

BABIES AND DOCTORS.

MONCTON HAS AN ABUNDANCE OF BOTH.

Pugilistic Babies and Unmarried Doctors—An Attraction Not to be Despised in the Bore-Brush Fires and Their Warm Results.

MONCTON, Sept. 4.—Moncton has more children to the square yard than any town of its size in the maritime provinces, with a wider range, as to color and texture, than I have ever seen before, from the tow-headed atom of three years old, to the outwardly demure school girl of fourteen.

I am fully satisfied that they begin to walk at the age of six months, for long habit has accustomed the denizen of our town to look with calm indifference at infants about twelve inches high strolling about, either alone or in couples.

Occasionally a stranger, who is not up to our little ways, thinks he has found a lost child, and interviews the young voyager: "Little boy, I'm afraid you're lost. Hadn't you better let me take you home?"

"Ain't a boy; I'm a girl! You go long!" And the crestfallen philanthropist pursues his way. It may be imagined that among such a large number of vivacious young souls, there are frequent differences of opinion so radical that they can only be settled by blows.

And I was fortunate enough to witness a hand-to-hand action, the other day, between—I blush to write it—a lady and gentleman, neither of whom had passed their third year.

A lady of four had accepted the post of referee, and stood close to the combatants, to see that Marquis of Queensbury rules were observed. Neither of the contesting parties were sufficiently steady on their legs to make "first fall" a very difficult matter, but wrestling was not part of their code.

Their mode of proceeding was for one to rush forward and deliver a rapid slap at the other's face; both the assaulting party, the bested and the referee immediately ran away as fast as they could, breathed hard, and silently came up to time for another round.

The performance was repeated. Alas! that prize fighting should be against both domestic as well as municipal laws. The brother of one of the disturbers of the peace suddenly appeared at the door, and caused an abrupt stay of proceedings by carrying the embryo Britomart shrieking into the house, while her adversary and his second disappeared in a cloud of dust, kicked up by their retreating heels.

Apropos of this subject, Rev. Mr. Crisp once delivered a lecture here entitled "Is Marriage a Failure?" during the course of which he said that, among any standing at the corner of Church street of a Sunday afternoon, when the Sunday schools were disbanded, would be thoroughly convinced that marriage was not a failure—at least in Moncton.

MORALITY IN BUSINESS.

AN UNEXPECTED FAILURE AND WHAT FOLLOWED IT.

Goods Received Almost to the Hour of Assignment—Resumption of Business by the Same Man Under Another Firm Name—His Employee's Demands Complied With.

The recent sudden failure of a city manufacturer, who was supposed to be doing an excellent paying business, his assignment and abrupt offer of settlement with his creditors, and his subsequent resumption of business under another style of firm name, have caused a more than ordinary amount of talk among business people generally.

There is a strong prejudice against such methods in St. John, methods that would bring the good business name of any community into disrepute. Too much of it has been done in the past, but of late there was a cessation of such business squirming, which everyone hoped the last had been seen of.

It has broken out again, and some foreign manufacturers rue the day they had anything to do with the St. John man who gave them no sign of his intentions, received goods from the railways almost to within the hour of his assignment, and made them over to his trustees.

They bear dishonesty on the face of them, and are sufficient to mark not only the man who pursues them, but also the place where he carries on his business. So far as PROGRESS can learn, it would have been far better if such a man was driven out of business in this city.

No man with little regard as he has for moral right should be allowed to run a factory where young girls are employed. Curious stories, supported by an indisputable array of facts, are afloat, and any one of them should be sufficient to drive the man from a decent community.

On one occasion even his factory employees became so disgusted and indignant that they went to him in a body and insisted that unless certain conditions were complied with they would leave the work room. The occasion of their displeasure was the presence of a young girl and infant child in an adjoining room.

They had no knowledge that the factory or any part of it was used for a living room until one morning they were accompanied in their work by the wall of an infant. Then it was that they made inquiries, found out the facts of the case and waited upon their employer, with the statement that either the child and its mother should leave the building or they would. Such pluck as this brought matters to a crisis, and the occupants of the room off the factory room were removed.

Should a man of this stamp, a man with so little regard for the good name of his employees, be allowed to have charge of a factory where female labor is employed? One of the avowed objects of the labor commission was to investigate the relations between such employers and their employees, and if possible protect them, not only from actual injury, but from any suspicion of it.

If PROGRESS' facts are correct, and they have been collected with a good deal of care, there is considerable room for investigation in this quarter. It is against the best interests of any community that a man should be permitted to live with women who are not bound to him by any legal or moral obligation.

