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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

TER CLIFTON.

... will make three trips a week... MON- TAY and SATURDAY mornings...

PAID FOR IN A HURRY. THE MAKERS OF THE SWEEPER GOT CASH FOR THE MACHINE.

How Things Are Done When Director Smith Wants Them Done—The Council Has a Picnic to Learn Something About Water for Drinking Purposes.

The street sweeper has become one of the recognized institutions of St. John. It has been accepted—by somebody—and paid for, by the city.

On the 27th of February, the Speight Wagon company, of Markham, Ont., sent a letter to Director Smith, in which this offer was made:

"To convince you that we have by far the best machine, we are willing to send a sweeper complete to your city, with a man competent to run it, and give you a practical test of its working, free of charge to your city, with this condition that you are open to purchase and will adopt our machine if we can show by actual experiment the value of our sweeper."

On the 31st of March the Council adopted the recommendation of the board of works, that the director be authorized to procure a street sweeper on trial, under the terms of the attached offer of the Speight Wagon company.

The machine reached St. John early in June, and when it was put together was found to be a second hand affair. It bore marks of previous use, but whether it had been in service or had been on trial somewhere where it was not accepted, nobody could tell.

The city had the privilege of keeping the machine on trial for 30 days, and probably the makers would have been well enough satisfied to get their pay in that time. The whole matter was conditional, and it remained to be seen whether this was really the machine the city wanted.

In the ordinary course of things a bill of this nature should go before the public works department, but it need not do so when it is a contract. Then the signatures of the chairman and director are sufficient.

appeared to be very sure about it, but Alds. Kelly and Colwell took charge of the wagon with a look of heavy responsibility on their faces.

It was explained that as some of the aldermen knew little or nothing about the water supply of St. John, this trip was made for the purpose of giving them an object lesson and deepening their fund of knowledge, at the same time letting them have a nice little picnic.

The grading of the hill at the west end of Sewell street would give the people of the streets above Union a much needed short line roadway to the depot and the North End.

The best specimen of street encumbrances is to be found in the vicinity of Ald. McLaughlin's office, on Water street, and consists of a variety of anchors, which litter up a sidewalk already too narrow for the public convenience.

A HERO OF DARKEST AFRICA. The Reported Death of Capt. Stairs—How he was Known by his Friends.

HALIFAX, June 16.—There is now no doubt but that the news of the death of Capt. Stairs is true. It was hoped for sometime that the report might be a false one, but the emphatic cables now received permit such hope no longer.

Simon Jones is president. He is an old timer, who used to roll up big scores at Paddock's; but it will take a little time for him to get his hand in, and to adapt himself to the modified rules of the game.

Joe Knowles found this out when he started in the other day. Joe is an old time bowler with a record for big scores. He has a scientific twist by which the ball keeps along the edge of the alley until it turns at just the right moment.

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STORIES OF CITY LIFE. THEY MAKE IT INTERESTING FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

North End Boys on a Very Warm Day—Tapping at a Window—Green Room Johnnies and the Actresses—Gallery Gods and the "Down Stairs Folk."

Two terrified women rushed out of a house on Adelaide road one night recently. They shouted burglars, and ran for help. Some of the neighbors were aroused, the two women breathlessly told how they had been alone in the house when they heard a noise at the window.

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MR. LEA IN AN OBJECTIVE MOOD. Progress' Attempt at Humor was Found Lacking his Appreciation.

MONCTON, June 14.—Mr. Paul Lea, of Moncton, takes exception to an article which appeared in PROGRESS of last Saturday which, Mr. Lea's friends have informed him, was of a character to injure his business.

His objections are: first, that he never had a fire before, a statement which is open to contradiction, but which, in the light of Mr. Lea's reasons for making, it shall pass unchallenged; second, that although PROGRESS was perfectly correct in stating that his friends had come to his aid, he had declined to accept such aid, and raised the requisite money for building on his own security; third, that it might tend to establish in the minds of people the idea that he is followed by fire, and thus affect his credit with the insurance companies; and also create a suspicion that he is bankrupt, and so injure his credit.

Mr. Lea admits he has a suit against the town under consideration, and that the insufficient force of water was largely responsible for the destruction of his property, but objects to the words "pyrotechnic display;" and, lastly, Mr. Lea further considers that PROGRESS insinuated that he was "ruined."

Nothing could be farther from the intention of PROGRESS than to injure anyone, even in jest, far less to harm a respectable, hard working, and honorable citizen, but it paid Mr. Lea the compliment of supposing that his reputation for probity was too well established for any article of the kind to affect it.

IT IS NOT YET SETTLED. Mr. Montgomery Has Another Charge Against Pastor Shore.

The resignation of Rev. Godfrey Shore as pastor of the Carleton Presbyterian church, was not acted upon at the last meeting of the presbytery, as he was not present. Illness was alleged as the excuse for his absence. In the meantime, however, another pastor officiates in the pulpit.

It will be remembered that the presbytery censured Mr. Shore for taking matters too much into his own hands. After the censure, however, he is said to have continued to run the meetings as before, claiming that he could not, as a matter of conscience, do he otherwise. His former opponent, Mr. John Montgomery, has therefore felt moved to prefer fresh charges of undue interference in the temporalities of the church, and the case will be heard when the presbytery meets again.

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