

THE SEARCHLIGHT

Not Guilty.

In last Tuesday night's news, Mayor Stuart "calls down" the Truro correspondent of the Halifax Herald and charges that person with trying to injure the town abroad. There are some who are under the impression that it is the editor of this paper the mayor is "shooting" at. If it is us the mayor is firing at, we can assure him he is "barking up the wrong tree" as we have not written a line for publication in the Halifax Herald for over three years, and above all we are not an enemy of Truro.

We have an idea, and there are very many who share the idea with us, that the correspondent referred to by the mayor is one of his own set, one of his much favoured newspaper men and that his remarks hit the person for whom they were intended just before they reached the public by way of the News columns.

They Caught Fish.

Mr C. J. Wallace, clerk at the Learment Hotel and Mr G. T. Hamilton, barber, opened the fishing season so far as Truro is concerned, with a bang Tuesday last. They went to Irvin's Lake in the morning and returned in the evening with 44 beauties weighing from a $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ pounds. This is the first "catch" of the season we have heard of and if the record is kept up, Truro in this as in other things, will as usual be a long ways ahead. We would now like to hear from Mr. Ralph McCabe, Greenfield.

Pithy Notes.

The railroad men of Kentville have formed a tug of war team and are practising every day for Queen's birthday sports.

It is reported that Dreyfus, who is imprisoned on Devil's Island, is to be pardoned and paid and he and his family must leave France forever.

Miss Annie McLean formerly of Falmouth, N S. and a graduate of Acadia '93 gave a lecture in the University of Chicago on "Two weeks in a department store during the Christmas rush"

A thousand workmen of Toronto, including bricklayers, moulders, stone-cutters, cigar makers went on a strike

in that city last Monday. A large number of carpenters and plumbers of Winnipeg also went out.

Last Thursday afternoon while John H Renner was turning into Luke St from Water St Halifax, with a team load of twenty barrels of cement, the wheel caught under the team throwing him to the ground. One of the wheels struck him near the heart which caused death instantly.

The Dominion Atlantic Railway company has decided to offer a free trip through the provinces, taking in Yarmouth, Annapolis, Halifax and St John to the persons sending in the largest number of names of persons (or their parents) now living in New England and who have gone from the maritime provinces during the last ten years.

Gossip and Slander.

We are informed the Rev A L Geggie, preached a powerful sermon Sunday night last in St Paul's Church on "Perjury and Slander". The subject is a timely one. Slander is one of the things we have frequently wrote about—"gossip and slander" Truro has a good deal of it. We have had some experience with that class. People who go about retailing second hand street gossip and slander, and sad to relate the names of a large percentage of them are found on the church membership books. But then what is the use of us preaching or writing about these things until we first practice what we preach, for in that respect to some extent we are no doubt a sinner. It is pretty hard to be social these days and not be tainted, with gossip at least. Let us all try to do less, very much less, of it in future.

Relics of the Past.

The people who think they know it all and want every person to do as they think, belong to a long past age, when the very few thought for the great many. They don't belong to this age of freedom of thought and independence of action. They are few in number, and are dying hard. They refuse to hear the views of others, with them it is a case of "our way or none at all". They are akin to that class that in past ages caused no end of trouble and blood shed. They belong to all sorts of breeds, political parties, etc. They are as much out of place in this age of freedom of thought and independence of action as a bull spin a chinao.

A boy holiday-making at Broadstairs suddenly took off his clothes, and leapt into the sea to save what he thought was a drowning man. When he reached the object which had drawn his attention, he was amazed to find that it was a copy of Answers, the wind turning over the pages as it floated along.

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