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PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW. THE COMMON COUNCIL AND ITS POWER TO SPEND MONEY.

A Better Plan Needed to Warn the Citizens in Advance of New Office and Proposed Expenditure of Moneys—The Permanent Auditor Question Settled.

The council, with the exception of Messrs. Jack, Connor, Vincent, Chesley, Christie, I. E. Smith, Shaw, Morrison and

Christie, I. E. Smith, Shaw, Morrison and Nase, is of opinion that it does not want a permanent auditor. The citizens would have roted the same way, if they had had anything to say about it.

What is a permanent auditor, anyway? According to the explanation of the advocates of the idea, it is a man who spends his time in auditing the same way.

spends his time in auditing the accounts of the city, not at one fell swoop, as has been he custom, but little by little, every nonth, every week, or every day of the ear, if he sees fit. In this way the accounts are in a persecular term of the counts are in a persecular term. counts are in a perpetual state of audit, and the various books, as fast as audited from time to time, are handed back to their regular custodians. If these custodians regular customans. It these customans were all right, the system might work. If they were not, it might not work quite so well. They could go back on the auditor by simply changing the figures which he had gone over, so that unless the whole accounts were reaudited at the end of the year, the changes would not be noticed.

year, the changes would not be nonced.

The appointment of a permanent auditor meant simply the creation of a new office, at the cost of about \$1,500 a year. The salary of the auditor himself would be not less than \$1,000, while at certain times he ald require assistants, at a cost of about

PROGRESS would be very glad to see the gentleman whose name was suggested as auditor placed in a first-class position which his abilities merit. On general grounds, however, it is of opinion that the council followed the course which is best in the interests of the public. The auditing of the accounts now costs about \$600 a year. If it is "a farce," as one alderman alleged, it is because the best available men are not appointed. The system is all right if it is carried out the way the law in-tends that it should be. That it is not so carried out would be no reason for adding \$1,000 a year to the public burden.

There was nothing to prevent the council creating the new office, had it been so disposed, at its last meeting. There is nothing to prevent the board—nay, a is bounding to prevent the board—nay, a bare majority of a quorum of the board—from creating one or a dozen new offices and voting the expenditure of any amount it pleases at any of its sessions.

But there ought to be something to per-

It is all very well for the people to have confidence in the wisdom and economy of the council. The public may safely trust a portion of the board, but that portion might be in a minority at some particular session in which some particularly bold piece of work was perpetrated. Everybody knows what some of the others would do if they had a chance.

Everybody thinks that the council did well in giving Mr. Leary a lift with his dock scheme. But supposing it had not been right, and through the mesmeric influence of the capitalist the money had been voted away with the same celerity, what would the people have had to say about it? In that instance, everything went with a rush. With a man of Mr.

Leary's soductive. Leary's seductive tongue, the same thing, probably, would have happened in any Some of the council undoubtedly what they were about, but the

What is urgently needed, and this is the first important step in the way of reform, is a regulation which will give the people a chance to say how their money shall be sent. No new officer when the production of this scenic drama, and propose a genuine surprise for the people on the 10th and 11th of this month. spent. No new offices should be created, or new financial obligations over a certain amount incurred without at least two weeks' notice of the intention of the council. This would give the citizens a fair warning, and a chance for them to express through their

a chance for them to express through their aldermen, their opinions on the way it is proposed to spend their money.

This is the parliamentary way of doing things. It is the right way. The people should be even more in touch with the council than with parliament. Their pockets are more directly and heavily affected by its actions.

Let the people have a right to say how their money shall be spent.

Mr. Joseph S. Knowles has purchased the news room from Mr. C. H. Fisher, and intends to boom it for all it is worth New publications will be added, and Joe's latest jokes will be thrown in without charge. The Gripsack will go on just the

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GOSSIP AMONG THE BOYS

Of the Prospects of Base Ball for Next

Notwithstanding the season and the ear freezing weather, the boys are talking base ball and its chances in a quiet way. The managing committee is of good men and they are not losing sight of the fact that

spring opens in three months.

Frank White will, without doubt, ca the A. A. Club nine this year, while Tom Bell, the veteran, will take an afternoon Deit, the veteran, will take an alternoon when he can from business and watch the boys win a game. The ex-captain has spent many years on the diamond and thinks it about time business should have his entire attention.

got last year, and perhaps add a dollar or so, but it is not inclined to big salaries not so much in fact as last year.

Robinson would not object, perhaps, to holding down the first bag, in Bell's place, while Whitenect would like nothing better than to catch "Manny" again occasionally Both of them are open, Progress understands, but are in doubt whether they will stay at home or try their fortune outside.

