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DONOVAN AND WE TWO.

NOT NOVELS, BUT BUTCHERS IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE.

The Hustle to Furnish the Connolly Dredge with Supplies—Ald. Smith Takes a Hand—So Do Ald. Colwell and Ald. Kelly—The Latter Gets There.

It is generally understood that Messrs. Michael and Nicholas Connolly have not come to town for the purpose of throwing away money. They are men of business and they propose to carry out their Sand Point improvements in such a way as to realize the largest possible income with the least unnecessary expenditure. That is the business of a contractor every day of the week.

Nevertheless, more or less money must be expended for supplies, and this is in the light of so much "patronage," for which some of the citizens have already begun to hustle. The excitement began this week, after the arrival of the dredge.

The dredge is not a floating city, like a man of war, or both sides of the harbor would have had a tussle over it. There are half a dozen men or so connected with it, and they live in it, just as they would in a boarding house. They want meat, groceries and bread, and will require them until the work of the dredging is completed, some months hence.

The Connollys are contractors with the city of St. John, and have received their contract from the aldermen. They got the work because their tender was the most satisfactory of those submitted, and not as a personal favor. If they carry out the terms of their contract they will be independent of fear, favor or affection, as regards the aldermen individually or as a whole. If they do not, or there is any question whether they do or not, every alderman should be in a position to feel he is under no obligations to them.

There is an impression, however, that some of the aldermen have an idea the Connollys should feel so grateful for the contract, and so anxious to keep on the right side of the council, that members of the city government ought to have a pull on them when small favors are desired. It may or may not occur to these gentlemen that the pull will be the other way should the Connollys want favors at a future date. Anyway, the hustle has begun.

It has not been confined to the aldermen. Nearly everybody in Carleton who has anything to sell has been anxious to have the Connollys buy, and the contracting brothers have been giving interviews on the subject since their first arrival in town. There has been an idea that the grits would be patronized as well as the conservatives—when no conservatives were competitors in the same line. As regards the aldermen, however, they stand on their merits as members of the council, without special regard to their party affiliations, though the latter would be likely to count in case of a pinch.

So it is that Ald. Israel E. Smith, who was not seen to wave the old flag in the last election, is supplying the groceries, while Timothy Donovan, butcher and orator, is furnishing the meat. These gentlemen began their contract on Tuesday, but the dredge arrived on Sunday. The crew did not go hungry in the interval, but the groceries came from the brother of Ald. Colwell, while another Donovan, who is a butcher, but not an orator, supplied the meat. His front name is Michael. Timothy Donovan has his emporium on Queen street, while Michael wields the cleaver on King street. There is all Carleton between them.

Ald. Colwell is said to have been early in the field with a grocery and meat ticket composed of Charles Colwell and Michael Donovan for acceptance by the Connollys. The contractors were not acquainted in St. John, outside the aldermen, and so it is alleged they consulted with the various officials as to the best place to buy this thing or that. It was supposed that all was settled in regard to groceries and meat, and Messrs. Colwell and Donovan began to furnish their respective supplies.

In the meanwhile another alderman appeared on the scene, and this time his name was John Kelly from the North End. He had an opposition meat and grocery ticket composed of Orator Timothy Donovan and Ald. Israel E. Smith, but it was believed he was willing to give his Donovan a plumper, if it had to be. This Mr. Donovan is said to have enlisted all the influence he could command in Carleton, and to have called in Ald. Kelly to make matters sure. Ald. Kelly, one of the Connollys and Mr. Timothy Donovan were seen in friendly converse on Monday. On Tuesday, when Messrs. Colwell and Michael Donovan went to the dredge as usual, the engineer, Mr. Hume, told them that the supplies would in future be furnished by Messrs. Smith and Timothy Donovan.

All of which would imply that no pent up Utes, like Dufferin ward, contracts the powers of Ald. John Kelly. His influence reaches even into the camp of the aggres-

sive and vociferous aldermen of the West End.

