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WILL NOT RUN AGAIN. MAYOR ROBERTSON HAS HAD HIS SHARE OF HONORS.

Womship has intimated as much to his friend; for some time past, but there has been tome uncertainty as to just how his words were to be construed. There were some who interpreted his words to mean that he placed himself in the hands of his fellow citizens to do with him as they pleased. He would not come forward and say he was a candidate, as that might look as though he wanted to grab the office. a situation in which previous incumbants of the office have brought their aspirations to grief. At the same time, thought some, he would not do without him, and would give a gracious consideration to a requisition bearing evidence that the people cried for him and would be satisfied with no other brand. Should deration to a requisition bearing evidence that the people cried for him and would be satisfied with no other brand. Should there be no such evidence of a demand for

and no attempt is likely to be make to induce him to charge his determination. He will go out of office with a very good record, in which his occasional official breaks will not be remembered against him. Under the administration of himself and the existing council the city affairs space. existing council the city affairs appear to have been well managed, and in some re-spects there has been a notable advance. He has undoubtedly tried to do his duty, and it may be added that in his public life he has, like some kinds of wine, been materially toned down and improved with

One good reason assigned for the Mayor's wish to retire from active civic politics is that he has other and more exnded ambitions. There has been a balief that he would accept the position of collector of customs, it it were tendered to him in some more definite manner than the office of appraiser has been daugled before Messra Ham.lton and Kelly, though if both he and John Chesley were appointed, after the same fashion, Mr. Robertson might think the consequent accabble just a little too rich for his blood. There is no certainty, however, that he will get the collectorship, for there is a belief that, come what may, something must be done for Chesley. Mr. Chesley himself has been strongly of this opinion for a long time past, and it the hope does not end in fruition, it will not be through any indifference or negligence on his part. The removal of Mr. Chesley from politics would give Mr. Robertson an opportunity for which ha is said to be very wide awake.

candidates for St. John. When he was last put forward by the machine he was not in training for such a contest, and Mr. Chesley, coming forward as an independent, easily defeated him, very much to the surprise of the machine and its friends. Mr. Rybertson proved himself such a good talker in that campaign that he talked himself out. Since then, with added experience and profiting by past mistakes, many of which Progress has kindly pointed out from time to time, but the such as a contest, and Mr. Chesley, coming forward as an independent, easily defeated him, very much to the surprise of the machine and its proposition to run him out of the two policemen, however, there was proof of the violation of the Liquor License to this provise to such an extent as to practically destroy the whole intent of the confidence in that campaign that he talked himself out. Since then, with added experience and profiting by past mistakes, many of which Progress has kindly pointed out from time to time, the training for such a contest, and Mr. Chesley, coming forward as an independent, easily defeated him, very much to the surprise of the machine and its proposition to run him out of the two policemen, however, there was proof of the violation of the Liquor License as the district and he claims that once an attempt was made to get him drunk so that a served at this provise to such an extent as to practically destroy the whole intent of the confidence in the two policemen, however, there was proof of the violation of the Liquor License Act, and Mr. Hickey was notified to appear before the court on Monday.

Mr. Hickey is a man who believes that he has a right to take a drink, or to ask his friends to join him if he sees fit to do so. He has been in the habit of doing washing and housework for the remaining to the two policemen, however, there was a head ache and suffer to such an extent as to proof of the violation of the Liquor License have the two policemen, however, there was a head ache and suffer to such an extent as to proof of the violation of the Liquor License have the two policemen, however, there he has put some hoops around himself and grown stronger and wiser. Should he run an election again, it is sate to say that "I George Robertson" would not be so much in evidence, and that he would take a better method of posing as a went to the lumber woods with a little axe

candidate, it is believed he will run without the machine, as an independent conservative. He saw the success which attended such an experiment of Mr. Chesley, and he doubtless feels that having been two years before the people he has a personal strength that would appear him. personal strength that would ensure him a ed for the work. This year the comm victory. His friends say that he will be a candidate in the general election, even if

the field. Taking them at random they may be disposed of as follows :

that it is not necessary to speak of his good qualities. He would give the office of chief magistrate an air of emiment respectability, and would have abundant license to devote to civic affairs. Ald. Bhzard is not likely to and would have abundant license to devote to civic affairs. Ald. Bhzard is not likely to come forward unless he thinks he is wanted, but would no doubt give a requisition his favorable consideration.

