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rst correct answers to history ques-nber 14 were received from Miss Murray, 20 Orange street. Ala very large number of answers eived only eight competitors aestions correctly answered. The lones were : Lena M. Murray, 20 street: Nichilson Johnstone, 14 ow; Miss Florrie Rainnie, treet ; Bertie Hegan, 13 Wright essie I.Lawson, Duke street, Carleiolet," 84 Germain street; Bertie Buctouche: Edna G. Powers. treet.

rs to History Questions, No. 14 ose reign was the battle of the Nile fought ras the English general? the reign of George III., Nelson being h general? were the leading statesmen after the Am-

arles James Fox and William Pitt.

ares oamses fox and William Pitt. in what is meant by the Septennial Act, se reign was it passed? Septennial Act was a law passed which the term of parliament to seven years. a of George 1, 1715. at century did the Gothic style of archi-e?

the last year of the twelfth century. Y QUESTION COMPETITION No. 16.

what year and chiefly through orts was the penny postage sys-ted? en and where was the first railway

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IE PICKWICK PAPERS.

y Came to Be Written-The Apy came to be written-rate Ap-e of Weller Increased the Sales. igin of "Pickwick" is a matter of Seymour, the artist, who was rawing Cockney sporting plates, nissioned by Messrs. Chapman & o a series of such sketches which be accompanied by letterpress. Mr. Clarke, who had written. Courses and a Dessert," was asked oute this letterpress; fortunately t reply; then Leigh Hunt, of all the world, was thought of--it is-ted what he said; then Mr. Chas. d, whose reply is also unknown. Jy, Charles Dickens himself, who dy achieved a certain reputation sketches by Boz." The writer sceive filteen guineas for each consisting of a sheet and a half; ne was allowed a share in the

; iginal Pickwick, as first designed, thin man : the figure afterwards I thin man; the figure afterwards was drawn from a fat old beau ond, who always dressed in drab-d gaiters. The name of Pickwick

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THE SALABIES OF CIVIC OFFI-CIALS TO BE CUT,

And Some Offices Recommended to be Abolished-"Progress" Suggestion that there are too Many Engineers and too Much Legal Takink Acted Upon. little. "Don't talk about dominion taxes-look

tion of the city government, and fewer city work attached to it.

officials. Slowly but surely the people are coming that the harbor master is the man to look to the conclusion that there are too many after the ferry. His present duties are not officials—too many bosses in this town of ours—too many figure heads who draw big salaries, and do little or nothing to earn intendent, and thus save the city a few

The fact that most of these officials are popular and "good fellows," as the saying popular and "good fellows," as the saying director may be burdensome, they would not be greatly increased if the work of the qualifications are no reason why they should occupy imaginary positions and draw fancy \$1000 and the service would not suffer in \$1000 and the service would qualifications are no reason why they should salaries.

In speaking thus plainly PROGRESS knows full well that its words will not be relished either by the gentlemen named or dollars can be saved this city every year

him to do. It is not necessary to state is necessary and that he must be paid a that Mr. Hurd Peters is known as city salary of \$600 a year, no matter whether engineer. He has been known in that he has any thing to do or not. The comhave such a grip upon his office that the clerk shall get \$2000 and his deputy \$1100, a pleasing total for legal and recording men, have failed either to move him from disturb his placid equanimity. Mr. Peters has been called upon from time to time to time to time to explain acts which naturally seemed unexplainable, and in every case his superior knowledge of eprincesing has ment? plainable; and in every case his superior knowledge of engineering has pulled him through. He has steered his official craft ing \$1760 s

with remarkable steadiness, avoided the gineers by paying one good man \$2000 to lice station. There was do the work? What should prevent the There was still draws his \$90 a month as regularly

is no more and has passed with its chairman under the control of the board of the works, Mr. Murdoch can hardly be said to be connected with it. It would be much nearer the truth, perhaps, to say that he

also has had the position for many years, that he was an official of the city under the the old regime, and that any disturbance of him in his official capacity would require very much exertion on the part of the com-

salary of \$2,000.

lepartment.

