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DRAPERIES OF SORROW. PREPARATIONS IN HALLPAX FOR

Of the Late Premier, Sir John Thompson— The Council Chamber Will be Draped— The Tomb in the Countery—Sir John's Re-pose of Manner and Jests.

The council chamber of Province hall in a place where much bistory has been made. Many distinguished men have met there and the essence of their genius has gone out and flavored all the weighty deliberations. Scenes of many kinds have liberations. Scenes of many kinds have been witnessed, grave and gay. It has re-sounded with the laughter that followed the flashes of men of wit, it has joined in the breathless silence that per vaded when the destiny of a people was being decided, it has witnessed scenes of deppet sorrow when hearts have bled and darkness has

me down upon men.

Again the chamber will be the scene of an historic event. This time it is one of sadness. Canada's chief son will rest there for the last time before he is consigned to will look down from the walls in the dim light upon one who was more than their qual in intellect and who overcame the accident of birth and enrolled himselt on But now they are together in the arms of death and earthly vanity and distinctions

The provincial building lies between Hollis and Granville streets. It is built after Grecian models with a row of Doric pillars on front and back like the ancient Pathenon. The council chamber is in the second story and occupies the southern end

of the building.

It is not a large room, its length being the depth of the atructure. Its chief objects of interest are the splendid array of paintings which adorn the walls. There are handsome portraits in oils of William Are handsome portraits in oils of William IV, Queen Charlotte, George II., George III., Queen Caroline, Sir John Inglis, Sam Slick, General Williams, Sir Thos. Strange, Sir Hastings Doyle and Sir Brenton

A day or two ago I paid a visit to the chamber to see what were to be the nature of the drapings. I found the workmen busy there arranging them. The ceiling was completely covered with black cashmers and nearly nine hundred yards had been used. The drapings of the walls are to be of crape and there will be festoons of purple about the cornices. The whole ceiling and walls will be a mass of black. The material will be box pleated into the windows so that the natural light will not get into the room. About the tops of the chandeliers there will be large rosettes of black and the chandeliers themselves will be draped in black.

Opposite the main doorways into the

chamber and close to the south windows the canopy, on which will repose the remains of the premier, will be It will be fourteen by eight feet and will reach to the summit of the windows, a height of about twelve feet. It will be of black, with purple lining and silver fringe. The distinctive traits of Sir John Thomp-son's character are too well known to need

much remark. His positive attributes were keen and rapid intellectual insight,

sorrows were shown only to the few. His humor was shared only with particular friends and his sorrows were preserved in the privacy of his own heart and his own MES. BEATTY'S ACCIDENT.

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A couple of instances of his delicate humor were told me by Mr. John T/Bulmer and they were at his own expense. In one he brought out Mr. Bulmer's habit of interesting himself in public matters at the expense of his own business. Someone asked him where Mr. Bulmer was. "He is at that point in the city of Halifax," he replied, "which is furthest removed from a five dollar bill." At another time he remarked that Bulmer was an authority on marked that Bulmer was an authority on those that treated of Barnbill and he wrote to

marked that Bulmer was an authority on all kinds of books but those that treated of his own profession. At college, too, he added, he read every book he could get hold of provided it was not in the curriculum.

Sir John Thompson was not essentially a club man, nor was he even naturally one, His chief delight was in work; leisure was not very necessary to him. He was of course a member of the Halifax club to which every prominent man in Halifax belongs. But the society to which he gave more of his attention and patronage than any other was the Irish, Literary society to which he belonged from his young manhood up. He frequently spoke at the annual dinners and it is stated that his after dinner speeches were very good, though of the serious rather than of the witty, sparkling order.

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Sir John Thompson is to be buried is a small piece of ground of about an acre's upon the special request of the recorder, who agreed to allow the case to come to trial and take its place upon the docket if The cemetery of the Holy Cross where The lot on which the vault is being built is on the main path a few yards from the entrance grate. The vault will be a large one and will occupy the area of a whole lot. The spot was his own and relatives of

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lot. The spot was his own and relatives of his wife where buried about there. His tather and members and relations of his own family are buried in Camp Hill cemedid not win and the case was approaching trial. In the meantime there had been Our Stater City is Going in for it With a Vengenance.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—The Halitax city

did not win and the case was approximately trial. In the meantime there had been further negotiations between the committee and the plaintiff. The latter and his attorney, Mr. Barnbill, agreed to permit

has written such a scathing letter that the poor body will hardly like to recognize hereif. Mr. Porter, in dealing with her unjust criticism of the orchestra, does not hesit to to call a spade a spade. He seems to show pretty well, as the public, too, knows, the reason why "Lady Jane's" pen is disped in such bitter ink when she tries to write of the Orpheus.

SHE WANTS TO BE FREE.

MRS. WILLIAM L. BUSBY SURE FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.

She Charges Her Husband With Neglect and Unfaithfulness—Mr. Busby's Answers to the Allegations—He Produces an "Unwifely" Letter and Denies Unfaithfulness.

The sensation of the week has been the publication of the Application to divorce

THE FOOTBALL MEETING.

Mr. George M. Blakney Gives his Version of the Affair.