The Messrs. Connolly are said to be acquiring a fine collection of autographs of members of the council. Some of the aldermen are making themselves solid with their constituents by sending men to the Connollys with notes asking that they be given employment. The presumption is that an alderman's name should, ex-officio, have weight with the contractors in their selection of workmen. One alderman assures PROGRESS that he sent only one man, and it was a deserving case of a person who had been out of a job for months. Others are believed to have gone more largely into this cheap and easy method of dispensing patronage. One West End member is reported to have sent the contractors a list of twenty of his friends for whom he wanted employment, but some of the South End men are thought to be in a fair way to distance even this record.

The question of the whole matter is as to just how far the aldermen are putting themselves in the position of being under obligations to contractors on whose acts they may have to pass judgment, as representatives of the citizens, at a later stage of the work.

PASTOR SHORE'S LONG VACATION.

A Belief that He is Tired of the Fight with His Congregation.

The indications are that the First Presbyterian church of Carleton will lose Rev. Godfrey Shore as its pastor. He is going away on an autumn vacation, which was originally fixed at six months, but the impression is that Mr. Shore will seek fresh fields and pastures green in some locality where turbulent and rebellious people are not so often to the front. What is believed to be his farewell sermon was preached last Sunday, and while less vigorous than Mr. Crisp's "hell on earth" discourse, was sufficiently pointed to show that Mr. Shore had an opinion, and a strong one, of matters and things in general.

There was a meeting of the managing committee of the church about two weeks ago, to discuss the financial situation. Mr. Shore was not present, and a resolution was passed to cut down his salary to \$900, net. It has been \$1,000 with an arrangement by which, in addition, he was to receive half of the balance of the revenues of the church, after the payment of the three items of his salary, the sexton's salary and the charge for light and fuel.

Having cut down the salary, a committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Shore and notify him that the reduction was necessary in consequence of some twenty contributors having been dropped from the roll. Mr. Shore was not at home when they called, and they sent a special messenger to tell him they would wait upon him on Thursday evening of last week. They called at the appointed time and found the pastor engaged. He was apparently in no hurry to come down stairs, so the committee began to wonder if he was ever coming. When he did arrive, he shook hands with them, asked his favorite elder to go up stairs, and left the two other elders and a deacon to wait in vain for him until they got tired. They left without having had an interview.

The relations between Pastor Shore and Elder Jarvis Wilson have been somewhat strained of late. When the pastor was going on his vacation last year, Mr. Wilson lent him \$65. When Mr. Wilson wanted the money returned Mr. Shore claimed that he considered it a donation from the church. He threatened to leave Carleton if he were compelled to repay it, and rather than have any trouble the committee agreed to settle the affair with Mr. Wilson. The matter never came before a congregational meeting, however, and the sum remains unpaid. Mr. Wilson met Mr. Shore the other day and demanded his \$65, but Mr. Shore replied that the matter was not a private transaction between them, and declined to pay. Later, he sent to Mr. Wilson a demand for a written apology. This Mr. Wilson declines to give, and still demands his money.

To add to the general disturbance, Mr. John Montgomery is said to be making preparations to bring an action for slander against the pastor, for defamatory words spoken in the pulpit on Easter Sunday, as narrated by PROGRESS at the time. There may be trouble, too, over a paper read by Mr. Shore before the presbytery, in May. He claimed the document was a copy of the minutes of a meeting of session, but it is asserted that there was no meeting of session held at the time stated.

A meeting was held after the farewell sermon last Sunday to discuss the pastor's remarks. One worthy deacon undertook to defend the people, but Mr. Shore tried to silence the speaker. The deacon would not be silenced till he had given Mr. Shore a general raking over.

If Mr. Shore returns from his vacation to resume pastoral labors, he must be more fond of the people than some of them seem to be of him. Up to date, both parties think they have had a hard road to travel. And others think so too.

THE WHOLE TRUTH NOW.

MESSES. WELTON IN JAIL ON SERIOUS CHARGES.

Arrested on a Charge of False Insurance—The Hayes Case Recalled—The Methods of the Weltons in that Affair Now Clearly Disclosed.

