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THE LIBRARY SCHEME.

18 NOT MAKING THE PROGRESS THAT SHOULD BE EXPECTED.

ome of the Reasons Given for the Want of Interest Taken... The Tactics Employed in Taking the Management of the Old Library Away From Those in Authority.

One reason given by a prominent citizen is the facility with which laws may be passed expropriating property, or ideas, it the term is allowed and not only frustrating the intentions of donors to a philanthropic or benevolent enterprise but interfering with business as well. A few days since this library project was discussed by a number of prominent citizens and one advanced as his reason for not aiding the new project the peculiar tactics employed in seizing the old library and taking it and ent in its establishment.

The history of the case, as he detailed

of the great fire had been fully understood, the following citizens decided that a library

was a necessity.
S. Z. Earle, M. D. Mayor of the City of St. John, N. B.

James Domville, Henry Daffell, Chas. Emerson, H. A. Glasgow, J. H. Allan, S. B. Brittain. Aldermen of the City of St.

James Adams, Wm. Peters, Harris Allan, William Rainnie, T. B. Hannington, G. H. Martin. Councillors of the City of Hon. W. J. Ritchie, Chief Justice of the

Supreme Court of Canada.

Hon. R. D. Wilmot, Lieutenant-Gover-

nor of New Brunswick.
Hon. Sir S. L. Tilley, Minister Finance,

J. W. Domville, Major-General, Royal

Artillery.
Hon. John Boyd, Senator, Canada.

James Domville, M. P., Dominion of

ber Legislative Council.

David McLellan, M. P. P., Provincial

Legislature.
Daniel & Boyd, Hall & Fairweather, J.

& W. F. Harrison, Geo. Fleming & Son, John McMillan, Thomas Furlong, Merchants of St. John, N. B. They consequently issued a circular and sent it to all parts of the civilized globe,

where there was a library, or a govern-J. Woodland, then secretary for Col.

Domville, M. P. had charge of the work of communicating with the Vancouver

The Bristish government responded with a grant of £250, books to that valve to be selected by General Donville, father of the Colonel, and the late William Elder, M. P. P. The gifts from the United States government, Her Majesty's Treasury offices, East India government, U. S. Army, P. O. Department, U. S., Religious Tract society, partment, U. S., Smithsonian Institution, British Museum, Maine Historical Society, Massachusetts Historical Society, Shakers' Society, American Academy, Arts and Science, New York State Library, Dean & Co., State Library, "Lansing," Shakers' Society (Shirly Village,) William L. Leggo, Rev. W. Hill, Shakers' Society, (Albany Co.,) House of Commons Library J. B. Plumb. M. P., and many others.

Hon. Mr. Elder referred to the matter as follows: "Several spasmodic attempts have been made by the press, and by private individuals, to provide a free public library for St. John, but without success. The destruction of books and libraries in the great fire of the 20th of June, 1877, was so great and so widespread that the want of the library is now felt more keenly It was stated on the street, yesterday, that Ald. Domville, M. P., was about to expend a portion of his unexhausted energy in soliciting copies of books from authors and publishers in Europe, the United States and the Dominion, with a view to provide such library. We have no doubt that the appeal would be handsomely responded to, and that if Mr.

The Common Council would, no doubt, be willing to provide a room for the library, and the fund raised by the citizens should go towards paying a librarian will matter of his friend, Captain Winn, R. E.

and assistant to manage it.

The library became a fact and the committee created a perpetual deed of trust and had it recorded conveying the library into the hands of trust true of trust warre Mr. W. F. The public library project is not making of trust and had it recorded contact progress that would be expected in a city such as this and there may be various causes advanced why such is the case.