As this comes properly under the head of public works, it might be just as well to

the pulse of the council. He is pop

SHOUT FOR ECONOMY, director is not using the horse and carriage DON'T BE TOO ZEALOUS. director is not using the horse and carriage provided him for driving from one point to another, the superintendent holds the rib-bons and visits the various points of inter-est to him, where work is supposed to be going on. No one envies him his position or thinks his salary of \$1,200 a year too THAT IS WHAT POLICE MAGIS-TRATE RITCHIE SAYS

Supt. Glasgow of the terry on the other at your own town." This was the terse and pointed remark it. Unless there is a rush of spring ice in made by a gentleman this week to a group of citizens who were discussing the tariff and other topics of timely interests. vices are not actually required. Even then If every taxpayer would take the remark right to his heart and think it over, talk over those points he is not enlightened upon, and then vote for economy, there uld be a great change in the composi- or something of that sort which has some

It has been suggested, with much reason, so onerous that he could not give sufficient intendent, and thus save the city a few factory if it were hushed for a time. How hundred dollars. Although the duties of the public works ever, just as things begin to calm down and

the people seem inclined to accept the in-evitable and put up with it, something new comes to light, the press and the common

of the old tune. say Notwithstanding this the latest and most it." the least. To include one other department in this have their attention called to a condition of things which should not continue any longer than it can be abolished. Some time ago the fact was mentioned in these columns that the city had three engineers in its employ where one was more than enough for all that there is for

venue? The very poor, for the most part,

the wives and sisters and children who have barely enough to live upon from day to day, who deprive themselves again and

There was a very wide agreement with

city from amalgamating the two director-ships, and saving \$1200 a year, and sav-Saturday. Even those who in many quarwhat PROGRESS said on this subject last as the moon changes. Quite apart from Mr. Peters, and yet in ing another \$800 by asking the harbor ters are regarded as extreme temperance advocates took occasion to condemn the master to look after the ferry? Murdoch, another engineer of the city, sometimes called superintendent of the water works. Since the water commission

Since the above article was written and in type the salary committee of the coun-this morning, who were thrown into the

mendations before the common council. They are very sweeping and propose an home when the officer grabbed me and rushed me to the station.

mon council. Mr. Murdoch is another en-gineer of the city and draws \$133.33 per month, or \$1,600 a year. Across the hall in the same building sits another Mr. Murdoch, a nephew of the genteman mentioned above, also an engi-neer, also in the emgine of the city as an assistant or something of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Willing the city as an assistant or something of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Willing the city as an assistant or something of the sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Willing the city as an assistant or something of the sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Willing the city as an assistant or something of the sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Willing the city as an assistant or something of the sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Willing the city as an assistant or something of the sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Milling of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Milling of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Milling of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Milling of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Milling of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Milling of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Milling of that sort, drawing the very comfortable stipend of \$90 pter month, or about \$1,080 per year. M. Milling of that sort, drawing the very com too high, but there are too many men drawing them. Director Wisely is to be from a place they did not know before the police station. There is no reason in the world why a well-dressed man should GRESS' scheme being the abolition of one have any more leniency shown him than a poor unfortunate who earns little and spends much of that in drink. If there is PROGRESS any free advertising. There-any leniency to be shown let the poor man fore when the names of the exhibition have it, but neither of them should make the acquaintance of a cell while they are quiet and capable of taking care of guaranteed by a newspaper, but by a prithemselves

HE DIDN'T KNOW SIR JOHN. Why a Telegram was Not Read in One of The City Churches.

That IS WHAT FOLICE MAGIS-TRATE RITCHIE SAYS To the new Men on the Force, in Regard to Arresting People who are Able to take Care of Themselves and are Quiet-Some More Light on this Subject. There was nothing wide of the mark in what Procenses said in its last issue about the company furnished the churches with news from Earnscliffe. In every church the telegrams were read from the pulpit except one, and in that particular church what PROGRESS said in its last issue about the new methods of arrest. The facts were plain and hard and had their effect, Police Magistrate Ritchie took up the matter Thursday morning and gave the police force, especially the newer members of it, some good advice on the subject of arrests. If he had gone a little further and extended some advice of equal excellence to the chief and the captains, there would have been no lock of any more all of the minister contained. The preacher, however, seemed in no hurry to open it, and when he did a puzzled look came over his face; he laid the telegram down and went on with his discourse. The minister is a new man, has not been many weeks in St. John, and not a

is growing very weary of the sound of "police." The cry has been renewed too often, and it would be much more satistripping over the Italians.