Ald. Christic has been thought to be in

training for the Mayor's office, but what- TALKING ABOUT TIMES. ever his aspirations may be he does not want it this year. He declined a nomina-tion for the local legislature, and seems to That Is, So Far as Civic Politics Have the Fower to Charm—We Has an Eye on the House of Commons—Aid. McLauchian to the Front as a Candidate.

Mayor Robertson will not offer for a third term. That is one of the facts of which there now seems no question. His Womship has intimated as much to his friend; for some time past, but there has been come uncertainty as to just how his very efficient worker during to last twelve.

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The name which has been most to the with nonors.

Such supposition did His Worship an injustice. He has not wanted a requisition, and no attempt is likely to be make to induce him to change hi has a large circle of personal friends, and n an event of a contest would undoubtedly poll a splendid vote. It would take a strong man to beat him on his personal popularity and civic record, and as there eems to be n > public 183ue on which an seems to be no public issue on which an opposition can be founded, Ald. Mc-Lauchlan's chances for being the next mayor may said to be particularly bright.

The T. R. A. has not been heard from

this year, Some people assert that it is still alive, but if it is it has not yet shown any signs of kicking.

JUDGE TUCK'S CONDITION. Able to sit on the Bench Without Meat of Drink for Nine Hours.

An incident last Saturday in the Supreme Court at Fredericton shows that there is Court at Fredericion shows that there is friction sometimes outside of the Cabinet at Ottawa. For the convenience of the lawyers residing in St. John and to permit them to get home for Sunday the Court has been it leased to sit on that day until two or three o'clock without adjournment; and so on that day when a certain case was finished at about one o'clock, Judge the Consolidated cases and said that the three judges including Justices Landry and could get through, until half past three.

that I could sit here from nine o'clock friend of labor than by telling how he once in the morning until six in the afternoon without anything to eat, or, for the matter of that, anything to drink."

The court adjourned until two o'clock. however, when Judge Vanwart was pres-

The county of St. John gets printing The question of a successor to Mayor Robertson has become an important one. The names of several aldermen have been mentioned, but only one it broadens an important one. quested a certified check for \$100 as a years work, and the request was considered as somewhat extraordinary: Still three concerns Messrs Barnes & Co. G. A. Knodell and Pro-GRESS print put in their tenders and checks. Mr. Knodells estimate was the lowest and the contract was awarded to him. The principle of requiring a check with tenders is no doubt an excellent one

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF WHAT IS A LIVE QUESTION.

Captain Smith's Letter Last; Week Brings that a Letter from a St John Man—The Canadian Pacific Has Its Own System of Arranging the Standard. List week Progress published a valu-

able contribution to the literature of standard time, in the form of a letter from Halifax dealing very clearly with the sub-ject. As was stated at the time, the writer inadvertently omitted to send his name, but it is now learned that the writer was that excellent authority on many subjects where latitude and longtitude are involved-Captain W. H. Smith, R N. R., chairman

Captain W. H. Smith, R. N. R., chairman of the board of examiners of Masters and Mates. In a letter since received from him, he explains his omission as follows: "I was enclosing similar communications to some local papers of St. John, the same day, and having my time occupied with other important matters, I presume the letter was inadvertently put in the envelope addressed to you.

addressed to you.
"I desire to say that I take a great interest in the matter of Stardard Time, and I would like to see that a useful and cor-rect arrangement should be adopted by all cities and towns, and will end this letter with a bit of advice to all, and that is stick to the time of your zone."

Captain Smith's letter, however, ever

without the authority of his name, appears to have attracted much attention and to have been read with an interest that has set some people thinking on the question. Here is another letter, from a St. John very far from being right in their adoption of times and that at least do not attempt to "stick to their zones." This corres pondent says.
"It was a great pleasure to read the ex-

position of the principles of Standard time in your last issue. A great deal of light has been thrown on the subject by your timely publication and the citizens of St. John will no doubt profit thereby.