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It was concluded by the city council that the rate payers should pay a grant of \$600 to the new enterprise. Matters were progressing at a satisfactory rate and the promise was good for a library of more than modest proportions when steps were taken to rob those who had done the mask of that hours that should have been The government of Mr. King now Judge

King passed the "fibraries act," conveying from the trustees the work of years breaking the trust deed, and placing the trusteeship in the hands of those who had very little interest in the formation of the institution. An entry was made but the matter could not be charged and the men decided that it was not always safe to invest money

on an enterprise in project while the gov-ernment could so easily raffle them away. In this may be seen one reason why public men are slow in coming to the sup-port of the new library. There should be some arrangement made that those who aid the enterprise may not be legislated against—then the citizens will readily aid the erection of a new library building.

THE ALDERMAN'S JOKE.

He Spoke Figuratively but the Man Had a Jag Just the Same.

There is a certain member of the city council who is noted for his formal nature and unsmiling mein, and one of the city legends says that the faintest tinge of a smile was never known to cross his melan-choly countenance. He is however a very popular alderman among his fellows and the fact that last election he was returned the fact that last election he was returned with a bigger majority than ever before proves that he is extremely popular with the citizens as well. A few days ago he made what his fellow aldermen declare to be his only joke and he enjoyed it too for rumor has it that he chuckled and was even seen to smile roftly to himself. The sast that would be prevaled on James lack of employment for he still considers Woodland, then secretary for Col. himself the hardest worked man on the staff. Not long ago he went on a good time with some friends and as he has not a very was soon seeing double.

Even in his betogged condition his sense

of importance did not leave him and he dragged himself in the direction of the pants. City Hall; there to stand on the corner and society for the Propogation of the Gospel responded with a grant of £50, and books and donations were received as free gifts from the United States govern-

floor brought a faint smile to his lips and he hastened up stairs. Meeting another city father he said "Where is the ambulance kept and how can I get it?" The alderma questioned returned the necessary information and asked "Why what's the matter P" Oh there's a man lying down in the hall who appears to be "paralyzed" said he of the grave countenance. The ambulance was telephoned for by the other alderman. who happemed to go down stairs a minute after, and saw what the trouble was. The call was at once cancelled but the alderman had his little joke just the same.

Captain Wiggan and His S. S. Work. HALIFAX, February 18 .- Captain Wiggan, of the Royal Berks regiment, who was removed from the superintendency of the Garrison Church Sunday school by General Montgomery-Moore, because the General did not approve of the officer's methods and views, is now enjoying the work of a teacher in St. Paul's Sunday school, where he will have the cordial support of Rev. Dyson Hague, the rector, and of all in the congregation, takes up the matter, and and where he will not be hampered by any "keeps at it" it can be made a success. restrictions, such as can be exercised by

Several of our citizens would aid. an official like the officer commanding the

HIS ABBREVIATED GARMENTS.

A St. John Man Finds Himself in a Dilemmi But Comes Out all Right.

There is a young man in this city who, like all other youths, enjoys a good time as well as any one. It was with great delight therefore that he accepted an invitation to a dance lately, and in order that his enjoyment of the occasion should be the more complete he invited two young lady friends to attend the terpsichorean function. The ladies equally appreciative of the dance readily gave a favorable response to his request. The young man was delighted and began with some little leisure to make his preparations for the eventful evening. It proved to be much more eventful in fact than at this period he had any idea of. In this process of preparation, he sent a pair of his best trousers Further thought prompted him to send his best dress shirt to be laundried. Every-thing was going along all right. He had seen the ladies again—and arrangoments were duly made as to the hour he call for them in order to accompany them to the dance. The eventful evening at length arrived and at an hour somewhat later than he expected he found the tailor had not sent home his trousers as he had promised. This was alarming. The tailor had gone home from his shop at tailor had gone home from his shop at this time; and a messenger was immedi-ately despatched to his residence with in-structions also to call at the laundry for the shirt which by some mistake or other had not been sent home either. The young man waited the messenger with all the patience possible but with a large amount of inward bitterness. Time was flying and still the messenger returned not. It would not do to disappoint the ladies. Some plan must be devised whereby he could escort them as he had engaged to do.

