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GROCCERS' PICNIC TROUBLES.

Accounts Not Yet Settled—Bands Complain That They Are Not Yet Paid.

The accounts of the grocers picnic appear to be in an unsettled condition. Complaints have been made from time to time concerning them but PROGRESS knowing that such gratuitous services are not always settled for at once, has been silent upon the question.

Now the City Cornet band and the Carleton band came to the front with the statement that they have not been paid yet for their services at the picnic.

It was understood and published at the time, that the picnic was very successful, had paid beyond the hopes of the grocers, and would be able to contribute a good sum to one or two worthy funds just then in the eyes of the people.

Any surplus that had been left over from former picnics had been generously given to the park and there is a fine drive now in that popular resort, known as the Grocers' Drive.

The attendance at the picnic last year was so large and the expenses of transportation so much less than the year before that those who were really interested in having a surplus were jubilant over the matter. They felt that three, four or five hundred dollars should, at least, remain after all the expenses had been paid. Now it seems instead of being a surplus that the Grocers' Association, so far as the picnic is concerned, is in it. The treasurer states that there are bills out and unpaid to the extent, at least, of one hundred dollars. He also quite frankly makes the statement that he has paid out all the money that he has received and is very desirous of having a meeting to settle the affairs of that most successful picnic.

The responsibility seems to rest upon two or three persons who were very prominent in promoting the picnic but after it did not show the same eagerness to come forward to account for the tickets and for the departments over which they had control. This is not intended to reflect upon them, but in the opinion of the staid merchants who lent their names to the enterprise, who wished it success and who did all they could to help it along, he account should have been settled long ago and the people given an idea of just what surplus stood to the credit of the excursion.

Mr. McPherson, who was chairman of the band committee, disclaims any responsibility for the nonpayment of their services. He says quite frankly that the receipts have not been handed in either from the refreshment booth or from the sports and in one or two cases at least, from those who sold tickets. This is a statement which PROGRESS regrets to make but it is vouched for by the gentleman who makes it.

Mr. J. S. Armstrong, the treasurer, states that he has paid out all the money he has received and also that requests have repeatedly been made for meetings of the grocers to be held in order to settle up the affairs of the picnic. The meeting has not been held. The receipts have not been handed in, and many of the committee feel that it is a reflection on the trade that there should be so much talk about an agreeable outing, that was successful, pleasant and remunerative.

POLICE PROTECTION NEEDED.

The Force on Water Street should be increased.

The annual report of the chief of police suggest that the force should be increased, and recent events have proved to a considerable extent that his demand was certainly justified.

On the Water street section of the city, which is perhaps at this day one of the worst, there are only two officers—one at times patrolling the streets and the other in the station. The business of the steamers on the west side brings many strangers to the city, some of them of so tough a character as to need observance at all times.

Cattle men in all cities of the world are not considered the most orderly people, and those who arrive in St. John are no exception to the rule. They are in nearly every case powerful men, selected for the

rough duties of looking after large cattle on the steamships, and it could be readily understood that without means, without reputation and with no concern for their present nor for the future, that they do not hesitate to tackle a policeman or anybody else. They fight on sight as it were. Thus it is that the duties of an officer on the Water street beat are very arduous indeed. He is paid a very moderate sum per day to guard the city. He is not paid to be bruised and beaten and maltreated, but yet only a few days ago officer Goshin got so rough a handling that he would no doubt have given a month's salary, at least, to have escaped it. What the city should do in the opinion of many people is either to provide special officers in the winter season to overcome the vacancies on account of sickness in the interests of such places as Carleton and Water street, or to appoint other extra men for the force. The people of St. John hope that the city is increasing in importance and in population. If it is doing so there should be no objection to increasing the force that protects it.

WHO WILL BE GOVERNOR.

An Important Position That Will Become Vacant This Year.