"Yes," said the rector, as a puzzled look again came over his face, "Yes, I did receive a telegram, but I cannot understand it. It said something about somebody resting easy, and I can't think why anythey disposed of some of the contents of the says he is resting easy; I can't understand trunks. But board seemed very hard to

starding phase of the business appears to be the regard for the police as a source of revenue instead of a means of protection. he is on his death bed."

He Wore Bracelets of Gold and Steel.

"Charlie" Stewart, the colored barber, has been attracting considerable attention partment ? What should prevent the city from sav-ing \$1760 a year in the salaries of its en-ble or noisy or subjects for a call in the po-ble or noisy or subjects for officers had no idea of what a dude he was until they saw the gold bracelet that en-circled his ebony wrist.

their find. They were discovered, how-

STEEP LITCLE HILLS.

The fire department had an outing Sat

The Fence Has Been Whitewashed.

The reference to the Haymarket square in last weeks' PROGRESS seems to have had the desired effect. Not long after the RESS office and introducing himselt, said, "I am one of the eighteen you spoke of much of it as is standing. It is hoped, how-the rest over the ground with the best of them. in type the starty committee of the contract this morning, who were thrown into the ever, that the place will receive more atten-cil has made a semi-report, and while police station on the holiday. As sure as I am standing here there was no reason for my arrest. My friends will bear me out in them that the paths were made to walk on, ever, that the place will receive more atten-

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

SHE DID IT AS A JOKE But the Merchant was Proof Against Fem inine Charms.

THE ANXIETY OF A BAND OF ITAL-IANS AND A LADDER DRIVER. When a King street merchaut was put-The Former Wanted a Boarding House, And the Latter Wanted to Get to a Fire-Both Got There. But Were a Long Time About It. He knew it should have been there w Mr. Dennis Costigan's boarding house certain that it had not been sold, and was on North street looked more like an Ital- at a loss to know what had become of it. ian colony, than anything else, on Satur-day last. The extensive outside back stairs were swarmed with the sons and daughters of sunny Italy, with heavy variety shops on their backs, while along variety shops on their backs, while along the sidewalks a row of women sat down with their backs against the fence, and ap-peared perfectly at home. Some of ther were nursing infants to the amazement of the crowd, and all were chattering away some advice of equal extensions there would have been no lack of approval on the part of the public. That long-suffering body—the public— That long-suffering b interested in the proceedings that the po-liceman had to hustle to keep them from joke in the country is looked upon very

differently in the city, and that the mer-The party had arrived in town that after- chants and clerks are, perhaps, not so sus noon with more goods than money, and the young fellow, who was apparently the le ceptible to feminine charms, and therefore ss forgiving. Before leaving the store manager, explained that they wanted to get a boarding house for a few days until promise to pay the balance at an early

Robbing the Blind Organ Grinder.

get at that particular time, especially when The blind man who, unlike Geo. Moffatt, the applicants were not willing to pay more than fifteen cents a night. So the party wheels his organ around town, so as to give everybody a chance to hear "Johnny get decided to move. Everyone of them had your Gun" and a number of other c selections, came near meeting with a seriious loss one evening this week. He fell a victim to one of St. John's very bad boys. The youth dropped a cent into the tin, which was very strange, when it is considered there was a penny-in-the-slot machine were on exhibition on the Pond street side of the building until after supper. And they had supper, despite their lack of funds. Mr. Bailey, with his usual generosity, gave only a few feet away, that offered more amusement for the money. But that was only the beginning, for no sooner had he dropped the cent in than he took a quarter two or three of the men several loaves of out, and was making off with it, when a bread and a can of tea, which he supposed woman who was apparently looking upon the blind man, caught him and made him would have been divided up. In this, however, he was mistaken, for the men who return it. got it went off in a corner by themselves and evidently intended to make the best of