Now this young man in point of clever-ness is second to few in the city, and full of resource as well. A happy thought struck him. There was yet time so with admirable courage and nerve, he put his coat on over an ordinary suit and with ulster buttoned up close around him he præented himself at the home of the ladies in readiness to accompany them. The trio wended their way to the acene of even seen to smile zoftly to himself. The circumstances surrounding the joke are rather funny particularly as the laugh is on a city official whose duties are generally supposed to consist of holding up the corner of the City Hall and drawing his salary. His bump of importance has however not been diminished any by his lack of employment for he still considers the successfully this resource ul man hastened home to find that his tardy measurer had returned bringing with him messenger had returned bringing with him two parcels, one of which, he found con-tained the shirt, and the other a pair of only to find them about four inches too short. The tailor had sent home the wrong

The young man,-who laughingly tells the story himself thinking it too good to keep-managed however to get to the dance after all and enjoyed himself to the utmost, the enjoyment being perhaps the more because of his trials of the early

IT IS A WICKED CITY

If the Statements of Some of the Civic Qf-ficials are to be Believed.

HALIFAX. Feb. IS .- At a public meeting on Monday night when citizens were given the right to address chairman Mc' lure and his committee of temperance men from the house of assembly on proposed amendments to the liquor license act an alderman, one of the candidates for the mayoralty at the forthcoming elections nade a rather strange statement. He was getting in his work on inspector Banks and the police, and he said that there are 67 unicensed places on Brunswick and Albe icensed places on Brunswick and Albe this city. He also is reported to have made the still more striking assertion that there are 365 bad houses in this good city of Halifax. When the caudidate for majoralty honors was asked what he had done to give success to such a state of affairs he replied that he was not elected to act as an informer, but he went on to show that he had done all he could to expose what he found to be wrong. The alderman surely over draws the opportunities for evil that exist in this city, or is it that his knowledge of the bad is so out of proportion to what he knows of the good that peaks hastily and without due consideration. Whatever may be the fact in this regard there is no doubt that the above is the way the alderman sizes up

MET IN DEADLY COMBAT.

BUT THE DUEL WAS DECLARED OFF THROUGH ILLNESS.

There is a certain girl in the West End who has been the innocent cause of a lot of trouble to a couple of North End lads during the past week. One of the young men is employed in a N. E. barber shop, while the other lives on Adelaide Road and clerks in a city dry goods store. Both have been in the habit of attending the Carleton skating rink where they have enjoyed a number of bands with the girl in question and up to a tew days ago each of them thought that he stood first in her affections. A faw evenings ago, however, one of them engaged a certain band with the young lady for the following evening, which happened to be band night. The barber was the lucky man so next evening he got away from work a little earlier than asual and hied him to Carleton rink where he expected to find his inamorita impatiently awaiting him. His hopes were not realized however for one of ing a skate with another North Ender. He waited impatiently for his band, with ventured to remind the fair one of her engagement only to meet with a second re-buff at her hands. In the most innocent manner imaginable she told him that she had thought he was not coming so had given his band to another and more fortunate man. He inquired the name of his rival and was greatly surprised to find that it was the dry good clerk whom he saw in her company on a previous occasion during the season. That was the last straw and thoroughly enraged and disgusted he left the ice vowing eternal vengeance upon whom he termed the meddler. Two days after the measurer of tape received a letter from the angry tonsor who alleged that he had been grossly insulted at the hands of the clerk and threathening to get satisfaction by physical force if an apology was not forthcoming. No inotice was taken of the letter and the barber next called in persons to enforce his demands. He did not get any satisfaction out of the interview, but so annoyed the clerk that the latter agreed to fight him and settle the matter. A mill was arranged to come off at a club in the city, and, attended by numerous friends, both parties put in an appearance at the stipu-lated time. The barber looked very pale, however, and while preparations for the go were being made he fainted. The usual restoratives were used and he soon came back to consciousness but declared he was too sick to fight. He however promised to meet his opponent as soon as his health would allow so the affair was called off.

