

## PROGRESS.

EDWARD S. CARTER, Editor.

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Advertisements, (contract), \$15 an inch a year. The edition of Progress is now so large that it is necessary to put the inside pages to press on Thursday, and no changes of advertisements will be received later than 10 a.m. of that day. Advertisers will forward their own interests by sending their copy as much earlier than this as possible.

News and opinions on any subject are always welcome, but all communications should be signed. Manuscripts unsolicited to our purpose will be returned if stamps are sent.

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CIRCULATION, 6,000.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Correspondents will please be careful to place nothing but their "copy" in the unsolicited envelope which they post as manuscript rates. Business letters or notes to the editors should be separately addressed and prepaid by a 3 cent stamp. Compliance with this rule will save delay and a possible fine.

## ABOUT OURSELVES.

Twelve months ago, when PROGRESS started, there was not a journalist in St. John or in the province who was not quite ready to write its obituary within, some said, a few weeks; others, a few months at the outside. They openly predicted its failure. Today there is not one of those false prophets who would not like to own PROGRESS.

PROGRESS has paid from the first. Apart from the initial number its financial success has been as marked as its career as a newspaper.

We started with a bona fide edition of 2000 copies; we print today more than 6000 twelve-page papers. We printed at first but a few columns of advertisements at the rate of from eight to ten dollars per inch per annum; in our issue of today there are nearly forty columns of advertisements inserted at an advance of 50 per cent. upon our first rates.

Our circulation is advancing as rapidly in Nova Scotia now as it did in New Brunswick last summer and fall, and we have every reason for believing that at no distant day the issue of PROGRESS will be larger than that of any maritime newspaper.

We thank those merchants whose favors have contributed to our success in the past. We hope to merit a continuance of them.

## THE PRINCIPLE IS BAD.

Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, no matter how reliable, we cannot think that the local government will be responsible for such an imprudent, unpopular act as the removal of Police Magistrate B. LESTER PETERS. The principle of such a move is bad and will not commend itself to any good citizen.

Judge PETERS of the civil court stands in the same relation to the provincial government that any supreme or county court judge does to the dominion government. What could we think of the ministers of Canada if for no other reason than to make room for a political friend and supporter they removed, say, Mr. Justice KING? Could there be a greater injustice?

We maintain that B. LESTER PETERS stands in a precisely analogous position. If there is any just complaint or cause for his dismissal we would not oppose it for an instant, but to remove him simply for the gain of the Honorable Solicitor-General, it would be nothing less than an outrage.

Such an act would destroy our faith in the fairness of the government; it would make us doubt whether they placed the interest of the people before the wishes of the members of the administration.

Personally and politically we have the greatest respect for Hon. Mr. RITCHIE. The temptation to accept such a responsible and lucrative position—because we know he has the refusal of it—must be great, but let us assure him that nothing would give him so great a hold upon the people as his refusal to be a party to Mr. PETERS' retirement.

## ALIVE AND HEALTHY.

If we want proof of present prosperity in St. John we have not far to go. The books of the Chamberlain and the water commissioners are the best indication of the financial readiness of the people. Payments have not been so prompt for years. The city treasury is thousands of dollars in advance of last year's collections at this time. The water-commissioners tell the same story. And yet in the face of this and a hundred other signs of prosperity, the "blue element" persist in circulating their false and damaging statements. They confront our people abroad, and visitors din [them] in our ears. Contradiction is easy, but it is not always effectual. Every man is not a walking encyclopedia of conclusive facts bearing on our trade and prosperity, and yet mere contradiction is worth nothing without them. If the same ability that has for long years decried our city and country been wasted in perpetual grumbling, fault-finding, furnishing weapons to our rivals, and placing every merchant at a serious disadvantage, had turned its attention to what was being done about us, had spoken and written about it as it deserved, and had encouraged others to follow the

example of such pluck and enterprise, St. John would be in a different position today.

Instead of just waking and realizing that we are alive and healthy, we honestly believe that we would now be advancing with all the freshness and vigor of youth and the resolution of manhood. Our start has not been a fair one—but we are gradually yet surely warming to our work, and by the steadiness and speed that belong to us, are sure to win the race.

## A CHESTNUT.

For some time, personally, we have clung to the idea that a man could not be a Christian, according to our ideal of a Christian, and be in business. We will extend this list and add newspaper reporters, not excluding PROGRESS—Henry Chestnut in the Farmer.

