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## SUBURBAN STORIES

Some Funny Things That Happen Out of Town Among People

······ The summer resorts are this year yield- embraced, then he embraced her,

to obstruct the view from his summer cot-tage. Oh yes, he was in dead earnest. For weeks his sole topic of conversation dainty thing all in white. The temptation was the eyesore edifice, and his intentions was too great and with a true lover's sigh with regard to its disposal. It really seem-ed a pity, he thought, after he had conde led to settle among the suburbanites of Westfield, that this prosy old church should rear itself right before his eyes and out off a goodly alice of the surrounding landscape. So one day with dignity un-usual he interviewed a bunch of church wardens with an eye to having the vener able pile, either moved away a little farther or perhaps crased from the insurance plan of that well known resort altogether. But

An enraged Mamma of two pretty little girls struck the playful daughter of another Mamma at a Red Head summering place. She did so, she said, because the playful little girl frightened her little girls. The child struck with the broom handle was really hurt and breised and cried Nevertheless the enraged Mamma did not seem to consider her act as cowardly and unchristian as it was, and threatened to have the struck little girl's Mamma arrested. Just pened away down at a quiet, slumbersome Red Head, where a body, it would be supposed could become everything else but "red headed." Still such is the case, and the Mammas of the little gitls fought a linguistic duel. Lots of feelings hurt and family records revised. Unkind compli-

A few hot tears. An explana An apology. Regret.

Two young lady court stengraphers are Last Monday morning they arese with thought, to catch the early boat as it touched at Brown's Flat wharf. They were semewhat out in their calculations however, and to 'heir surprise the big steamer soon hove in sight. An 'abbreviated' bresk-fast was inevitable, coffee, rolls, berries, clusion that you don't know much, do come etc. being dispused of in a second control of the control eggs etc., being disposed of in a series et "dashes", "continuous strokes" and generally in a conglomerate way. Hats were simply jabbed on and luggage yanked. A toot from the stermer increased the "speed" of fe-mele shorthandists, and their hurly-burly descent of the bill from the hotel was interestingly watched by the sleepy crowd on the boat. But they were left. The captain was no respector of persons and as he has never been "dictated to" in his line of business, could not very well sympathize with the girls be left behind him. The employer of one of the stenographers sat on deck and saw the whole transaction, so that young lady's "case" was good in court, but the other Miss was conspicuous by her absence when a certain number of lawyers and his honor assembled later in

He loved the girl ardently. So much did he dote upon her that leaving his happy home in town to back in her graces at Rothesay bothered him not a little. Quite the |contrary, he just pined for "his nights" to arrive. It was one of these "nights." The last train to town before morning was wheezing along not at he, were standing in the hallway, papa and mamma having some time since sought
the land of Nid and Nod. They noticed the programmes of the perform

The summer resorts are this year yielding just as large a crop of amusing incidents and queer happenings as ever they did. Here are some of them: For some time it has been the subject of no little amount of mirth-provoking conversation that a short but corpulent Prince William street insurance agent went so far having to walk to the city. The d church that their place of werag shifted just a few feet, or any
of feet, so long as it ceased

But like Lot's wife he looked back, was too great and with a true lover's sigh and outstretched arms, he se'zed—the freshly painted screen door. Chin, nose and eager lipe were adorned in deepest verdure, also a white vest, to say nothing of the whole suit of clothes. He walked home after all, poor thing, with nary an extra kiss as reward in advance. He's bought a bicycle.

PRIOR WEBBER AGAIN. He Tells Two More Amusing Stories of Hims

I was accosted the other day by a man stopping me on the street in Sherbroeke,
P. Q., and saying:
"Are you Price Webber?"
I said: "I believe so."

"Well," said the man, "You were pointed out to me, as being the person, and as I have heard a good deal about you, I thought I would like to see you."

I said to him: "I hope you are satisfied, now you have seen me.

"No," he replied, "I am not. I ex pected to see a man over six feet high, and who weighed over two hundred pounds, and had a commanding took."