The friends of the dry goods clerk now say that the barber will take good care not to recover sufficiently to enter the ring, believing discretion the better part of valor. Meanwhile the dry goods clerk is a regular attendant at the goods clerk is a regular attendant at the Carleton Rink and still continues his at-

They All Had a Good Time.

drive to the Ben Lomond House on Wednesday could not fail to enjoy the pleasantness of the event and the best of good times. Colwell's big sleigh took the most of the party but a number found their way out during the afternoon in their own teams. The sport on the ice was of a peculiar nature-rolling skating—and was provocative of much laugh ter and enjoyment. Then the supper was
of a bountiful nature well cooked and splendidly served. Mine host Barker must be congratulated upon the way he entertained the crowd. There were speeches and songs, music and merriment and when the sleigh left tor the city, the committee could be congratulated upon the fact that nothing had gratulated upon the tact that notating had occurred to mar the enjoyment of the day's outing. Many of those who went in private teams had an opportunity of being entertained at the old Allandale house of which Mr. Rowley is proprietor, and enjoying its pleasant hospitality.

Halifax, February 17 .- When a man finds a woman silly enough to marry him because he points a revolver at her, people

need not expect much matrimonial telicity. It was such means that a North-end black-smith took a couple of months ago to in-duce a young woman to consent to wed him. Now she is seeking the good offices of the S. P. C. to protect her from what she charges is his ill-usuage. The marriage took place in the house of a friend; the license was regular and the minister was O. K. He had a ring too, but the other day the poor wife had an application for it from a kind hearted woman who sail that she had merely loaned it that the wedding ceremony might proceed. The S. P. C. is trying to make peace but one would

RESERVED FOR THE D-

A Funny Incident that Occurred in a Hali-fax Church Lately.

HALIFAX, Feb. 17 .- A tew people in in the school room of that church on a recent occasion. The Sunday school children were giving an entertainment member of the dental profession. The room was crowded so that all the seats were occupied except one near the front which was marked "Reserved for the Doctor," in-

A little after the performance began in came Dr. Maria Angwin, and as she drifted to the front her eye caught the label "Reserved for the doctor."

"What a good idea" she ejaculated as the accomplished lady doctor took the seat and made herself comfortable. The next moment Rev. Mr. Dobson the

pastor of the church happened past and Dr. ration of the seat she so fortunately had found. The good lady sat in front of the label in such a position that all the pastor of Grafton street could see was "Reserved for the D--.

"Reserved for the d--," said the place for a lady to occupy!"

Rev. Mr. Dobson is one of the two or three most popular ministers in Halifax, but despite that fact the possibly suggestive tone as he uttered the words, "reserved for the d——" is said to have considerably angered the fair occupant of the doctor's bench.

SOME CIVIC QUERIES.

Q testions that Awar answers Prior to the

What a wonderful look of surprise and astonishment certain members of the civic council adorned their faces with yesterday when the gentle insinuation was made by Ald. McArthur that the advisory board had taken upon themselves things they had no right to do. What terrible was not learned, but the council thought it a very bold and defiant statement. Why not have an investigation? It would not cost more than an appropriation and there has been no legal expedition by the board for a week or ten days.

Then there are people asking about the two hundred and forty eight piles that Mr. Robert's drove and charged four dollars each for. Did he do it without any agreement with the advisory board, the con Those members of the Licensed Vict- work and charge what he pleased for it? uallers Association who patronized the It is believed the latter is true for never before was four dollars charged for pile driving, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents each being considered sufficient.

These are some of the questions the general public are discussing prior to select-ing a candidate as alderman. There is au-other question that they would like to know something about—that is the total cost of the Sand Point warves but after getting the \$150.000 the remainder of the cost is lost in a mist of accounts or returns Probably the tax bills for the year will tell part of the story.

A Good Showing

Kerr's business college shows a well filled list of pupils this year all of whom are reported particularly bright and cap-able. The graduates from this institution find no difficulty in obtaining employment and it speaks well for the thoroug the training they receive that all of them are now enjoying splendid positions and not one of them is out of work. An enquiry into the methods of the college will be of great benefit to students who expect to en-

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