Rogers is at home, doing nothing, but put in a pleasant time. There is a feeling in favor of "Billy" Donovan instead of "Dan" next season, but both have many friends, and the better man will stand the best change.

best chance.
Frank Small says that if Virginia proves too hot for a summer residence that he may play ball again and St. John stands first in

his favor.

Holly is not likely to be counted on as one of the nine. He is a hard man to get down to regular practice, and he is not always as certain that he can play as the

arways as certain that he can play as the captain would like to see him.
"Jimmy" Kennedy is counted on to cover first bag, and Kearns' record last season give him a sure place somewhere.

He Earned the Dollar Easy.

Charlie Stewart, a slender darkey dandy, who wields the seissors and razor in Macintyre's shop, earned a dollar easy the other evening. A tin pail of water attracted the attention of a customer, who bet Charlie a dollar that he couldn't carry it across the room on his head. Stewart showed his ivories, and lifting the pail to the top of his wooly pate, moved gracefully across the floor and didn't spill a drop. The customer handed over the dollar, and then learned that the water carrier came from the West Indies, where the natives balance a water vessel on their head with the greatest ease. Charlie had not forgotten the tricks of his boyhood.

Musical Receptions Instead of a Ball. An apparently reliable report reached Progress this week that in future there PROGRESS this week that in luture there would be no dancing at Government house, as Lady Tilley disapproved of it. When approached on the subject by a Progress representative, Lady Tilley said:

representative, Latry Littly Sara.

I cannot imagine how such a report could have originated. I have given four large balls since we came to Government house, and this winter I intensifying a series of musical receptions instead of the annual ball, as it gives an opportunity for those to come to Government house who have not hithert

There has been a good deal of specula tion as to what the words Out at Sea, remajority seem to have voted first and considered the matter afterwards. They took big chances. The next man that comes along may be just as smart as Mr. Leary, and a good deal less honget. peated so often in bold type in Progress.

It is understood that the opposition in York spent about \$7000 in trying to defeat the government ticket. Of this sum \$2,500 is believed to have come from Mr. Gregory, and people are anxious to know who chipped in the remainder. What it cost the government candidates to win their victory is not stated, probably because Mr. Blair knows how to be eloquently silent on the subject.
There is no doubt the bill is a big one.

Carnival and Races.

The Palace rink carnival, Wednesday night, was a success, there being 750 peo-ple present, which included a large number of costumed skaters. The ice and music were excellent, and everybody had a good

King street, was returned by a small boy last Saturday, who said he had found it on Paddock street.

PUGSLEY WILL RESIGN.

BUT ONLY TO TAKE A POSITION AS PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. Tweedle is to be the New Solicitor General, and McLellan Goes to the Upper House—The Slate of the Government Made Up at Last. Have we a Provincial Secretary, or have

Long before this issue of Progress

reaches its expectant readers in Alaska and Terra del Fuego, the question is likely to be answered, and the answer will be, "We have." And his name will be William Pugsley.

As the lamented T. S. Arthur used to observe when he told a specially improbable temperance story, "this is no fancy sketch." It has a better foundation than most of the rumors which have been cir-culating since the election, though it has of itself been one of those rumors.

A little bird which has a great reputation

for veracity, flew down from Fredericton yesterday with the news that the thing had been decided on at last, and that Mr. Pugsbeen decided on at last, and that Mr. Pugs-ley's ornate script would benceforth decorate the official documents issued at Fredericton. Mr. Pugsley is a good writer. He has written some able documents in his time, but henceforth he will only have to sign

When Mr. Pugsley takes his new position there will be a new solicitor-general to take his place. This will undoubtedly be Mr. Tweedie. It is not hard to guess this. The only two available lawyers are Tweedie, of Northumberland, and Wilson, Tweedie, of Northumberiand, and Wilson, of York. The latter, it is understood, will not take the position. It is believed that he would refuse to go back to his constitu-

county after all.

The ground on which the members from
Northumberland were elected to oppose the government was the high rate of stump age. It is now stated that while Premier Blair declines to back down from the position he has assumed on this question by reducing the stumpage to 80 cents per thousand, he is willing to have the lumber thousand, he is willing to have the lumoer surveyed by a scale, (probably the Quebec scale) which will be more favorable to the lumbermen of the north than that now in vogue. With this concession it is stated that the Northumberland tour will support that the Northumberiand four will support the government, and that a portfolio will be given to that county. Such office there-fore will go to Mr. Tweedte. Mr. Burchill is recognized to possess, perhaps, the stronger claim for a position, but is not the man to fill the particular office now avail-able. Mr. Tweedie therefore appears to stand the better chance, though he will not be quite as acceptable to some of the more than the country as acceptance to some of the government supporters in that country as Mr. Burchill. There is no possibility that Mr. Ryan will be obliged by the exigences of the case to vacate his office.

