By the "Independence of Council" Act That Prevents Them From Selling to the City— Offences That are Very Trivial and yet may Cost Seats.

HALIFAX. Dec. 6.-Members of the Halifax city council have something to talk about this week besides the usual staple matters of discussion and gossip. Some of the aldermen very likely, are not displeased at a chance to relieve their mental strain and take their minds away from the problem of how to get the greatest possible expenditure on the streets in their particudistrict, or what is their best course to ake their election sure for another term. The incident that now engrosses them is the possible disqualification of several members of the city council for longer holding their seats.

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There is not very much esprit de corps among the city fathers. Further than that, there is very little love lost between a number of the aldermen. They look as if only waiting for a chance to place one another in an awkward position—as if they would rejoice at any misfortune happening their fellow members in the council chamber. The opportunity for satisfaction of this kind has now come to the aldermen who want it; and to others there is occasion for smiling pityingly on less fortunate

The law provides that a member of the city council cannot receive money for any kind of service to the city. If a man enters the council he must cease all business re-lations with the city. The "independence of council" act has cost several members their seats, and otten for trivial offences. and one third of them are now more or less implicated in charges that have been made of violation of this "independence of made of violation of this 'independence of council' act. No names have been publicly mentioned up to this date, though the matter was expected to partially come at a meeting of the council to-night (Wednes-

The beginning of the trouble was when attention was called to a bill that came in for payment from Andrew Grant for less than \$20 worth of potatoes furnished to the poor house. The question naturally rose: "Who is Andrew Grant?" It was rose: "Who is Andrew Grant?" It was soon found that he is clerk to Alderman Duggan, the well-known auctioneer. Further inquiry elicited the fact that the potatoes were the property of Duggan, and it looked very much then as if he were trying to evade the law by selling them to the city in the law by selling them to the city in the law by selling them to the city by Grant unwittingly, but why then, they can ask did Duggan send in the bill for payment in his clerk's name. The chances ment in his clerk's name. The chances of the sade ment in his clerk's name. The chances of the sade ment in his clerk's name. The chances of the sade ment in his clerk's name. The chances of the sade ment in his clerk's name. The chances of the sade ment in the lips of the Governor. No man could have spoken warmer words of another, and ment in his clerk's name. The chances of the sade ment in the lips of the Governor. No man could have spoken warmer words of another, and ment in his clerk's name. The chances of the sade ment in the lips of the Governor. No man could have spoken warmer words of another, and ment in the lips of the Governor. No man could have spoken warmer words of another, and ment in the lips of the Governor. No man could have spoken warmer words of another, and ment in the lips of the Governor. No man could have spoken warmer words of another, and ment in the lips of the Governor. No man could have spoken warmer words of another, and ment in the lips of the Governor. No man could have spoken warmer words of another, and ment in the tity of the documents he had to sign with his usual flowing hand, and as he remarked rather friends to tell were the incidents one delighted to tell were the incidents of the total the delighted to tell were the incidents of the total five were closely allied, their tastes being always doubt in the lib word was refurtly when he returned home "I am of the law are that the \$20 lot of potatoes for the city's poor house may cost Alderman Duggan his seat in the council.

Another case which will probably be made out without much trouble is that against Alderman Stewart, from Wealthy ward, No. 1. It is alleged that M. S. Brown & Co., of which firm Mr. Stewart is a member, furnished some badges to the police at a cost of sixty cents. The bill was sent in without any attempt at covering up the transaction—a clear proof that no infraction of the law was intended, and that it was purely an oversight on some-