The arrest of the Welton Brothers calls to mind another instance in which they figured prominently some eighteen months ago. At that time they accused a young man in this city, named Stewart Hayes, of running off with some \$1,400 of the funds of the Union Mutual Insurance company, of which Mr. C. B. Welton was the provincial agent and manager.

The statement that Mr. Hayes was a defaulter was published broadcast at the time and has never yet been contradicted in the newspapers, yet it was as false as it could be. The real defaulter was probably C. B. Welton himself, who took advantage of Hayes going on his vacation to originate the report that he had skipped out with the funds of the company. Hayes was in Bangor when he first saw the report in a city paper and he at once returned to this city to square himself with the public. Welton, however, was an able dealer, while Hayes at that time had the reputation of being easily influenced, and the former succeeded in putting him off from time to time, and perhaps would have succeeded in getting away from him very easily, had not Hayes' family been determined that he should not bear the odium of a crime which he never committed. Spurred on by them Hayes at last succeeded in obtaining from Welton a document signed sealed and delivered before a notary public, which gave a flat contradiction to the newspaper reports that Hayes had absconded and that there was any shortage in his cash. The document, moreover, certified to his honesty, capability and integrity.

Strange to say, one of the conditions on which this document was given was that it should not be published. Notwithstanding all the efforts of Stewart Hayes' family, Welton succeeded in inducing the lad to refrain from printing the declaration of his own innocence.

Perhaps this was accomplished by means of another document, a sort of promise to pay, in which C. B. Welton agreed to pay Stewart Hayes \$800 or \$1,000, as some compensation for the injury he had received from the publication of these reports. The money was not paid over at the time, but some weeks later Hayes had received at least \$500 of the amount, and PROGRESS understands obtained other sums from time to time on account. There can be no doubt that in the present case Stewart Hayes would be a most valuable witness for the prosecution, for he was in the office of the Union Mutual long enough to be thoroughly well acquainted with the methods of the Welton brothers. It is said that he is perfectly cognizant of all the facts in connection with the Morrison and Reid insurance cases. There is not much doubt that there are other cases of which the public know nothing. Certainly before this the methods of the Welton brothers have been very near detection. So near were they being found out on one occasion, the suspicions of the company having been aroused, that C. B. Welton, who is undoubtedly the weaker of the two, became alarmed for his own safety and anxious to fix the matter up. All one Sunday afternoon the Rev. Sydney Welton, C. B. Welton and Mr. Hayes sat together and consulted over the situation. The man of cloth was the man who did the thinking. His brain planned the avenues of escape, and after a consultation of some hours the way seemed clear to convince the company that they were all right. When this was done, and the notes and memoranda for the letters left in shape for Hayes to copy and send off, the Rev. Mr. Welton arose with the remark that he would have to hurry as he had to preach that evening!

Those who have followed the movements of the last named gentleman for the last few years will remember very well his resignation of the pastorate of a well known Baptist church in this province to accept the position of agent of the Union Mutual Life Insurance company for Nova Scotia. He did not retain that position very long, owing, it is said, to a discrepancy in a report made by a medical examiner, and the report which reached the office of the Union Mutual Co. The discovery of this, it is stated, led to the retirement of Mr. Welton, and he again returned to the ministry.

Those Remarkable Resolutions.

If any one thing seems certain it is that the average man, whatever his education and ability may be, gets lost in a maze when he undertakes to propose a resolution of condolence. When the Duke of Clarence died, last winter, there were some conspicuous instances of bad English and worse taste prepared, engrossed and forwarded by various municipal bodies, but the St. John Law society has eclipsed even

these in the effort it has formulated in memory of the chief justice of Canada. One would have thought that the occasion should have been considered of sufficient importance for the lawyers to have got a competent person to draft their expressions of sympathy, and while the daily papers are not faultless in rhetoric, there is not a reporter in St. John who could not have written a paper in every way more worthy of the occasion. It is a pity that a document so deficient in both sense and grammar should be allowed to go on record. The people of St. John honor the memory of the late chief justice, and it is to be regretted the resolution of the lawyers did not give a better expression of the fact.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE BROKEN.

