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## Inducements to Subscribers.

## BEAUTIFUL ART PRIZES.

We intend offering a number of first-class Prizes, to be drawn for by subscribers according to the English Art Union rules.

- 1st Prize—An Oil Painting called "Moonrise on the Coast"—value \$30.
- 2nd do.—"The Passing off Shower"—value \$20.
- 3rd do.—"The Evening Song"—value \$10.
- 4th do.—A Water Color—value \$5.
- 5th do.—A handsomely bound edition of "Liedle Yawcob Strauss, and other Poems," by Chas. F. Adams.
- 6th do.—"Evenings in the Library," by Geo. Stewart, Jr.
- 7th do.—Mrs. May Agnes Fleming's last book, "Silent and True."

The oil paintings are being painted by our talented townsman, John C. Miles, Esq., whose well earned reputation as an artist is sufficient guarantee that the pictures will be valuable works of art.

When finished they will be placed in the window of Mr. A. C. Smith's drug store, on exhibition.

The drawing will take place on the 1st of June.

Remember that for One Dollar you will receive a copy of the Torch for one year, and have a chance for one of the prizes.

Canvassers wanted, to whom good commissions will be given, to obtain subscriptions in this city and the Provinces. Parties wishing to canvass will please apply personally to the editor, at the office of E. T. C. Knowles, Barrister, &c., in Y. M. C. A. Building, or by letter

addressed to "Editor of Torch," St. John, N. B. Specimen copies sent free to any address. Agents wanted in every town.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENT TO CANVASSERS.—A cash prize of \$10 (beside the commission) will be given to the person obtaining the largest list of subscribers between now and the first of June.

## OUR ART UNION.

The Torch is not satisfied that the products of Art should be the exclusive enjoyment of the rich to the extent that they are.

In former times, foolishly, we fear, called "Dark ages," the poor were better cared for. Then the Vatican, the Cathedral of St. Mark, and Giotto's tower,

"The Lily of Florence blossoming in Stone" were built and filled with Art treasures, where everybody might enjoy them.

Now, and especially in this new country, the pleasures of picture and statue are for those only, who can afford to pay for them. Only nature's pictures of seascape and landscape are for everybody.

The Art Unions of England and America have improved matters somewhat, and brought the works of some of the most eminent artists of the day, to the homes of people of limited means.

We call attention to Advertisement of our Art Union, by means of which, on the first of June next, each of our Subscribers will have a chance to secure an oil painting by artist Myles.

Mr. Myles intends putting good work into these pictures, which will be valuable possessions to those who are fortunate enough to get them.

## OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED NEW BRUNSWICKERS.

We commence in this number a portrait gallery of native celebrities, many of whom could not afford to have their pictures in the *Canadian Illustrated News*. Feeling that these worthy people should not go down to their graves "unhonored and unsung," we have resolved, unanimously, to devote a space of our paper each week to some of New Brunswick's distinguished characters. Any party sending us Fifty Dollars and a Photo, can have a beautiful likeness and a first class lay-a-graphical sketch inserted FREE.

PRERE. NOTES.—The Torch is the name of a wide-awake little sheet, that reaches us from St. John, N. B. It is ably edited by Joseph Knowles, and the sprightly little sheet sheds its witty rays in a brilliant manner. Long may it scintillate.—[Whitehall Times.

We have much pleasure in welcoming the *Whitehall Times* to our sanctum, and take this opportunity of thanking Brother Wilkins for his kind notice. The *Times* comes right up to our mean ideal of a red live, spicy, go-ahead paper—perhaps a trifle too "sanctum-unions"—and we in-vite-all who have not done so, to subscribe for it at once, and see if we're a lyre. May its new dress always look gay, and be "cut" bi-us.

Which is the sickest day in a boy's life? His first Chew's day.

Where are you most liable to find type-us fever? In-fants.

What kind of a girl is best to marry? A fru-gal is the best.

The goose is probably the tailor's emblem on account of it's dress-ing.

What is the difference between a parasol and a brace of pistols? One is a parachute and the other's a pair o'-shooters.

We are pleased to hear that Pullman car Conductor Doherty, of the E. & N. A. Railway, has taken charge of a new "sleeper."

Why is a paragrapher taking items from the *New York Sun* like a photographer taking a picture of the sun during an eclipse? Because he takes, an' he clips off the "Sun."

A RYE-FILL JOKE—Did you ever notice when two military men go into a bar room for a drink, and one of them calls for rye whiskey, the other always takes aim? (takes same). See-Mac?

That humming little stinger, the Montreal *Wasp*, has been buzzing about our Sanctum again. Any body can get it "on the fly" for \$1.00 a year.

E. M. Rewey, the paragraphist of the Worcester *Press*, has become one of the owners of that spicy sheet.

We hope it won't prove a Rewey-nous business.

The N. Y. *Post* speaks of "a convention of crows." Wasn't it a cow-cus?—Er. No; it was a crow-cus.—*Norristown Herald*.

If it was a croak-us, they must have been frogs.

## LOCAL LOLLIPOPS.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday next to consider Committee's report on Legislative Bills.

JOHN CUMMING carried off the first prize at Moncton Skating Tournament. We thought the first prize would be coming to St. John.

MR. W. NANNERY has arranged with W. T. Carleton, to give us two weeks of Grand Opera, commencing April 22nd with "Il Trovatore."

GEORGE STEWART, Jr., left on Wednesday morning on a short visit to the United States.

HELEN MARK's theatrical party, from Boston, will arrive here on Tuesday next.

MESSES. JOHN MELICK and John C. Miles left by boat for Boston on Thursday morning.

SAILING UNDER FAISE COLORES.—A friend, of one of the prisoners in the Jail, "ran the blockade" and smuggled in two quart bottles of "stager juice" by having a blue ribbon pinned on the lapel of his coat. It won't do for him to "play" that again on the Deputy Sheriff.

THE SKATING TOURNAMENT in the Rink was well patronized. The ice was in good condition. The Club and the Andrews-Torrance Medals were won by John Cumming. The Club Medal, having been won by Mr. C. two years in succession, is now his property. Mr. Hart secured the Hutton Medal. Messrs. Thos. Adams, E. W. Gale and Henry Hillyard acted as judges. Mrs. C. E. Scammell presented the prizes.