He then surveyed me, critically from top

to toe and at last said to me: "You den't look as if you knew very

"No," said I, "I guess you are tight,

He took another searching stare at me, and appeared to be thinking what next to

In the meantime, as it generally hap-pens, severel acquaintances of mine had stopped to speak to me as they passed along the street, and it did not take long

My inquisitor had not taken his gaze from me and did not appear to be at all disconcerted by the people who had gathered and he resumed his remarks and said:

"I should say, by the look of you, that

"No," said I, "I don't. However I have

the advantage over you." "Well," said I; "I don't know much, and I know it. You know nothing

and you don't know it." He left amid the hearty laughter of the

I was in one of the State of Maine towns two or three winters ago, and we had a terrific snow storm—a regular blizzard which blocked the roads very badly, and 

The next morning after the storm I was struggling through the drifts, endeavoring to get to the Post office, and on my way two ladies were busily engaged in trying to brush the snow from their doorsteps, their houses being situated on opposite sides of

As I passed along, one of the ladies call-

"Bad weather!" The other one, who was evidently a lit

tle hard of hearing placed her hands above her ears and said:

The first lady who had spoken, again re-

"Bad weather." The deaf lady nodded an acquiescer

ance which I carried on my arm, and the lady who had first spoken called out to the

A beaming smile broke over the deaf lady's face, and she yelled back:

The other one as loudly shouted out:

They were evidently not lovers of the drama, and thought I did not fill a long-felt want in the community.

WANTED PAY FOR THE GIFT.

is very indignant just at present. She had a lady caller the other day and ever since that caller has left the lady who sews has been in a highly put-out mood. It appears that at the time of the Indiantown fire the lady caller gave the seamstress a bedstead, as the seam-stress had suffered the loss of her some and belongings every one. Since the confligration the seamstress has labored day and night to rear another home doing so. The lady who gave the bed-stead heard of this and lost no time in reaching the home of the woman she had betriended.

."Don't you know me," asked the caller,

The seamstress apoligized for not recognizing her at first, and was profuse in her kind comments on the caller's timely generosity at the time of the big fire.

"Well, you do sewing, do you not?"

naked the kind lady.

The seamstress said she did.

Oh I'm glad," the kind lady burst forth

"for I have two quilts to be quilted and I know you'll come and do them for me to The seamstress said no she wouldn't, and forthwith returned the bed stead, and what she deemed the year's hire of it was

That's why she is indignant.

Proprietor Reardon in Town. Proprietor Reardon of the Queen Hotel, Annapolis, spent a day or two in the city this week. Meeting old friends and make ing new ones. He reports business booming in the historic town and townist travel nore than up to the mark. Mr. Rearder

is one of the theatrical managers of the amusement house at Annapolis and speaks in pleasant terms of the Richard Stock Company and its work. John Walsh's Sen and Heir.

The friends of Mr. John Walsh are makes his family a quartette. Just to even

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EVENTS OF CITY LIFE. other, in a triumphant tone:
"Bad weather for the show man."

A Good Man Gone-Dangers on the River to Unsuspecting

when the sad news of Mr. Mont McDonald's death came down from Westfield Thursday morning. The deceased was one of the most respected men in St. John, a lawyer of repute, a man noted for his sociability, and gentlemanliness, also his a lawyer of repute, a man noted for his sociability, and gentlemanliness, also his sterling Christian qualities. The Baptist denomination in Lower Canada loses its boat to come out but passengers do not ablest professional man and one of its most like it so well and their wishes should be

Mr. McDonald's demise was very sudden, and therefore a very great shock to all. Wednesday night he had retired in apparently good health. Thursday mornng he awoke about five o'clock and complained of pain in the region of his heart. Local remedies were applied, and Mr. McDonald laid down on the sofa to rest. Shortly afterwards Mrs McDonald found him gasping for breath. Medical assistance was sent for, but Mr. McDonald died in a

"It was not so much a surprise to me a it was a shock" said Chief Justice Tuck shortly after he had heard of the news of Mr. McDonald's death. "After what I saw in Fredericton last winter I was not sur-prised. He had an attack while the court was in session and for some time was un conscious. He explained to me later what the trouble was. I should judge that it was not the heart but the brain that was affected from what be told me."

Mr. Geo. H. V. Belyen to whom the judge was speaking remarked that Mr. McDonald told bim afterward that just before his attack [the sound of the judge's voices seemed half a mile away.

"I had a great affection for him" said the Chief Jusiice "he was a good lawyer and he lived in a state of preparedness to die any day."

