither argument, nor ability nor anything parliamentry about its debate "Your worship is altogether too irrita-able today" said Ald. Davis.

Then the council proceeded to the next matter in the order of business

ed and complete, so far as fun and sport went. In spite of the fact that Berry's one heat however to Big Dan, the entry of Dolan Bros. The heavy gelding has been in the woods all winter and yet was as the ground that the idea came from a Carleton and Ald. Davis appeared to oppose the because it came from his colleague who was "rushing legislation" and putting it out as an "advertising placard." He thought that some of Ald. Baxter's motions were open to grave suspicion and doubt.

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Ald. Davis spoke a number of times during the fracas, but his remarks were usualhustle. It was hardly fair last week to Ald. Shaw did not think the matter worth discussing, and asserted that Ald. Baxter was trying to get a reputation for economy. Thereopon Ald. Baxter retorted that Ald. Shaw need not be atraid of getting such a reputation.

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again the same government is in with the same old leader though sin

year there has been a general election and the people of the province have pronounced on the issues placed before them. The legislature this year simply means the house of assembly the legislature the house of assembly: the legislative cour cil is dead and the "old ladies" of th province no longer gossip in her legislative halls. . . ne or two of them indeed who always found tault with the term have vin dicated their right to object by persua the people to send them back again and



THE NEW SPEAKER

two at least, Messrs. Hill of Charlotte and Flewelling of Kings are still in the ring. But the council is gone forever; the

chamber of obstruction is silent; the voices of the Hon Thomas R. Jones, or Barbarie of the North, no longer shake the plaster, and make life miserable for the cornices. Instead, the Hon. Thom 19 proposes to run in the race for the council chamber of St. John, and if he gets there, terrify with his frown and his thunder the audacity of those aldermen who have more wind that

who clamored for its death so long and so udly are spt to forget the fight which was waged sgainst it. Ever since A. G. Blair has been premier it was the central plank in his platform and session after session the same great question came to the front.



ASSISTANT LAW CLERK, WM. WILSON sition met it down stairs and obstruc tion met it up stairs, until nature finally ossible Death claimed a number of the old councillors and men were appointed pledged to vote themselves and their colleagues out of political existence when asked to do so.

What with broken pledges and a seeming tment the life of the council was propointment the lile of the council land longer than it would have been



ENGROSSING CLERK, L. C. McNUTT.

ace solely with the representations of the HER CHANCES GOOD YET.

erament for meaker and the leader of the opposition in the absence of any better candidate, or one more likely to be elected from his side of the house, seconded the motion with all the grace he could muster. The good qualities of Mr. Burchill were dwell upon and if the opinion of the house had been taken, the verdict would have been that the new speaker is a jolly good fellow, well calculated to take care of the dignity of the house and keep the members in order—unless he has parted with his beard since Progress saw hum, the above is a good likeness of him.

Mr. Stockton must have remembered

Mr. Stockton must have rememb when he rose to address the house that he did so as the seconder of a motion and not him, remembering his statements about election day in this city, the difference between supporters on paper and supporters in the fiesh must have been painfully apparent to him. Still what supporters gathered about the opposition standard chose. A fred Augustus again as their leader and he rose in his place with all his affability and silky beard.

There has been some hustling among the office seekers since the winter opened and the result is that Mr. L. C. McNutt, the editor of the Farmer, comes to the front with the appointment of engrossing clerk in his hand. Mr. William Quinn had the ition last year, but it was vacated by his death.M 1. McNutt is known to all the members of the house and well liked. He is fortunate in owning a newspaper that will permit him to devote part of his time win permit him to devote part of his time to other work or will permit him to accept office under a government, no matter how triendly disposed he may be toward it. From the standpoint of "value received," however, Mr. McNutt deserves the appoint-

ment of Mr. Pugsley as law clerk and Messrs. Wilson and Richard as his assist-ants, have not been gazetted, but that is, the new officials have not been defined and the public will await the tidings with some interest. If they, however, call tor ability, the gentlemen mentioned have enough of it to spare some to the work of the govern-