Hughie in Another Busine

Mr. Hugh J. McCormack the well-known ever, and the result was quite a squabble in the Italian language, but very little of the bread was divided. The new customskater, is in another line of business this summer. Hughie says he will skate another winter and try to regain his prestige, and then settle down for an "old man." During the summer season from Dominion day out, he will run a summer hotel on one of the most beautiful spots on the Ken-nebecasis. "The Willows" is the cool, comfort suggesting name of the new hotel, The North End Hook and Ladder Driver Found Them too Much for Him. the full particulars of which will be found elsewhere. McCormack has hosts of triends who will not fail to call upon him urday afternoon. Somebody discovered that the grass was on fire in Gilbert's field and give him a start, especially when they can do so, so easily by taking the steamer near Wright street, and instead of putting Clifton, and after enjoying a beautiful sail on the river, reach their destination in a it out with a few pails of water, struck the

His Opinion of Bicyclists.

got over the ground with the best of them. Those in charge of it evidently saw a The Market square is a great place for chance to distinguish themselves, for when told just what the fire amounted to they accidents. At that particular point, horses I am standing nere there was do reason in my arrest. My friends will bear me out in the statement that I was not only well able to take care of myself, but that I was going the place to have cowpaths running through the statement that I was not only well able to take care of myself, but that I was going the place to have cowpaths running through the statement that I was not only well able to take care of myself, but that I was going the place to have cowpaths running through the statement that I was not only well able to take care of myself, but that I was not only well able the place to have cowpaths running through the ladders on the grass or stand them up Hipwell guards that part of the city. Sergt. against the trees some feet away is a ques Watson who was on duty there the oth evening, has discovered a new danger. A couple of bicyclists came along at a good speed, and one of them knocked a man down. The sergeant was on hand to give cases would have been praiseworthy, he the wheelman a lecture, but the machine was going so fast that it was out of hearing

INCIDENTS OF A DAY.

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Rooml of Wante

owed from a family of that n d gaiters. The name of Pickwick owed from a family of that name They were proprietors of an had coaches running between and Bath. The first number of l began on March the 31st, 1836. swas certain from the first; but n Weller adpeared a run upon it ich was simply unprecedented in y of bookeeling. All the world ing it at once, or clamoring for it. ds were revised and sometime cut bickens' friend John Forster. eve of the appearance of the imber Seymour committed a the. lustration of the work was been Mr. R. W. Buss, a painter of me. But his drawings failed to ther publisher or author. Thack-red to undertake the task; Leech unteered; finally. Halbot K. -Phiz-was chosen, with the re-we know. In November, 1837, umber of "Pickwick" was issued, y conclusion being celebrated by .-Saturday Review.

Women and Ladies

Harriet Martineau visited America d the warden of a prison reform-Tennessee to show her through the ward. The answer is embalmed

very sorry, ma'am, that I cannot date you, but we have no ladies

ister who was very polite changed of scripture to read, "Ladies lemen created He them;" and a who cared more for the sweet of politeness than for the plain ts of the truth, rung this query astonished audience as he dis-on the characteristics of women: were the last at the cross P Who were the first at the sepul-adies." we he was outdone by the exquis-e who, as he concluded marrying a aid gallandy: w pronounce you husband and

month, or about \$1,080 per year. Mr. William Murdoch was appointed asked to assume the duties of the ferrysome time ago and report does say that he the only difference between this and PROhas a much better knowledge of his business than either of his co-workers in the office instead of two. city engineering department. At any rate he was appointed to assist his uncle and he

PROGRESS is very glad to note, however, that the committee has adopted its plan of has been doing the most of the work ever one engineer instead of three, and ot less legal expense in connection with the coun-It will not be very difficult for the intel-

common clerk's and the recordligent taxpayer to add a few figures toer's offices will be recommended to be rether and come to the conclusion that he made one, and that one man do the work. helping to pay three engineers about three thousand nine hundred dollars every Every one will agree with the committee that Mr. Smith can get along very nicely on \$1,500 instead of \$1,800, and that \$1,500 year for work supposed to be done in this city of St. John. It may also be reis a moderate salary for the chairman of the d that not many days ago the city of Halifax appointed one city engineer at a assessors.

And the mayor and the council !--- if they donate their services, they will deserve a banqueta

Where There Is a Boom

go a little further and show what is being Real estate near Rothesay station has to paid out for superintendence alone in this be covered with dollar bills now-a-days, if Director A. C. Smith, the it is to be purchased at all. All the availfirst on the list, draws the very modest salary of \$1,800 a year. Some people say able land at reasonable figures is taken up that he is a busy man, and it may be true. There is no doubt that he finds time to keep as far from the station as is convenient and seekers for rural retreats are having a hunt the run of civic politics and his finger upon for what they want.