A correspondent some time ago drew PROGRESS attention to the manner in which passengers embarked and disem-barked in the river boats. No notice was taken of the communication at the time because it was said that much more care was being exercised this year than had been heretofore. This was said especially of the Star Line and the public generally welcomed the statement, since there was plenty of room for improvement. Satur-day afternoon last, however, a representcrowding him somewhat with congratula-tions upon the interesting addition that ative of PROGRESS boarded the Victoria the method of embarking and disembark up matters the little stranger is a boy with ing was observed closely. No change as lusty and strong lungs as might be exvious years. Even when going on board at Indiantown the gangway was in danger of when passengers were upon it. It seemed that the engines were started a few minutes before the start was made and swing from the wharf and of course the gangway went with it. But for the presence of mind of some people standing by its hold upon the wharf would have been a

There were a large number of passengers to land at the Cedars and three boats put out to take them from the Victoria. The water was as smooth as possible and the task was easy to what it might have been but, even as it was, there were many ladies who did not relish the idea of climbing from one sway. ing boat to another and taking their chance of keeping their feet. No wonder a visit-ing American called it a "fearful risk for a transportation company." He meant in a financial sense no doubt. What about the

personal risk to the passengers?

One would almost think that instead of a is made—that a light passenger gangway would be handier for the steamer and safer for the passengers. A woman with child clinging to one hand and parcels or a grip perchance in the other find it a venture some task even to walk two planks, es pecially if there is a hawser bobbing be-

The whole community felt they had lost a friend and most desirable fellow citizen to land them when there is a wharf at their place of destination. Such is the fact howand quicker for a steamer to signal a small

> CRITICISM OF THE ALSELSMENT. Citizens Who are Finding Fault With the

> There is quite an outery throughout the It may be that the people expect more from Mr. Mckobbie than they did from the late chairman; at any rate he is getting

The burden of complaint appears to be the tax of the fault finders compared with that of others whom they know should pay they should know, for that is what they are

It was pointed out to PROGRESS that there are some notable "breaks" in the valuation. For example one North End He gets one hundred of that from the city. Of course that is absurd and the assessors have laid themselves open to the question of whether city representatives are not favored. A well known contractor that amount. Another contractor in another line gets off for about the same sum work often brings him an amount equal to

Again a bank man who has been in the business for many years does not pay more taxes than some leading clerks. He is known to have a large income from his employer to say nothing of that from outside

creased wonderfully. Mr. W. J. Barker is the owner and so far as he knows there is nothing to justify such a change in the assessment. But to persuade the assessors

An east end grocer is mourning the loss his own tell the rain-excluder took wing while he was pondering over the Sunday seated on his team en route to the Indiantown boats. All the way from his store he bethought himself of his Bible study and was so engrossed in this that passing teams denly waking up to things about him when near the Indiantown wharves he missed his mackintosh. Then worldliness got the better of him and he ejaculated some words not tound in his Sunday school quarterly. Hereafter the grocer intends putting on his dressing gown and slippers, and by his own fireside, will study the Sabbath lessons. He has come to the conclusion there is a time for everything.

A Bit of Tourist Coaxing

Miss Margaret Graham has been writing about Lovely Evangeline's Land and the Dominion Atlantic Railway has published sketches of Digby and Weymouth in a neat pamphlet form. They are very readable and calculated to make the sunburnt residents of American cities too long for the scenes she describes. The D. A. Railway seizes upon all such opportunities to advertise their railroad and Nova Sootia and the results are astonishing. That province is crowded with Americans this summer.

The clerk of the United States court of Connecticut, and Deputy United States Marshall H. Russel Wood, in company with Victor H. Mawhinney and his triend were visiting St. John this week. The two but they must not ignore the rights of the people if they would avoid it. Many passengers are not taware that they can de-

HUR AND PRINCEGEORGE and fastest steamer plying out as Yarmouth, N. S., dailynmediately on arrival of a trom Halifax arriving in morning. Returning leaves, a, daily except Saturday at led cusine on Dominion At-City Office, 114 Prince William office, a 1 from the Purser of time-tables and all informa nial Railway 18th, 1900, trains will run daily as follows:— LEAVE ST. JOHN ellton, Pugwash, Pictou

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