Considering the fact that Mr. H. H. Pitts sits in the house it is a pity that Wil- of these strongly affirmed the innocence of son could not also be present to check any son could not also be present to check any excitable notions on the part of the Orange representative and to remind him that he too knows something a bout the order and what it professes to be. Mr. McKeown and Grand Master Fowler also being among the undesired, the duty of upholding the dignity of the order falls upon Mr. Pitts and it would perhaps not be upset to are and it would, perhaps, not be unsafe to pre-dict that the "dignity" may fall with a dull

Mr. McDade has grown to be a part of the years and the work of reporting the hou ebates has been carried out so satisfactory ily by him that it is quite probable the position is his so long as he wishes to retain it. Last year he was assisted by Mr. F. H. Risteen, the well known court stenographer and writer and the same arrangement is in effect this year.

The Funny Man at St. Georg The regular correspondent at St. George, "Max," writes that some St. George notes which appeared in the last issue of Progess, over the signature of "Germain," are a fabrication from beginning to end. The notes in question were acco tion of them appeared. It remains to be learned whether Mr. John Barry was the funny man who perpetrated the hoax, or alty was very general outside of Westwhether somebody forged his name, and morland county. inquiries have been instituted for that purpose. PROGRESS tries to take every precasional correspondents, but when a name is sent which is recognized as one belong-ing to a well known family, it is not always ible to prevent a fool or a mis possible to prevent a fool or a mischief maker from imposing on our good faith. Such instances are happily rare, and the same man never does it again.

At the Davenport School The Davenport school, through the kindness of Father Davenport is enabled to offer four scholarships, of the value of \$100 offer four scholarships, of the value of \$100 per annum, for two years, to resident boys who are the sons of churchmen. A nomination to King's College, Windsor, has also been granted by the governors of that institution. The Davenport school is now in a very flourishing condition, and its afficiency has been very materially increased nince Rev. P. Owen-Jones became head master, last antumn. If has a fine staff of teachers, and is in all respects thoroughly erganized and is a condition to do thorough educational work. The Easter term will begin on April 8th, and any particulars as to the institution and its facilities may be had by addressing the head master. THE GRAND JURY PIND A TRUE BILL AGAINST MRS. STEVENS.

rumors current were numerous and ugly, and some of them went much further than, they should have gone. It was due both to the friends of the dead girl and to Mrs. Stevens, as well as it was in the interests of the public, that there should be the fullest

closed, nobody was surprised when the coroner's jury charged Mrs. Stevens with



ROBERT HALLETT, FATHER OF MABEL

From an old Photograph. pected than that the preliminary examina-tion would result in the committal of Mrs. Stevens for trial in a higher court. It was felt that, apart from all local and persona feeling, the matter would be fairly dealt with and finally determined by the grand and petit juries.

But a good many were surprised that, in the face of Judge Landry's charge, the grand jury found a true bill. Probably even Mrs. Stevens was a little disappoint

The county of Westmorland is a shire where people are art to divide into parties on the merits of any notable criminal case. When Timothy McCarthy "came to his death" about fifteen years ago, in a manner that has never been made clear to the public to this day, there was a division into Osborne and Anti-Osborne parties. One



JANE STEVENS, THE ACCUSED. the Osbornes, while the other was equally certain as to their guilt. This espousing of theories at the outset was one of the reasons why the facts of the case were never made more clear, for prominent officials engaged in the investigation misled, and sent astray by their well-

meant, but most unwise partizanship.
So it was in the case of "Buck," though it is only fair to say that in Moncton, at opinion that he ought to be hanged, while the feeling in favor of a less extreme pen-

In the case of Mrs. Stevens there have



DR. J. D. ROSS, Med cal Adviser to Mrs. Stevens

the press generally has asked for simple justice in the matter, one or two rank part-izan papers have espoused the cause of Mrs. Stevens as though it were to be con-

sidered a party issue.