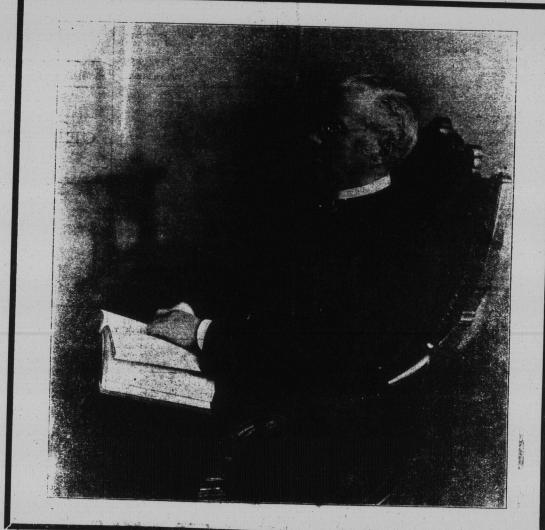
He is fargely engaged in the produce business and has great quantities of potatoes for sale. There are nearly 350 immates in the poor-house, which is managed by the city. But Alderman Outhit cannot sell to the poor-house and remain in the council, any more than any other alderman. Adjoining Mr. Outhit's shop is the victualling establishment of W. A. Maling. Maling has sold large quantities of potatoes to the poor-house. There are those who allege that Outhit sells the potatoes to Maling to tell, and that he is a go-between in transactions with Outhit and the city. If this rumor should come up for investigation, those who have been making it will have an opportunity to furnish proof.

The prime cause of all this trouble is Ald. Hubley, who started the hall a-rolling against Alderman Duggan. Now Alderman Halifax, and yet they all profess to be sure of it. They go round asking who it is that writes for Prograss from this city. Care and worry are stamped on their counter and worry are stamped on their counter. F. Monagham. Adderman Dennis error the standard list is the standard list writes for Prograss from this city. Care and worry are stamped on their counter. F. Monagham. Adderman Dennis error the standard list is the standard list writes for Prograss from this city. Burney of the sum of the program of the council held after the charges were not worth considering or investigating. The rumor that brought Alderman Outhit's name to the front was not even mentioned.

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THE LATE GOVERNOR JOHN BOYD

Who Died on Monday Morning, December 4th, After an Illness of Only Six Hours.



then he went on in his inimitable way to the other, so many times was he stopped benefit of the lords and ladies who surtell pleasant anecdotes of the Chief Justice, to listen to expressions of congratulation.

of it. They go round asking who it is that writes for Progress from this cit. Care and worry are stamped on their countentances since they started in search of the information, and as the days go by and they still remain ignorant, the hungry look in their eyes grows more and more pronounced. At the same time most of these

no infraction of the law was intended, and that it was equally familiar to him. The writer body's part. The facts show, indeed, that Alexander Gibson. The story of that visit and probably did not. But even such a triviality as this would be sufficient to vacate his seat. The alderman is one of the best men in the council, he is always in the lead of any reform movement either within or without the city hall. It is a sum of the probable within the last of any reform movement either within or without the city hall. It is a wire or rope that was aftered accounting the state of the property of of

the Aldermen decided that the charges were not worth considering or investigating. The rumor that brought Alderman Outhit's name to the front was not even mentioned, and Alderman Dennis escaped criticism also.

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have spoken warmer words of another, and him to get from one end of the street to tell it again and again, not only for the tell pleasant anecdotes of the Uniet Justice, where he had first met him, and under what circumstances the acquaintance was continued. How little he'or any others thought tresome. Hundreds of his old friends of that day that John C. Allen had a greater chance of life than John Boyd! There was no story teller in this part of Canada that could equal Mr. Boyd in any degree. If, to complete the anecdote, it was necessary to drop into mimicry, how thoroughly at home he was in that strain! Or on the other hand, if pathos was needed, it was equally familiar to him. The writer remembers very well when Mr. Boyd returned from Ottawa after having been to list the tother hand, and almost corrared, alternative from Ottawa after having been to list the pathon of the pludge to see it to her mother the Queen. Then in that humorous fashion in which he was such a master, he related the predictament in which he found himsell when he received an invitation to Kensington palace to dinner and he had not a dress coat with thoroughly at home he was in that strain! Or on the other hand, if pathos was needed, it was equally familiar to him. The writer remembers very well when Mr. Boyd returned from Ottawa after having been to list that afternoon. It is said that he did so while there lectured in the hall to a dinner and he had not a dress coat with hone of the seed had not a dress coat with the ound himsell when he received and invitation to Kensington palace to dinner and he had not a dress coat with the ound himsell when he received and invitation to Kensington palace to dinner and he had not a dress coat with the ound himsell when he received and invitation to Kensington palace to dinner and he had not a dress coat with the ound himsell when he received with the greatest appreciation. He made many visits afterwards to the busy cotton town, and almost correct the honors he had received, and stores of him that humorous fashion in which where he had first met him, and under what Every day's appearance with him must have it to her mother the Queen. Then in