What is to become of Mr. McLellan? Oh, he's-all-right, his friends say, and he will not be the member from Madawaska. A softer seat awaits him in the upper house,

nterests. He will be "all right," wherever No change will be made in the office of chief of police until the end of the present

ncumbent's year. It may not be made then, or it may be. If there is a new chief, Mr. Quinton is likely to be out of the competition, although it is asserted that the promise given to Dr. Berrynan was an unconditional one. Mr. John L. Carleton is not to be

registrar of deeds, nor is any change to be made in the office of sheriff, unless the present incumbent gets tired of it and gives it up. In any case, his year does not end until May.

The referees in equity, who expected to time. There are races Tuesday evening—the first of the season. The flyers are all entered, and the fun should be worth a quarter.

The Result of Advertising.

"Jim," the "Maltese kitten with a short the legislature is to meet, or just how the heads will count in the first test vote.

FREDERICTON'S BAD BOY.

Teacher told us our subjik this week v

be 'Some Leadin' Canadian City." So, ow then, bein's we woz all to Saint Johns urin' Crismus week, 'coz ma and pa agreed durin' Crismus week, 'coz ma and pa agreed that they never in the hull of their existance seen sich fellers to stick on prices as the merchents of this town, and the more pious he wox the wusser he stuck 'em, I gess I'll sell you a few things about Saint Johns.

Pa thot wen he left Fredericton on the

trane we woz certain to have a fine day, but wen we got to Saint Johns the fog woz terribel. So I gess his predicshan wasn't a foghorn conclooshun after all. The fogorn didn't concleod fer all the time w woz there, I ain't seen nothin' to tech that horn ceptin' the leadin' base solo in our quire, and he is tremenjus.

Saint Johns is the liver-pill of America,

pa sez. Wot that means I don't know 'eept they're allers bilyus down there. It has a Chief of Perlice wot wares a gold suff-box, goldheaded cane and a red nose. He looked at me so terribel when he passed us that I hung onto ma's bussel and snashed it. But he aint fer long, pa sez, smashed it. But he aint fer long, pa sez, coz Doctor Berryman has got a proscripann in his pocket wot is goin' to dubble him, up quickern the grip one of these luvly days.

It has a Bord of Trade wich passes resource the second of the secon

lushuns askin' fer the erth and then forgets not they asked fer, and kicks themselves

toot they asked fer, and kicks themselves coz they didnt ask fer more.

It has a Common Council wich is very common indeed. They okepies the shinin' hours givin' contracks fer coal and things to themselves a slite testymoneal on behaf of a grateful and bleedin' country. The

etary, on the south by the foghorn, on the west by the Loonatic Asilum, and on the east by the old Penetenshary. The fer-tility of the soil is mirakulus. McAdam Junkshun is the only place I ever saw that kin equal it fer nacheral resorces. The corner of King and Charlotte street grows the biggest cabbage-heads on record, and York Point and Lower Cove is the greatest place fer beats in the world. It grows grapes too, but the fellers wot got left on

the 20th. Pa sex, found 'em sour.

The fellers on the newspapers in Saint Johns is queer. They loves each other so.
One of 'em calls hisself the champion allround journalist. Pa sez that's on account

gess there must have been, coz it's a cold day wen Pa gets left about anything wot's goin' on. Silas always woz one of the fellers wot woz elected. Ma sez the only objecthun Silas has to the Piscopals is coz

whom popular report booked for a seat in the Legislative council?

Progress honestly coafesses that it does

The hind for a seat in the Regislative council?

Progress honestly coafesses that it does the game from the Fredericton fellers last the light would same through the iron frame. The faith was misplaced. The experiment was not a success.

In the meantime, somebody started the grand stand in the last innin's was aggrawatin', pa sez, to every right-thinkin' man present. But pa sez Mr. McKune is a good feller, and jedgin' from his magestik profile in PROGRESS I think so.

The girls of Saint Johns has took to warin' canes. Pa sez it's coz the fellers the man. Mr. Clark seems to have dropped that the girls has to carry canes to hold 'em up. But ma sez they does it coz it's very respectabel to do so. So I guess it's a good deal easier to get respectabel in Saint Johns than it is in Fredericton. In this town nobody kin be trooly respectabel unless his blud his bloo and the constabels is roostin' on the premises. So ma sez.

JIMMY SMITH.

Fredericton, January 30.

Nothing but Cash Hereafter.