For Another Week.

supposed to be one of the powers behind The long and short engagement question has brought many letters to this office on the subject. Their insertion this week was he council, one of the company who rule the city by an invisible and unaccountable influence. If that is true just now, Director

Sensible citizens will agree with this and applaud the action of the magistrate in cautioning policemen against too great zeal in making an arrest record. The

efficiency of a policeman is not proved by the number of entries he makes upon the charge book.

Some of Them Careless

PROGRESS gets subscription letters every day with money enclosed in all kinds of ways The careful, methodical people register or send by post office order, and they Others wrap a \$2 bill are always safe around the notification postal card, thrust to from the gallery. both into the envelope, and without a line or even a sheet of paper, send it forward.

Others are even more careless and send two \$1 bills without any protection. It is much better to be sure than sorry. A post office order is as certain as a bank draft and as it is made payable to the publisher, influence. If that is true just now, Director Smith has much to answer for. Superim-tendent Martin of the streets has to answer to him, however, for his acts. When the

sion to that effect. More particulars can n, and still more be found in another colu tion to reach the fire in that particular by writing to Mr. Keith himself.

More Jealousy Than Enterprise. The daily papers are not anxious to give of the steep little hills. The next hill, guarantors appeared in print the \$100 signed by PROGRESS did not appear as vate individual. If there was a good deal less jealousy and more enterprise among the city dailies the community would be the Embarrassing the Blushing Maiden.

Playing to Empty Houses

The Harkins company are evidently not osity gets the better of the manners. meeting with the success that was antici-pated: Wednesday night, when a new friends drove up to the door of a city When a coach, containing a bride and church this week, the blushing maiden wa piece was put on, it was played to a \$30 probably very much surprised and alarmed to see half a dozen heads crowded through pale. Those who were there on the previthe windows to get a look at her before the ous nights probably told their friends of driver could get down from the box.

the treatment they were forced to submit The School Clubbed Together

Larger Houses Every Night.

The managers of the Japanese exhibi-tion and musical company at the Palace rink received several requests to play in Moncton and Halifax next week, but as the attendance here has been increasing Bayside, St. Andrews, subscriber writes : every night, St. John will have them "I had no idea I should get such a handsomely bound volume for so small a sum." Splint Scatings,-Duval, 949 Union street.

which are very much steeper. Despite the machines and all, should be deposited in the market slip. about it, he was strong in his determina

A splendid Service

The local train service of the Canadian way, and after urging the horse from the seat of the waggon, at last got down, caught the animal by the head and suc-Pacific, is ahead of anything the western part of this province has ever seen. through train to Fredericton and St. ceeded in getting the apparatus over one Stephen is equal to the fast trains running out of large cities, while the suburban however, was too much for the horse, and trains should prove a great accommodation the driver at last gave up the job and went to every one travelling to the suburbs. round the other way. By that time the fire was out, and a grand opportunity lost. The improved system extends over all the road, and shows that the C. P. R. was only waiting its opportunity to make the service as good as the travel will warrant. Nothing will attract a crowd of women

like a fashionable wedding, and the excite-Something Will Probably Be Done. ment usually runs so high that their curi-Many of the aldermen agree with PROG-RESS' contention that the privilege of seats about the King square fountain and along the main walks is being much abused They, too, have noticed the tobacco pools the whittling and the carved seats. quite probable that some action will be taken in the matter, and the removal of the seats to some other part of the square seems the simpler remedy just now.

The Army is Flourishing

The Salvation army is in a flourish condition at present. It has about 150 on the roll at the Sidney street barracks, and when 80 or 100 of them follow the band on Sunday afternoons, they form one of the great up town attractions. The army intends, however, to change its outdoor proceedings somewhat. Tomorrow they will divide up into bands of 20 or 30 and storm several parts of the city at one time.

An energetic lot of school children in Fairville clubbed together recently and sent enough cash to PROGRESS for a subscription and the dictionary it is offering n connection with it. They were delighted to get such a volume at such a price. A