Shortly before the time for Progress to go to press, the following letter was re-ceived from Mr. George M. Blakney, of Pesiteodiac. As Mr. Blakney has received considerably more abuse than any other

necessary—Three reliable Monctonians saw on the roles of Jones' and Gerrard's boots necessary—Three reliable Monctonians saw on the roles of Jones' and Gerrard's boots what they would take oath to be not leather—and in the soles of Howard's boots spikes or projections about ½in. long. I produced the written statements from each of these gentlemen in which they stated they were 'prepared to take oath, the only stipulation being that their names should go no further than the executive which as go no further than the executive which as you can see, would be unnecessary. The second was the fact of Howe Jones'

Alle second was the fact of Howe Jones' getting a spike hole in his hand. He swears that when he was down a St. John man tramped on his hand and immediately afterwards he found in his hand a cut or hole which he could not conceive of being made from anything but a spike. The third sworn statement was that of Shewen who said that a St. John supporter innoc-ently teld him that Geo. Jones had irons HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—The Halitax city council has gone in for tax reform in earnest. The main change proposed is the abolition of the tax on merchandse and the substitution therefor of a business tax based on the rental value of the premises occupied, apecial business taxes, and the levying of an income tax on anything over \$500 a year. In the case of furniture or household effects the tax shall be based on the value of the houses occupied, but shall not exceed one-halt per cent. on the assessed value of the buildings, and shall not be levied where the rental is less than \$80 a year. Real estate is to be assessed at its full value, but the buildings erected thereon at only half the value. The legislature has yet to speak on the subject.

The South end aldermen were unanimous in favor of the change, and enough of the North end men were gained to secure a good majority. The intelligence of the council is almost exclusively represented in the ten men who voted for reform. Mayor Keefe distinguished himself by determined opposition to the reformers, who won't soon forget his conduct. People

and the plaintiff. The latter and his storney, Mr. Barnhill, agreed to permit two physicians to examine Mrs. Beatty and learn the extent of the fujiters. Doctors Inches and Daniel performed this duty, and their report, it is understood, was to the effect that she had been injared, though to what extent they did not asy.

With this in hand the committee did not care to the case to come to trial and there were special meetings held to endeavor to come to a settlement. None was arrived at and then they received a notice from Mr. Barnhill that the offer would not be open if not accepted by such a date. The committee met again on that date and Mr. Barnhill was present by request. There is no doubt but that the committee tried as hard as possible to lessen the amount and while in the end the city did not get. The release that the city did not get. It was acting simply in the interests of good football and as I stated time and time should

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considerably more abuse than any other member of the Mount Allison team since the match, and as he claims that the meeting was misreported by the St. John press, the letter is published. In any other case it would have been better not to have published it, after the apology of Mr. Sanford, and the accepting of it by the St. John team, which should have ended the matter. I have just read the legorie in the mortaing papers concerning the Moncton meeting. The Sun misrepresents the case somewhat; the Telegraph a good deal. Our evidence was as follows, which was brought before the meeting and which would be sworn to before the executive if necessary—Three reliable Monctonians saw on the roles of June's and Gerrard's hourt on the roles of June's and Gerrard's hourt on the roles of June's and Gerrard's hourt of the reliable Monctonians saw on the roles of June's and Gerrard's hourt on the roles of June's and Gerrard's hourt.

short. The coal business he was in would not support such lavish expenditure. Bus-by had too many irons in the fire to give it

strict attention and the result was failure.
But before this Busby had a seat in the old Portland council. He was a member of the "ring" and largely through his efforts the Mount Pleasant road—which Paggress at that time christened the "Busby Boule vard"-was improved at such enormous cost. He got out of the council after this and very little was heard of him. He went to New York and but for an occasional reminder from one or the other of his friends who did not forget him entirely in his adversity he was lost to sight.

Mrs. Busby went to Ontario, where she resided with her sister. The brick residence was sold and the contents. Even

usual grounds. neglect to provide and unfaithfulness. There is no direct charge in the latter indictment but only a general statement which shows, however, that the movements of Mr. Busby have been an object of interest to some person

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The sensation of the week has been the publication of the application for divorce made by Mrs. W. L. Busby, a well known society lady of this city. Readers of Progress do not need to be told who W. L. Busby is. He was a prominent figure in St. John not many years ago. He was rich or, at least, was so thought, and out such a dash that many others in "the set" could not stand the pace. In spite of this however his contemplated

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There are mary facts-simply rumors now—that will no doubt be brought for-ward at the time of the trial. Mrs. Busby he too has opportunities to complain. A well known citizen told Progress that he met Busby in New York not long ago and talking of a certain young so ciety man of this city who is deeply interested in athletics he was surprised to hear Busby exclaim that he would think nothing of shooting him on sight. Then it is alleged that witnesses be brought forward to prove that Mr. Busby was not the only one in the wrong; that if he grew careless about his marriage ties, his wife also grew indifferent and liked the society of other people. Up to this time the assertions go no farther than this, but it seems if Mrs. Busby was under the impression that her busband was indifferent to this, that it was not so. He remembers all the circumstances and while they can-not be made to serve him in any other way they may at least be some excuse for the ence that seemed to exist between

interest taken in such unusual proceedings between parties so well known there is an undoubted teeling of regret that such a step should have been thought advisable and much sympathy for the near relatives of the lady concerned.

A GREEN CHRISTMAS.

Do Not Let u car the Old Saws; Let us
Interpret Them Aright.

It will be remembered by those who
have "spent their days and nights in the
study of Addison" that that Mark Tapleyish resided with her sister. The brick residence was sold and the contents. Even the wedding presents were not spared but in most cases shared the general fate. This was more than two years ago and since then Mrs. Busby contends that she has not been supported in any degree by hr husband. Her application for divorce is upon the susual grounds, neglect to provide and unsual grounds, neglect to provide and unsual grounds. pories. We generally have it just cold enough to make one teel that one is living, and then we have snow. But this year wind and rain : but all St. John and his

been an object of interest to some person in New York.

In consequence of Mr. Busby's neglect the plaintiff says in her complaint that she has been forced to return and reside at her mother's house and has been for the past two years and is now wholly dependent upon her mother and friends other than her husband for maintenance.

Then follows the serious charge of unfaithfulness which alleges that on the 20th sicknesse," and much famine, and good-

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