Messrs. Ungar have come to the wise conclusion that a cash business pays better than one of credit, and are obliged to bring theirs to that basis. It seems absurd to think that a man or a woman should ask a collector or deliverer to "call again" for a laundry bill of 25 cents, yet hundreds do OUT AT SEA-At the Mechanics' Insti-tute, Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 19th and 11th. Magnificent scenic effect.

THAT LIGHT BUSINESS. INDICATIONS THAT SOMETHING IS TO BE AUCOMPLISHED.

Why the Matter Has Hung Fire so Long— The Industry and Enterprise of the St. John Gas Company—Its Gentle Intima-tions to the Aldermen.

There is a prospect that the city will be lighted by electricity at no very distant day. There has been a good deal of doubt out it until recently, but the indications are that something is to be done at

So tar as the public could see, there did not appear to be any reason for doubt or delay. The proposition was a plain one. The want of decent light was admitted, and the most obvious way to get it was to advertise for it. So tenders were called for and received.

As there were only two concerns in the city equipped to furnish electric lights, only two tenders were at hand. One of these was from the Calkin company and the other from the Gas Light company. There was however. Gas Light company. There was, however, a good deal of difference in their figures.

The former thought that about \$7.500 a year would pay it, but the latter wanted \$9.800. This would have settled the matter in some cities, but it did not do so here, for very good and sufficient reasons. The chief of these was that the Gas com-

The chief of these was that the Gas company is one of our old, wealthy and influential institutions. It has lighted the streets more or less inefficiently for the streets more or less inefficiently for the last forty years, and it would be glad to continue doing so forever. It pays fat dividends, controls a good deal of patronhe would refuse to go back to a provincial secretary, and that he is not to have just now. There is believed to be an understanding that he is to be Mr. Blair's successor, if the government recovers its strength, and the leader can safely leave it strength, and the leader can safely leave it is go into dominion politics.

Saint Johns is a nacheral center of the province. It was made so by Providence

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any was, wealthy and influential gentlemen was wealthy and influential gentlemen was deathy and influential gentlemen was wealthy and influential gentlemen was strongly as the province of the province. It was made so by Providence

Decega order know. It is age, and exercises a large, not to say was a martyr to his conscience. For the company has influence even at Ottawa, and can sometimes unmake an official even more easily than he was made in the first

It was the thought of what the Gas company might do that caused the council to hesitate ere it rashly awarded a contract to a bidder \$2,300 lower than the great monopoly's bid had been. The matter was "referred," and some people had an idea that it was buried. In the meantime, the Gas company was not idle.

Some of its directors went to members of

Johns is queer. They loves each other so. One of 'em calls hisself the champion all-round journalist. Pa sez that's on account of his size. He sez if one of them newspaper fellers should happen to git to Heaven the rest of them would all stay out fer spite.

Some of its directors went to members of the council with whom they had business transactions, and intimated that it would be better for them not to be too active in the matter. It was not a threat, by any means, but as a friendly and gentle intimation it was expected to have a timely and whole-round for the council with whom they had business transactions, and intimated that it would be better for them not to be too active in the matter. It was not a threat, by any means, but as a friendly and gentle intimation it was expected to have a timely and whole-round for the council with whom they had business transactions, and intimated that it would be better for them not to be too active in the matter. It was not a threat, by any means, but as a friendly and gentle intimation it was expected to have a timely and whole-round for the council with whom they had business transactions, and intimated that it would be better for them not to be too active in the matter. It was not a threat part of the council with whom they had business transactions, and intimated that it would be better for them not to be too active in the matter. It was not a threat part of the council with whom they had business transactions, and intimated that it would be better for them not to be too active in the matter. matter. It was not a threat, by any means, looking into the matter to see if the people There woz a big elecshun in Saint Johns lately, Pa sez. I didn't see anything about it in the Globe lately which Pa takes, but I

was expected to have a timely and whole-some effect. Nothing more was heard about electric lights for some time. The matter was in the hands of the committee.

Less Than Five Thou

In the meantime the gas burned merrily they has so many prares fer the guvernment and the stockholders of the company and none fer the opposishun.

Another feller that woz elected was Mr.

pointed out its intense illuminating power with pride and satisfaction. Indeed, such Another feller that woz elected was Mr. softer seat awaits him ais the upper house, where he will hold the position of president of the executive council. This will be an honorable and easy situation after his ardness exertions in the late unpleasantness.

Another feller that woz elected was Mr. McKune. He used to b'long to the taber-onfidence appeared to be placed it by some of the city officials that a lamp which had been twisted around to light the steps of the Old Burial Ground was twisted back and economikle way of gettin' respectabel, of the Old Burial Ground was twisted back.