Postponed for a Time. Mr. McDade, the enterprising special agent of PROGRESS in Moncton, writes us that leading merchants of Moncton have stated that in their opinion an edition of PROGRESS illustrative of their city would be better appreciated at a later date when there was no exhibition to detract from its interest.

Just now there is a strong feeling to place the exhibition to the front, which is only right. All that we can say is that when the business people are ready we are, and when the edition is published it will be as representative as possible. May the exhibition be such a pronounced success that the illustrated edition will come as a matter of course.

WILL HE BE EXPELLED?

THE PRESSING AGAINST MCCOY AND "STANLEY."

It is held that those who have been in the habit of betting on the horse track in St. John this summer are National club men. Hundreds of people associate every club room with drinking and gambling. The National does not belong to this class. It is not a T. M. C. A. parlor, neither is it a barroom. The air of quiet decency about it is more attractive to hundreds than either of the other resorts.

What PROGRESS set out to say was that Proprietor Wilkins has spent much money and time in bringing the National to the front, and proving that a quiet resort could be made popular. It is popular—so much so that it is always thronged with people who go to see what the scores are, no matter whether they are interested in Boston or New York contests, or in Moncton or Fredericton, or Bangor or St. John, or the Halifax and Shamrock clubs.

They find the scores there away in the back room posted on the board. They stop and chat, lounge about, in the full knowledge that they are welcome; then when they want a cigar or any tobacco, or anything in the refreshment line, they pass out and patronize some outside. They do not think—though they should know it ere this—that there are good cigars and tobacco in the National, and, also, as refreshing light drinks as can be had anywhere.

These are some plain facts, and the boys who would see the National continue and remain as good as heretofore should bear them in mind. They would be the first to regret its close.

PEN AND PRESS.

The Insurance Company Has It.

The representatives of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, in their advertisement of to-day, claim that the company is the largest insurance company in the world; and assert that the receipts of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, for 1888, were \$32,206,932.52, exceeding the whole taxation receipts of Canada, from customs and excise, by \$1,029,519.34 for the like period,—customs and excise receipts for 1888 being \$28,714,138. General Agency Office Walker Building, 99 Prince William street.—Advt.

Returning from New York. Mrs. L. B. Carroll expects to return from New York on the 7th inst. and will have her opening on the 16th.—Advt.

The Social's Private Code. The Socials used a private telegraph code as follows, after the games here: Grahm O'Brien Smith DopLe White Flynn McCarTty Committee's reply: Farquhar Davison Falty Scott.

THE WRECK OF THE DESPERATE. "Oh, father, I hear the church-bells ring. Oh, say what may it be? Why is the cannon's deep-mouthed roar borne thundering out to sea? And whence the brilliant lights that gleam from Fort Howe's emerald crest, That put to blush old Sol's gay hues when dving in the west?"

"Why do the men stand hand-in-hand and shed great tears of joy? And tell me why our famed fair maids with rose-tinted cheeks and bright eyes? And why, when songs of love and mirth cease to ring far and near? Ah! why is it the wine's blithe 'pop' is wafted to my ear?"

"And, father, why does Harry Lyle, his rockets skyward scud? And why is heard the bang of drums, and the cheer of the carnal's foot? And why does St. John seem to-night to stand Brothelings? My son, Tom Pitt and his staunch men have colored the broad Spaniards' flag!" —GARY TAY.

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Alms House Supplies.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Secretary, Ferry Building, until MONDAY, the 2nd September, at 12 o'clock, noon, from persons wishing to furnish the Alms House for one year from the first day of October next, with the under-mentioned supplies: Fresh Merchandise—Beef—in alternate fore and hind quarters of not less than 120lb; Fresh Mutton—by carcass; Bread—25 lb loaf; Rice—100lb; Harley—100lb; Oatmeal—100lb; Cornmeal—1 barrel (kilo dried); Congoo Tea—10 lb box; Brown Sugar—fair—100lb; Mincebrado—Malt—1 gallon, by cask, to be delivered as required; Tobacco—Black 10 lb; Salted hams; Coffee (Java)—5 lb by can; Beans—1 bushel; Pullock (dried)—1 quintal; Paraffine (American) 1/2 gallon by barrel; Drugs and Medicines—According to specified list to be seen at Office of Secretary. All supplies to be of the best quality and subject to the approval or rejection of the Commissioners or their Agents. Lowest approved tender accepted. Securities required for the faithful performance of the contract. By order of the Board of Commissioners. EDWIN J. WETMORE, Sec'y.

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