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When Mr. Gibson began business at
Marysville, nearly all the large supply of
dry goods he handled, came from the estab-

lishment of Daniel and Boyd, St. John.

people profess to be positive that they know who the writer is, they have got him down fine, and they say he might just as well sign his name and be done with it. Those people who know all about it one day say it is so and so, and next day some one else. They go roving over such a list as the subjoined, and as many more names are often mentioned. This is the standard list:

M. Lenoir, Alderman Dennis, M. Lenoir, Hiram Wier, C. B Burns, Alderman Wallace, A. M. Hoare, W. M. Cardy, D. H. F. Monachun, J. A. M. Hoare, M. M. Lenoir, Hiram Wier, C. B Burns, Alderman Wallace, A. M. Hoare, M. M. Lenoir, Hiram Wier, D. Henderson, J. A. McKinnon.

With such a corps of writers Programs of the search of the correspondent of popularity would cortainly be yet last week which is worth mentioning. Few more in that capacity than as a friend. Last week which is worth mentioning. Few men who are "worth their salt" can get through this world without making some enemies, and the more enemies of a certain his issue. Honce the more enemies of a certain whind a man has the better he is likely to be through this world without making some enemies, and the more enemies of a certain this issue. Mr. Bonnell's grocery on Union street emphasizes that fact in this issue. Mr. Bonnell hardly needs an introduction by the writers in the list above. He is "not in it." That is his mistortune, however, not his fault. The man who wants to know will have to yet further exercise his magination, though whether or not week this desirable enemy, whoever he is, more in that capacity than as a friend. Last week this desirable enemy, whoever he is, more in that capacity than as a friend. Last week this desirable enemy, whoever he is, more in that capacity than as a friend. Last week this desirable enemy, whoever he is, more in that capacity than as a friend. Last week the more names are often mentioned in the limit a man has the better he is likely to be. British North America, evidently has one such enemy in this city, who is worth far work enemy in this cit

GAVE THE CAST AWAY

THE PERVERTED PROGRAMME WAS ALL A MISTAKE.

But It Filled the House Just the Same and Raised Trouble for the Rehan—Clarke Combination—What Mr. Roberts Says— The Result.

The air was colored about the opera house when the Sun appeared before the playing of The Mischievous Miss with the cast so distorted as to point directly at a prominent citizen. The management had given its consent somewhat reluctantly to its production because of the localism said to be in it and only withdrew their objections when assured that there was nothing in the play they could find fault with.

Then with this assurance when the cast appeared as it did there was fun in the near and immediate future. Mr. Rehan and Mr. Clarke protested their innocence of the perversion of the cast and laid the blame upon the stage manager, Mr.

Mr. Roberts told PROGRESS that as he was going to leave the city he was a good man to get the blame; but he laughed at the idea of his knowing sufficient about St. John people to place their names and occupations against them in the cast of a play. He was not too well pleased that Mr. Rehan had made him the butt of blame and he related how he . had worked days on the piece "to lick it into some kind of shape" as he expressed. It was a mere dialogue, a mass of words, without a situation or a climax, without any part that required acting and the stage manager had a veritable job ahead of him. The bucket and the hose scenes, the dude dialogue and many other variations were introduced by him. The dialogue was shorn and every attempt made to make the piece

This was important because the Reham company were virtually stranded and some-thing had to be done. The suggestion of a local play with local hits was a perfect treasure to them that they made the most of and the result was three houses that brought in more than \$800.

But the characters in the play were named simply "Bung," without any christian name, and when the energetic young man went to Mr. Roberts tor the cast, he had no christian names or explanations to give him. He supplied those from his imagination, and this accounted for the newspaper rendering of it.

Mrs. Shatford told her story in court on Monday and supported it by the stories of her relatives. It did not show Jefferson D. Shattord up in a pleasant light-in fact the very reverse. She was in the court room as calm as it was possible to be and had one of her children with her. The