Who will be Governor McClellan's successor, or will Governor McClellan be his own successor are questions of some importance to the public these days. It was in 1896 that the present incumbent was appointed to office and as the term is for five years, the government is called upon this year to take action. The position is one of the best in the gift of the administration not only on account of the large salary it commands, but also on account of the lightness of the duties involved. A man who can write his name and be able attend certain functions now and then would seem to have the chief qualifications for the office. Nine thousand dollars are paid annually to the occupant of the distinguished position. This amount is supposed to be used chiefly in keeping up the dignity of the office. Big parties however the running of a government House, the keeping of fine turnouts and other things all now belong to a history of bygone days and if the last few years are to be taken as a precedent, even the sustaining of the dignity of the governorship does not incur very arduous duties either as regards time or pecuniary outlay. Whether the change has been for the better or not may be quite a debatable question, but there can be no doubt as to the advantage it gives to the Honorable Holder of the office. Forty-five thousand dollars to receive in five years is quite a sum of money and some men should be able to become quite wealthy on it. If Governor McClellan should be reappointed it will not be the first time that such a thing has happened. Sir Leonard Tilley was so honored and probably Governor Fraser would have received similar treatment had he lived. Should it be decided, however, to make a change there is no doubt that there are several who would not be disinclined to accept. Senator Ellis may feel that he would do very well. The Senator can write his own name, and a good editorial as well, make a very good speech when occasion requires and has the manner of making a genial host. Then there are others who think that Col. Tucker has his eye on the position. There would be worse men than the gallant officer who might be chosen. He is in a position to uphold all expenses, should the salary prove insufficient. Mr. Gillmor and a number of others may justly lay claim to the position, all of whom would make excellent governors. It is a big plumb for somebody and applications will probably be numerous.

The Gift to Mr. Ross.

Warden J. McGoldrick is an active man. He has just returned from a trip to Ottawa and Montreal, and has to represent the city in an important matter in a few days will go to the chief officer of the municipality. The aged Mr. Ross with the handsome chair that has been selected as a gift for him from the city and county of

St. John. Mr. Ross has reached the age of 111 and is probably, if not surely, the oldest man in Canada. The chair that will be presented to him is a very hand some one, and in the selection of it the cost was not spared. It is on view in Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison's furniture warehouses on Market Square, and has been admired by very many people. Mr. McGoldrick will no doubt be accompanied on his trip to St. Martins by some of the aldermen and a few citizens who are interested in the event.

A Soldier Remembered.

Friends of Private W. W. Donohue were glad indeed to know that his service in South Africa and the misfortune which he sustained while at duty there have been substantially recognized by the management of the patriotic fund in the shape of a check for \$1500, which he received this week through Col. George West Jones. Mr. Donohue is an unassuming young man and talks but little of his experiences through the many engagements that he was in. He seems to be more of a fighter than a talker and only a fighter in a military sense. The loss of his limb will prevent him from engaging in any more active duties of life and his friends hope that he will be able to obtain a position suitable to his present ability and worthy of the services that he has rendered his country.

Death of R. W. Connor.

The sudden and tragic death of Mr. R. W. Connor was a sad surprise to those who knew him and appreciated the kind character and qualities of the man. He was probably the quietest and most unobtrusive business man in the city and yet his word was considered as good as his bond. He was upright in every respect and apparently a fighter for those who knew him. Mr. Connor's illness was of a very short duration. Malancholy induced from a severe cold, akin to la grippe, could no doubt account for the despondent mood that led to the act of self destruction. Much sympathy will be felt for his aged mother and for the brothers and sister, who with him have always been a most happy family.

No Funds for the Work.

Some alarm might well be created by the statement that one of the members of the city board of works makes to the effect that their appropriation is exhausted, that many laborers have been laid off and that the cleaning of the gutters and the removal of the ice, which is usual at this season of the year is no longer possible, because there are no funds to pay the men. If this is true it is a serious state of affairs and the sooner the council treats the matter the better for the city and for the citizens.

Illness of Mrs. Dewdney.

The very serious illness of Mrs. Dewdney, wife of the rector of St. James church has caused much regret, not only among

PARKER WON THE RACE.

The North End Skater Defeated Duffy in the Two Mile Contest—Wins Two Out of Three.