Mr. E. G. Larsen of "Progress" Staff Accepts Position on the Boston "Herald."

The family circle of PROGRESS has been broken again, and this time one of its oldest members, Mr. Robert G. Larsen, has gone out to join the numbers of bright young men who find their services worth more in the United States than can be paid for them in Canada.

Mr. Larsen, or "Bob" as he was familiarly known in and out of the office, was one of the oldest members of PROGRESS staff, in fact the oldest member. Ever since he began newspaper work, some six or seven years ago, he has been associated with those connected with PROGRESS. His work on this paper has spoken for itself. In certain lines of description and comment he excelled, and his general efficiency in newspaper work was such that he easily held the leading place in the reporting fraternity of this city.

It was nearly seven years ago, or perhaps a little longer, when one evening the writer, seating himself at the desk in the Daily Telegraph office, found a short paragraph there which at first sight appeared to be the work of an amateur. And so it was, but it was good enough to be printed, and next morning it appeared in the paper. Night after night those paragraphs were placed on that desk as regularly as the sun set, and after a time the city editor was curious to discover the author of them. Had not the porter of the building revealed his identity, it would have been difficult to learn that the little boy engaged in a printer's office down the street was the culprit. A place was found for him on the local papers where he found plenty of opportunities to indulge in his propensity for paragraphing.

A few months after PROGRESS was started Mr. Larsen joined its staff, and from that time to the present has served its interests as well as faithfully as it was possible for any man to do. He was perfectly at home in every department of the paper. If there was a hand short in the composing room, "Bob" was clever enough with the stick to take his place in an emergency. If the mail clerk was ill or absent he knew enough about his business to see that everything was done right; and so it was in every department of the paper. His present position on the Boston Herald was offered to him while on a recent vacation trip, and as such positions are not thrown in the way of every newspaper man, he could not with justice to himself decline the situation, which is not only more valuable to him in the present, but no doubt affords him excellent opportunities for advancement. PROGRESS is sorry to lose him and wishes him every success in the new field that his industry and ability can command.

STREETS THAT BREED LAWSUITS.

One Way in Which the City Can Avoid Its Responsibility for Them.

Just as Alds. Kelly and Lewis are coming to the front with new streets at Gallows Hill and the Barrack square, as the localities used to be called, and Ald. McGoldrick with a street along the Kennebecque, Ald. Baxter has a proposition to close up some of the streets already existing, as a matter of economy and precaution. He brought up the matter at the council on Thursday in the form of a resolution to authorize the bill committee to report on the necessity of legislation. There are in Carleton as well as in Portland, to quote old names again, a number of streets that have been recorded under the impression that there would be houses on them some time. In some instances, there is a house here and there, while again, as in Portland there are said to be ramshackle alleys which were made streets in the era of misrule which used to be epidemic under the old order of things. Now, every place recorded as a street is supposed to be kept in order by the city. If it is not, and anybody gets hurt, an action for damages is the result. The city cannot undertake to keep such streets in order, and the recorder is the only official whom they can benefit. An authority to close them does not mean that they will be fenced in, but that the city will be under no responsibility for them. They will rank in the same class as private ways where people travel wholly at their own risk. The resolution was passed, and the committee will consider it.

MISS POTTS THE WINNER.

THE SILVER SERVICE WON WITH 6706 COUPONS.

How the Contest Stood and the Changes Near the Close—Miss Biederman a Close Second—Other Contestants and How They Made Out.