"One point was not elaborated by your

correspondent—the world wide importance of the subject. Standard time is the outcome of an international conference called together by the United States in 1882. To this conference twenty five nations sent duly accredited representatives. The countries represented were Austria-Hungary, Brazil, Chili, Columbia, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Great Britain, Guatamala, Hawaii, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Mexico, Netherlands, Paraguay, Russia, Salvador, San Domingo, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States and Tuck, who is acting chief Justice, called on zone system or Standard time, so called, which your correspondent so ably explained. But while the conference established Vanwart would hear the argument until twenty four zones and defied their bountwo or three or, if the counsel thought they daries it allowed a certain amount of lititude for practical application. The could get through, until half past three.

Mr. Pugsley, one of the council, arose to begin his argument when Mr. Justice Vanwart interrupted him and said, "Gentle men, you will have to excuse me for the present. I find the condition of my health such that it injures me to go without my mid day meal; in fact I am likely to have head ache and suffer to such an extent as to practically extend seven and human zones theoretically extend seven and the human z

one claim that it is the proper thing for the localities along the lines of the C. P. R. to dopt the same time standards that it has This community should adopt the proper standard, i e, the standard to which we belong according to the international con-ference known here as Atlantic Standard, and then every effort should be made to induce the railways to adopt the proper

There can be no doubt that the term "Atlantic" standard, as Capt. Smith suggested last week, is a better term than "Intercolonial" standard which was the designation given in the schedule and maps published after the convention of 1883. Nor is their doubt that New Brunswick and Nova Scotia properly come under the Atlantic standard, and were so scheduled at those conventions. The Intercolonial railway runs for th. greater portion of its length within the designated limits of Atlantic time, the zone of sepration being about where the railway cones out on the shore of the lower St. Lawrence. The Intercolonial, however, adopted the Eastern standard at the outset, and the Canadian Pecific having also adopted it, the present

The question in St. John is a vex:d one.

Uniform time is demanded, and that means one time for both railway and citizens. Eastern standard for the one and Atlantic standard for the other, as in Halifax, will not bring uniformity, though the difference of an even hour is preterable to the present difference of odd minutes between Eastern standard and local mean time. Should the city alopt Eastern standard, as a matter of time is not the true time according to the arrangement of the standard meridian. On the other hand, should Atlantic standard be adopted, there is no assurance that there will ever be uniform time, for as far as heard from the railways have negatived the idea that they will ever consent to

change their standard.

The more the time problem is discussed the more need there seems to be that it should have the fullest consideration before any final step is taken to adopt our stand-

INVADED A PRIVATE HOUSE.

atest Idea of the Police in Regard to Searching For Liquor.

Robert Hickey, an employee in a bot-tling establishment lives with his wife and four children on 55 Britain street, in the third flat. Three of his children have beet sick with the measles and their mother was attending to them last Salvador, San Domingo, Spain, Sweden Switzerland, Turkey, United States and Venezuela. This conference after a full month's deliberation, promulgated the hour month's deliberation policemen, Sergeant Jenkins and Sergeant Kilpatrick. They demanded of her in their season and getting Mayflowers for geant Alphartes. They demanded to the line fee season and getting and sharp to them any liquor that that she hand over to them any liquor that was in the house, and she pointed to two drinking man, but he has been in bad rebottles of whiskey, which they took. Not satisfied with this, they searched around and found a soda water bottle with a very woman at least 20 years his senior and the small quantity of gin, which had been pro-cured for the sick children. There were no glasses or other paraphernalia of a bar The scandal caused by Wheeler choosroom found, no persons frequenting the ling this boarding house has in place, and not the slightest evidence that the past given rise to occasional

HOW HE APPEARS AND WHAT HE

The crime at Bear River is one to call for prompt justice when the guilt of the murfather's house, early in the morning. She had been dead several hours, and was proon inding her again coming to her senses be bably killed the previous evening. The condition of the room appears to show that support the reports that the upsetting of she had fought some person, who, knowing her to be alone, had undertaken to assault for life, but in previous a rough and tumble her, and that either angered by her resist ance or frightened by her threats of subsequent prosecution, he knocked her sense-less by a blow on the head with a billet of wood, and that afterward he cut her throat to make sure of having her life. Wheele was the man who called at the house in the morning and found the body. According to the story of young Benson, Wheeler had been there the evening before and had cau-tioned him to say nothing about it. Evidence has also been given of remarks made in the past by Wheeler of designs he had against the girl, and his explanation of his movements on the evening of the tragedy has been shown to consist of clumsy un truths. Apart from the evidence of son, Wheeler's own words seem to form a strong case against him and naturally give color to the almost universal belief in his guilt.