The Moneton Times and St. John Sun have published in full the charge of Judge Landry to the grand jury. Such publication will not be inconsistent with the atti-

It is yet too early in the week to bear a report from the small-bores of the Chatham World and Sackville Post, but as they have been apparently unable to understand why there should have been an inquest in the first instance, they ought to derive a good deal of satisfaction from Judge Landry's charge. These papers will doubtless be as amazed as the general public that, in the face of that charge, the grand jury should have put the county to further expe-

finding a bill.

Judge Landry is an eminently fair man, and one in whose hands the cause of the oppressed and presecuted is likely to be sale. Any prisoner brought before him will have all the rights the law allows. In this instance he gave a clear definition of what was manslaughter, and be also went to some length to define what was not manslaughter. In no particular was there any animus manifested towards Mrs Stevens, yet the jury found a true bill against her. This was the opinion of twenty out of the

twenty three.

And the jury was not drawn from the possibly prejudiced citizens of Moncton, but from the body of the county.

Mrs. Stevens was present and pleaded not guilty to the indictment. She did not sit in the dock, of course, but beside her counsel. Then as the attorney general could not attend this court the trial was postponed until the court which will open on the 6th of June.

Mrs. Stevens remains at large on bail as before. She appeared in court in company with her husband and sat between him and one of her counsel, Mr. W. W. Wells. Mr. H. A. Powell is also retained for the de-

afternoon until midnight before it came in with its presentment in this and one other

Any prejudice that may have been felt against Mrs. Stevens at the outset is likely to be wholly abated by June. She will have every possible chance for an acquittal, if an unbiased and fairly directed jury thinks she

PASTOR SHORE WANTS TO KNOW. He is Anxious to Find Out How "Progress"
Got All Its Information.

Rev. Godfrey Shore has come to the front again, and has had something to say about Progress. There was a meeting of the St. John presbytery on Tuesday and his proposed resignation from the Carleton church was discussed. Mr. Shore, who is now in Ontario, wanted to resign under conditions, and these were that the claim of Jarvis Wilson against him, for \$65 be taken off his shoulders, that his salary be paid in full without deducting \$28 charged for moving his furniture, and that he satisfied that the deacons council "had nothing to do with the publication of the articles about his not paying honest debts." He also wanted the privilege of preaching in the Carleton church for two weeks when he came here to take away his furniture.

It is understood that all the conditions

will be complied with, except that Mr. Shore will not be allowed to fulminate from his pulpit for the two weeks desired. There is a fear that he would try to fire too many

The statements made by PROGRESS were discussed, but so far as investigated, as in the case of the claim of Jarvis Wilson, it was found they were correct. It is under stood Mr. Shore has written to a friend in Carleton that he intends on his return to obtain from Progress the name of the per-

If such is the case, he has an exceedingly large contract ahead of him

They Sounded Alike.

A fisherman went the rounds of the drug stores one evening recently asking for "Sardine Paint." He was politely laughed at in three or four of them and that there was no such thing. Finally he entered a Kng street store and put his question in a half hesitating sort of a fash-ion. "Yes, we have it," was the prompt reply. "How much do you want?"
"Wall, I guess ten cent's worth will kill all my corns," was the answer, and he soon walked out with that quantity of iodine. He had got the names mixed and "Sardine" was a handy substitute.

Enter Now or Not at All.

Enter New or Net at All.

Mr. James W. Power, promoter of the cash stakes, open to the Maritime provinces, calls the attention of horse owners to the fact that entries close March 15th. at Halifax. Nominations must be accompanied by \$5, and particulars of horse's breeding. The stakes are for one, two, three and four year olds, owned and bred in the Maritime provinces previous to January 1 st 1898, and will be trotted on the track offering the most money, August 28 and 24.

In Aid of the Orphuna.

The young men of St. Joseph's amounce an enfertainment in the House St. Patrick's night in aid of Orphan asylum. The programme some attractive features which will