Another feller that woz elected was Mr. with pride and satisfaction. Indeed, such confidence appeared to be placed it by and advertise for tenders, there is a prospect of something being accomplished. What is to become of Mr. John Kelly, when the many sex, fer ennyone wot don't want to go over to the Piscopals than to jine the Centhal for a west in the many sex, for ennyone work that the light would shine through the iron

not know. The bird flew away before it got to that part of the story. It may be safely assumed that Mr. Kelly is quite capable of looking after himself and his grand stand in the last innin's experiment was not a success. In the meantime, somebody started the idea that to avoid offending the Gas company by giving the contract to its rival, a happy solution of the difficulty would be happy sylving the contract to its rival, a happy solution of the difficulty would be found by the city going into the electric lighting business on its own account. It was not denied that the Calkin tender was below the figure paid in most of the American and Canadian cities, but the city was ambitious, to show that it could buy plant, erect buildings, employ experts and run the machine cheaper than people who were already fitted up for the work.

Besides, there would be a dispensing of patronage about the affair, which would and various aldermen could prove them-selves grateful to their constituents at the expense of the city.

Some of the North End members smiled gleefully as they recalled the history of the electric light in Portland. It will be remembered that they had lots of fun over it for a while. So did PROGRESS.

At last, however, the matter was handed to the active and practical end of the Pubto the active and practical end of the Pub-lic Works Department, and it began to get "figgers." As the gentlemen now at work on the task are believed to be fairly independent of the Gas company, it is

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understood that something is likely to be

Whether that something is likely to be the manufacture of light by the city itself, or the awarding of the contract to the owest tender, remains to be seen.

But some things are tolerably certain. The city will not continue to depend on gas for a limited number of nights in each month; the streets will be lighted every night and all night; and the Gas company

The opera house company has had its second annual meeting, and its affairs appear in a more advanced and prosperous condition. A good start has been made upon the building, and there are some funds in the treasury ready to stimulate operations when spring opens. Since the raising of the guarantee fund of \$3,000, much reasonable doubt does not remain of the completion of the opera house. There have been many objectors to the site and to the methods of the company; there has building can be begun Mr. Dockrill intends putting up the front through which the entrance will be. The opera house has been supported and boomed by Progress since it appeared, and like a good many

Progress made a great hit last week, if the demand for it is any evidence. Early in the day every copy was "cleared out" from the office, and the newsboys were clamoring for more. Nor did the demand end with Saturday. People have been coming to the office every day this week for copies of last Saturday's issue, only to be disappointed in not getting them. The newsdealers were equally short, and several hundred more copies could have been sold had they been printed. Altogether, it was a great day for sales.

The reason of it was that Progress treated the political situation fairly, fully and without prejudice. It was the organ of neither party, and it told the truth abo

The public appreciate a live paper, when it is both clean and honest in its to

Mr. Sawyer, of Boston, wants some-body to pay him \$857 for telling what he didn't know about handwriting in the Mc-Donald case. It is not likely that the municipality of St. John will pay him that amount, if it pays anything. Despite the fact that the solicitor general has directed the council to pay it, the councilors are have any rights in the matter. Mr. Sawyer is undoubtedly an expert in writing.

Less Than Five Thousand.

Ald. Knodell's idea that the city should ssue debentures to the extent of \$5,000, to put a fence around the Old Burial Ground, did not commend itself favorably to the council. There is a general ir pression that the work can be done decently and well for a good deal less than that sum.

One of the election anecdotes, which did not appear last week, is that of a voter in a End ward who was su sonation and challenged. He took the oath manfully but excitedly, and at its conclusion amazed all hands by adding: "And Dan gave me \$5 to vote, so help me God. He did not vote that time

Good Medicine for La Grippe.

An extract from a private letter of a Nova Scotia newspaper man dated Saturday, reads: I am still confined to the house with La Grippe

and I found Progress a good medicine this morni I enjoyed reading your election "Guff" and alm imagined I saw Kelly lift McKeown on the tal

It Aims at It.

Rev. Arthur J. Lockhart, of Cherryfield, Me., who has won a reputation as a critic, as well as a poet, is of opinion that "Pro-GRESS prospers finely. It has snap and jingle, and general adherence to truth."
Its aim is in that direction.

His Way of Putting It.

A Fredericton gentleman, who is well known in St. John, has sent the following telegram to his wife's mother, in this city: The government are as sure of having a majority as you are of being my favorite mother-in-law.

Open All Night.

No man knows when la grippe arrives. but if it happens along after midnight and you want medicine, remember that the Golden Ball drug store is open all night.