The silver service contest is ended, and Miss Minnie E. Potts wins the prize with 6,706 coupons. Little Miss Pauline Biederman is a close second with over 6,000 to her credit. Mr. Campbell, who has been sometimes a leader in the contest, found on the last day that he was "not in it," so to speak, and threw the balance of the coupons he had collected to the credit of Miss Biederman, but even this great assistance did not bring the little girl to the point which she desired to reach. From Monday to Wednesday there was much moving about, much bustling among those who were looking after the little slip of paper for their respective favorites. Perhaps those connected with PROGRESS alone were aware of the wide spread interest that was felt in the result of the contest. Scores of persons were anxious enough about it to call at the office and see how it turned out, though none of them will be satisfied on the point until they read this morning's paper. Early in the week Miss Biederman began to hand in coupons in such bundles as 600 and 400, and to some people who knew of this there seemed but little doubt that she would be the winner of the Silver Service. Nothing was heard from Miss Potts or her friends until Wednesday, when about noon-time her first addition to the number credited to her last Saturday was sent in, in the shape of a bundle a few short of 2000 coupons. This did not, however, place her in advance of Miss Biederman who still led by several hundred, and it was only late in the afternoon when the final deposit of 3802 was made for her that there seemed but little doubt that she would prove the winner. In the meantime some friends of Mr. Campbell had placed some hundreds of coupons to his credit, while he in turn with 2000 in reserve found that there did not seem to be much or any chance for him to come out ahead, placed them to the credit of Miss Pauline, but even this assistance as was said before, was not sufficient to give her the lead.

The contest stands as follows:
Miss Minnie E. Potts, 128 Charlotte street, city, 6706
Miss Pauline Biederman, 74 Queen street, 6227
J. H. Campbell, 194 Sydney street, city, 2271
Miss Lizzie T. Sayer, Richibucto, 754
Miss E. A. Hart, Rockland Road, 212
Harry Bradshaw, 191
Mrs. T. W. Higgins, Orange street, 150
W. H. McCoy, Amherst, 122
D. C. McKen, Wolfville, N. S., 114
Mrs. J. Mowry, Victoria street, city, 202
Mrs. J. E. Wilson, 31 Inglis street, Halifax, 68
Miss G. Markee, St. Stephen, 46
Grace A. Eger, 50 Peters street, 46
Mrs. J. B. Eagles, St. John, 46
Mrs. Fred Shaw, 37
Alice M. DeForest, 14 Coburg street, city, 34
Thilie Morrison, 4 Celebration street, city, 30
L. E. Corwell, 27
Mrs. John Allen, city, 27
Mrs. Bent, Amherst, 21
J. W. Jones, St. John, 19
Miss LeB. Ferguson, Tracadie, 11
Lizzie Maxwell, Gagetown, N. B., 8

It is a curious fact that very many people outside of this city took a great interest in the Silver Service contest, and each of the readers of PROGRESS seemed to have a favorite among the contestants as very evident from the following note from Miss Biederman, who wishes to extend her thanks to all those in the city who so kindly donated her with coupons, as well as the following persons in the provinces who were kind enough to remember her:
F. W. Bowers, Halifax, N. S.
Miss Ada M. Woodling, Halifax, N. S.
L. C. Railway, Campbellton Station.
Miss Lydia Kilham, Yarmouth, N. S.
Mrs. Robert Cate, Yarmouth, N. S.
B. E. M., Amherst.
W. H. Quinn, Fredericton.

Mr. Marshall, Fredericton.
George D. Martin, Sussex.
Hugh J. McCormick, The Willows.
Miss Ella Blakeley, Petitediac.
J. F. P., Fredericton.
Miss Edith Mitchell, Coverdale.
John Guest and Miss Francis L. Allen, Yarmouth.
Annapolis.
Woodstock.
Mrs. W. Storey, Campbellton.
M. Catheline, Hampton.
Mr. F., Sackville.

Miss Potts also wishes to thank the friends in the city and those in Amherst, Digby, Barrington, Halifax, Truro, Windsor, Spring Hill Mines, Fredericton, Marysville, St. Andrews, Woodstock, George, New Castle, Moncton, Sussexvale, Westfield, Welsford, Long Reach, Clifton, Musquash, Upper Sheffield, St. Stephen, South Portland, Me., New York, Chelsea, Mass., Boston, Mass., Mt. Auburn, Mass., Brooklyn, N. Y., Denver, Col., and Vancouver, B. C., who have so kindly sent donations of coupons, and also those who assisted her in collecting.