The race between Parker and Duffy on Thursday night called out a larger attendance in the Victoria rink than has been seen there for some time. It is estimated, correctly or not, that 5,000 people were in the rink and if that is the number Manager Armstrong deserves the utmost credit for arranging an evening so attractive to the people of St. John.

Parker, of course, was the favorite in the north end, and Duffy had so many friends



FEN PARKER.

with so much money, that they seemed to be very much in the majority. When the time arrived for the race and the ice was cleared the tremendous crowd began to cheer the skaters and it seemed as if the roar of approval and disapproval would never cease. There was just a minute's silence before the start and then when Duffy with a tremendous burst of speed seemed to be gaining from the opposite side of the rink, his friends let their lungs loose and there was a perfect uproar.

Parker nothing daunted by this, kept at his steady gait and to the surprise and delight of those who favored him gained steadily upon his opponent. Soon he was even and yet he continued to gain. Foot by foot he got up, soon he lessened the distance between himself and Duffy and in a very short time there was only a quarter instead of a half a lap between them. That meant a gain of a quarter of a lap. Duffy lost heart and when he lost heart he lost speed. By a little spurt Parker was directly behind his opponent and he skated there very easily for the remainder of the race. Only once did Duffy make an attempt to spurt and that was a feeble effort. It was somewhat of a surprise apparently to Parker,

Not content with that they invaded his home, and at so early an hour as one o'clock in the morning, made the street resound with their shouts of appreciation of his grand victory.

WHO WILL GET THE POSITION?

Vacancy on the Hospital Commission Will be Filled Shortly.

The vacancy on the hospital commission occasioned by the death of Mr. A. Chipman Smith has led to quite a number of applications. Mr. Smith was one of the most capable commissioners on the board. He always took a live interest in the affairs of the hospital and while he was not in good health was generally in attendance at the meetings. A good man is required to fill his place and the appointment is in the hands of the government. Many of those who have been consulted think that he should be replaced by a layman instead of a professional man, while others, very cordially, favor the appointment of Dr. D. E. Berryman. Dr. Berryman is, at present, one of the coroners of the city and county of St. John and has filled that office very acceptably. It is understood that he is not seeking the position of hospital commissioner but if the government thinks that his claims to it are above others he would be very glad to accept it.

The north end is represented, at the present time, on the commission by Warden McGoldrick, but one of the representatives of the city and county thinks that the present vacancy should be filled by another business man from that section. He does not believe in the cry of sectionalism but on the plea of convenience he believes that a commissioner resident in the North End would be acceptable to the population of that district. Mr. Henry Hilyard is mentioned in this connection. There is no doubt whatever that Mr. Hilyard with his business ability and large experience would make a very efficient commissioner, still the government have it in their hands and it remains with them whether Dr. Berryman or Mr. Hilyard will be appointed.

Important Items.

Martin Butler, the Fredericton poet and journalist informs his readers through his valuable journal that "We have just ordered a bell for our front door; not for the sake of being considered 'toney' or to set off the appearance of the place, but since the neighbors upstairs have got a dog, whenever we hear a noise at the door we cannot tell whether it is some one knocking, or the dog scratching for flesh."

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BART DUFFY.

the attendants of that church but also to those who have had the pleasure of knowing its energetic pastor. Mr. Dewdney, for many days has been very ill with pneumonia, but slight hopes were entertained at the close of his visit on Friday of his recovery. The fact that a short time ago Mr. and Mrs. Dewdney were in the city and that they had been in a few days will go to the chief officer of the municipality. The aged Mr. Ross with the handsome chair that has been selected as a gift for him from the city and county of

who lost a few yards but in a few seconds he had soon regained them. A lot of money changed hands upon the result. Beta were loudly made before the race and some of those who had favored Parker were willing before the two mile to bet on Duffy. Duffy was a very speedy skater and he was in the lead in that section of the rink. He was upon the ice for some time before the race and he procured a chair and thirty or forty of them bore him upon it to the door of his resi-