Mr. HENRY CHESTNUT is a Fredericton merchant, with whom we have some slight acquaintance. Were it not for that fact and the appearance of his well known and valuable signature, appended to the letter in the Farmer we might have thought that there was a crank in the capital.

We fear that Mr. CHESTNUT's business experience has not been a happy one. That it has been successful we have every reason to believe. But there must be something wrong either in his "ideal Christian" or his "ideal business man" when he thinks it impossible for one to possess the qualities of both. We did Mr. CHESTNUT the honor of placing him on our list of square Christian business men. His own words are his condemnation, and it is with sincere regret that we erase his name from a list that is not too long.

It may be observed that this good citizen of Fredericton now includes "reporters of PROGRESS" in his philosophic conclusion. He insinuates quite broadly that a man cannot be a reporter of PROGRESS and a Christian. We do not object, but must, however, challenge Mr. CHESTNUT's right to lay down the law.

While we have had every respect for him, we cannot conclude that he is a competent judge of such an important matter.

Mr. CHESTNUT goes a little farther, and comments upon the merits of the last number of PROGRESS. Just a word of advice. If all men will follow it, there will be less friction in this world. So long as a newspaper lets you alone, let it alone. This is more especially true of PROGRESS.

The Empire calls attention to the manufacture of superphosphates in the eastern townships, and says that the Canadian fertilizer is sold cheaper than that of the United States. The reason is obvious. Canada sends her phosphates abroad and buys them back in the refined condition, with the cost of carriage both ways added. Up to this year St. John exported hundreds of tons of bones to the United States and bought them back again in the fertilizer form. The Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Co. finds plenty of use for them at its Marsh road manufactory, and the production of fertilizing compounds bids fair to become an important industry in New Brunswick.

We do not believe there is another Canadian city of the size of St. John with merchants half so appreciative of the benefits of advertising as ours. One need look no further than this issue of PROGRESS for examples of their enterprise in this direction. We venture the assertion that no handsomer advertisement has ever been inserted in a St. John paper than that of Mr. Harold Gilbert in today's PROGRESS. And W. C. Pitfield & Co.'s announcement is just as creditable to the St. John wholesale trade as Mr. Gilbert's is to the retail. Both gentlemen are as enterprising, successful and business-like as you will find anywhere.

Congratulations to Warden JAMES ROUSSEAU, of St. Martin's, upon his election to the chairmanship of the municipality of St. John! The honor was well deserved, well bestowed. We hope his term may be as long and as successful as that of his voluntarily retiring predecessor, Councillor T. W. PETERS, who, elected to the wardenship three years ago, has held the chair by acclamation since. The public owes a debt to such men who, possessed of an intimate knowledge of municipal affairs, devote much valuable time and attention to the business of the country.

Two new industries—the manufacture of wrenches and shovels—may locate in Saint John in a short time. Gentlemen who have inquired into the prospects of the former industry, inspected the patent and made their calculations, say that it is worth the attention of capitalists. St. John has never stood in so prominent or so good a light with the world in general as it does today. The bricks of our future commercial prosperity are about us and we are our own masons.

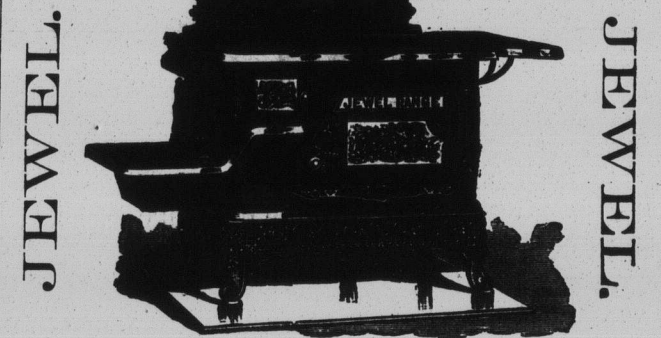
The railway contractors will have to hustle to get that link between Harvey and Salisbury ready for traffic inside of three years. If St. John can't get a grip on western freight by that time, she will not deserve to have it. Once get the goods coming and going this way, and there's sufficient ingenuity and pluck in St. John to enable her merchants to hold their own.