A representative of Progress visite

Digby and Bear River during the past week, and had a talk with the prisoner.
Wheeler is twenty-six years old, about five teet two inches in height, with broad shoulders, the lower part of his body being very slight. His face resembles that of an Indian, with high cheek bones, small s nall mouth and snapping dark brown eyes. His hair is black has knocked around the world a great deal as a sailor, and has a foreign accent in his speech. He says he has never been to school, but be is believed to understand two or three languages well enough to make bimself understood in them, French being of the number. He can read and has been studing the bible since his arrest. remarking that it is now his only friend. When talking, he looks anybody straight in the eyes and has no heatstion in ans.

Suffice it to say that while the keen in the eyes, and has no hesitation in ans

wering any question he is asked Wheeler came to Bear River about easy life, doing odd chores, picking berries

ened as he replied. "Perhaps I have been too urgent in asking the court to sit. In finct I have not given it a great deal of thought other than to suit the convenience of the coursel, but the fact is, gentlemen, I find myself in such physical condition that I could still here from nine Colord.

Pacific time zone extends considerably into the habit of keeping liquor in the habit of keeping liquor in the house, instead of spending his leisure hours in bar rooms, and the whiskey found by the policemen was solely to the pacific time zone and mountain time zone would fall in the vicin- that I could still here from nine Colord Domville again to their few with brief speeches while Mr. D. Dias was excused upon the promise of a song that I could still here from nine Colord Domville again to their few with brief speeches while Mr. D. Dias was excused upon the promise of a song that I could still here from nine Colord Domville again to their of the personal use. He does not keep a shop of any kind, and when the searchers climb

"In the face of these facts how can any WHEELER IN HIS CELL. he thought they were treating him very badly, for "As God is my judge I never hile! Annie," he said with great earnestness.

The people of Bear River are very much amazed over the different reports that have been published in connection with this murder, and they all say that none of the reports have been the same. The general opinion is that whoever the murderer is be evidently had a pretty rough wrestle with the girl in trying to commit an as-sult, and that failing in this he struck her with a club of wood to keep her quiet and on finding her again coming to her senses he cut her throat. They do not seem to for life, but in previous a rough and tumble wrestle. They also think the death wound was made quick and on the sly, and that the stains of blood on the different articles and on the door, were done in the excite ment of the murderer

THEY DROVE OUT AND DINED.

A Merry Party On a Pleasant Time-The Victoria Drive.

One up the events of the winter which many people look forward to is the "New Victoria Drive". For six years it has been an annual affair and the enjoyment afforded by it has even exceeded the pleasant anticipation of the event.

Wednesday a genial party of friends of

the house and the proprietor Mr. McCoskery found themselves in one of the big sleighs of Watson's livery and en route to the scene of their last merry making, the Clairmont, at Torryburn. The party was not as large as that of last year but there were plenty to make merry and enjoy them-

Supper was served with Mr. McCoskery in the chair while he was protected on his right by a strong arm of the militia, Colonel Domville of the 8th Hussars, and upon his left by that capable representative of Canada's navy, Captain Pratt.

brown eyes. His hair is black and very thick over the temples. He is said to have come from Australia, but all that was placed before him it was not because he lacked assistance from his wings Mr. Quinton and Mr. March.

With Captain Ferris presiding at another table and the redoubtable and argumentative "Mayor of Blue Rock." Mr. Timothy Donovan upon his lett there was added a certain completeness to the arrangements

appetites of the party were unsatisfied there was an air of business about the board that Clairmont and the varied menu

The usual formal and loval toast of the of cheers as is seldom heard about a festive board and the few but appropriate welcoming remarks of Mr. McCoskery in pro-

posing it were warmly received.

Then replying to the health of Canada's governor general, Colonel Domville made a merry and practical speech introducing the and giving utterance to many sentiments heartily applauded by all present. The Colonel is as pleasant and agreeable an after dinner speaker as he is forcible and aggressive upon the platform.

Mr. Timothy Donovan was asked to

speak for the governor and he did so in his own interesting and emphatic tashion. Mr. Donovan speech was original in thought as well as words and afforded much enjoyment to those present

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