The interest in the two young ladies who competed was perhaps very evenly divided. There was a good deal of sympathy felt for the bright little worker, Miss Biederman, who is not more than twelve years of age. From the very first she has tried to interest all the people she knew in her behalf, but the absence of those who could best help

her, and the lack of an organized effort for her, necessarily lessened the number that she might have collected. On the other hand, Miss Potts seemed to have a very effective organizer, who not only induced his friends and her friends in the city to use every effort in the collection of coupons, but who also persuaded their acquaintances in outside cities, not only in the maritime provinces, but all over the continent to send them each and every coupon that they could put their hands on, and it is said that they came in lots as high as 300 from these different places.

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH.

Nomination October 15—Polling Day October 22.

Although the much expected dissolution of the legislature has been announced just as PROGRESS is going to press there is really very little that is new in the local political world. The politicians seem to have been waiting for the word, and now that the word has come, the few whom PROGRESS has talked with on the opposition side are complaining that it has been brought on too soon. That is an old cry. Sensible people will agree that the sooner an election can be got over the better for the people and for the country. With the newspapers hammering day after day at political topics and with the lengthy reports that are published everywhere of the proceedings of the legislature there is not much doubt but that people who wish to be informed have had plenty of opportunities to acquaint themselves with the condition of the affairs of the province.

In this city and county very little has really been decided upon as to who will be candidates either on the government or opposition side. The city of St. John as it now is elects four men and the county two. It has been stated on various authorities that one or two of the gentlemen at present supporting the opposition are liable to change their minds and become adherents of Mr. Blair and his government. This is not at all unlikely. If it proves to be true, it will be a reflection on the ability of Mr. Stockton to keep his men together, for if he fails to succeed in uniting the supporters of his county, what will be his chances among the representatives of the provinces.

Dr. Taylor of Hampton tells PROGRESS that it is not his intention at present to be a candidate, certainly not on the side of the opposition. It is said by those who who are in a position to know that the genial doctor has the right to the registration of the county of Kings, and that he will receive it. No doubt his course depends somewhat upon the action of the government in this matter.

So far as PROGRESS can learn from the opinions expressed by politicians in this city, and by prominent provincialists, the chances of the government are as good if not better today than ever they were. They have all to gain and nothing to lose in the city and county of St. John, while Carleton, Albert and some say Westmorland, are almost sure to give an increased support. The only counties in which there appears to be any actual change are Kings and Queens. In the latter a ticket has already been put forward. In the county of Kings the retirement of Mr. Pugsley makes a new combination necessary. A great many of Mr. Domville's friends who have supported him for the Dominion House are not pleased that he should seek to enter local politics. The government candidates spoken of are Messrs. White, Scovill and Flewelling, who undoubtedly represent all sections of the county. Mr. Flewelling has been a representative of the House, while Mr. Scovill is probably as popular a selection as could be made.

He Was Not From This City.

The daily papers of this city have copied a paragraph from a Montreal journal to the effect that a priest from St. John was intoxicated in Montreal makes the following effective contradiction of that statement from a provincial clergyman who writes to PROGRESS somewhat interesting. He says:

"I do not imagine that anyone in St. John would suppose the 'priest' in Montreal, referred to by 'Laicus' in your last issue, was an Anglican priest; much less that he was one of the delegation in the city at the time. It may be well, however, to state the matter definitely. He was not an Anglican priest; and was not from St. John, N. B., but from St. John's, N. F. I can give his name but do not think it a matter of public interest. For some reason the Montreal people did not want to make the correction."

He Was Not the Man.

Mr. Ryder, whose name appeared in the last issue of PROGRESS as having collided with a huckster woman on Market Square and taking no notice of the accident, called this week to say that there evidently has been some mistake, and from what PROGRESS can learn Mr. Ryder is correct. The name of the teamster should have been Armstrong. PROGRESS makes the correction with pleasure, as it has no wish to saddle Mr. Ryder with an act for which he was in no way responsible.