Just a word of explanation regarding the missing Moncton correspondence that we spoke of recently. Our bright and enterprising Moncton correspondent was not aware of the fact that a note to the editor



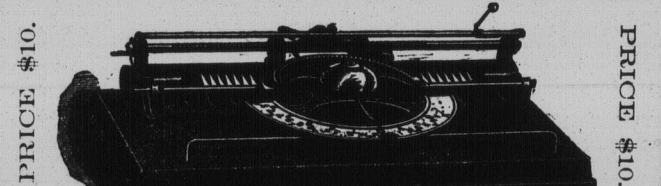
Still you, maram, washing can't be done well unless the soap is right. I've been washing these 30 years and tried all kinds, and there's none like Logan's Ideal Soap for taking dirt & stains out of the clothes without rotting them, and it don't make the hands rough and sore as many soaps do. It's made by Wm Logan St. John & all grocers sell it.

38 KING STREET, - - Opposite the Royal Hotel.



Don't Fail to See the "JEWEL" with Oval Fire Pot and Ventilated Oven. IT HAS NO EQUAL.

## SHERATON &amp; SELFRIDGE. THE WORLD TYPE WRITER.



WRITES EASILY 35 TO 40 WORDS PER MINUTE.

Simple, practical, durable, never gets out of order; no instruction required; can be carried in satchel and used in cars. Size 12x6x3; weight 3 1/2 lbs. Indispensable to business and professional men. Agents wanted. Good opportunity for lady canvasser for City business.

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## For Boys' Wear!

WE HAVE RECEIVED A FULL LINE OF SIZES IN

Boys' Heavy Cotton Hose, Double Heel and Toe, IN BLACK AND NAVY.

For wearing qualities these goods will be found superior to imported makes, and

AT MUCH LOWER PRICES.

Our special line of Ladies' Black Cashmere, at 22c. per pair, are SELLING VERY RAPIDLY.

BARNES & MURRAY, 17 CHARLOTTE STREET.

The New Crockery Store, 94 KING STREET.

NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY.

SEE THE NEW TABLE GLASSWARE;

NEW BEDROOM SETS;

NEW FANCY GLASSWARE, FAIRY LAMPS.

All Goods at LOWEST PRICES.

C. MASTERS.

MANSON'S.

New Ribbons,

New Mantle Cloths,

New Parasols,

Washing Challies.

MANSON'S,

16 KING STREET.

Dress and Mantle Making executed on the premises.

Wall Paper!

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A GREAT VARIETY OF

NEW and CHOICE DESIGNS and COLORINGS.

ROLLER BLINDS. ROLLER BLINDS.

A specialty of our HOUSE BLINDS this year is that they are

all attached to the roller with the NEW SHADE FASTENERS.

Call and See them. They are a long way ahead of Tacks.

EDWARD A. EVERETT,

90 King Street.

"Cleanliness Is Next To Godliness."

The American Steam Laundry,

LOCATED AT

Nos. 52 and 54 Canterbury Street,

HAS THE

Latest Improved Machinery, the Most Competent Help, the Most

Efficient Supervision, and, therefore, Everybody says,

DOES THE BEST WORK.

Fredericton Agency: F. QUARTERMAN, Queen Street.

GIVE US A TRIAL ORDER.

GODSOE BROS. - Proprietors.

DANGER!

People having FEATHER BEDS and PILLOWS do not seem to realize the

DANGER there is in using them without being cleansed, especially in times of an

epidemic, as feathers retain all the exhalations and poisonous matters exuding from the

person, and by so doing spread sickness through the family. Our STEAM CLEANSING

PROCESS eliminates all poisonous matters and leaves the feathers in a better condition

than new. Leave orders at

UNGAR'S STEAM LAUNDRY.

Leave your orders for Carpet Cleaning at

Harold Gilbert's, 54 King street.

Easter Cards and Booklets, 50 King street,

D. McArthur.

CARPET WHIPS for a Quarter!

AND NOTHING BUT THE

BEST AMERICAN WRINGERS,

AT

BEVERLY'S.

No Canadian.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS having Accounts against the

City Corporation are specially requested to

render the same at the office of the Common Clerk

not later than MONDAY, the 6th day of May next,

with a view of closing all departmental accounts

previous to the coming into force of the ACT OF

UNION.

Chairman of the Finance Committee of the

Common Council.

St. John, N. B., 25th April, 1890.