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## THE GIST OF THE INAUGURAL.

In my opinion, one of the first duties of this common council should be the ordering of an enumeration of its inhabitants, so that we may know not only our aggregate population, but the population of each ward.

By all means let us know how large the family is. It is a bad policy to begin housekeeping without knowing how many there are in the house. We place no credit to the slanders against our population from within and without the city, and the best way to silence them is to find out the facts and give them to the world. Let us have the census.

It may be a question whether the opening of a means of communication to this section by a road which should follow the shores of the Kennebecasis from Drury's cove to the end of the Sandy Point road, may not be worthy of your early attention. It is evident that such a road is considered there will be something lacking in our facilities for traversing the goodly territory we now possess.

It is quite evident that the growth of the city—the suburban growth, at all events—will be in this direction. Much of the finest land and the grandest scenery about us lie in this section, and the suggestion to open it up by a good road is worth immediate and serious consideration. We have paid so much attention to our civic thoroughfares that they compare quite favorably to those of any city of the same size. Let us not neglect the suburbs.

I think we ought to introduce into the ferry service that regularity and certainty which it now seems to lack and that the rates should be reduced. I would suggest for your consideration whether it might not be possible to reduce the fare on the ferry to a uniform rate of one cent, abolishing at the same time all commutation or monthly tickets, and keeping an accurate check on the number of passengers by means of turnstiles.

This will be rough on the veteran bum who is ever importuning us for three cents, the price of a ferry passage, or a glass of Dock street gin. But, seriously, Carleton seems to have grasped one idea—better communication with St. John—by the neck. We trust they may be pacified in some way—not at present by Ald. BASKIN's lewdie—perhaps, by a one cent ferry.

The streets of Carleton have suffered from the lack of sufficient funds to put them in a proper state of repair, and when a judicious scheme has been agreed upon I do not think this expenditure can be made too soon. I submit for your consideration whether the filling up of the streets through the old mill pond west of Union street should not form a part of such a scheme of expenditure. The mill pond at present cuts Carleton into two parts and makes any concentration of population impossible. But, if the streets were extended through the mill pond this part of the west side would soon be built up and lands belonging to the city would become valuable.

The streets of Carleton in repair! Is the millennium at hand? The longer we think of the terms of union and place opposite them Carleton's vote, the greater is our difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that the place is alive to its best interests.

It has always appeared to me that our system of street management, particularly in connection with the sewerage work, was not the best that could be adopted. St. John is peculiarly situated as to its location, and arrangements which might suit places less exposed to the winds of heaven will not answer here. It will be for you to consider whether the city could not do this work for itself more efficiently and cheaply than it is done at present by contract. There ought to be such an intimate connexion between the gathering up the dust heaps and their removal in carts, that they will not be blown and scattered over the streets again, thus rendering the work of a watering cart almost useless.

There's a delightful bit of real humor in that last paragraph which every merchant will appreciate. The tenor of the reference is not very favorable to contract street cleaning, and there can be no doubt that the mayor expresses the doubts of very many people. If he had included a reference to the careless merchants who float their coal ashes and waste paper to the winds from their front entrances, the subject would have been exhausted.

With regard to lighting the streets, there is, I think, also room for great improvement. The gas lamp is antiquated and almost useless, besides being very costly.

Just as the lamp replaced the tallow dip, gas will give way to electricity. In New York there is a popular belief that one electric lamp is worth six policemen. The same theory will apply to certain por-

tions of St. John—Sheffield street, for example.

As an act of duty to the memory of the loyalists founders of this city, the old burial ground in which so many of them are interred should be provided with a proper fence, so that the stranger who hies within our gates may not be able to say that we take no care of the graves of our fathers.

This is the bright, particular: gem of the collection. There are two reasons: the former the beautifying of our city, the latter the broad, plain ground of duty. Now, gentlemen of the common council, lose no time in acting upon this suggestion. The work has been delayed too long, and now our carnival visitors must laugh at the abortion—the apology for an enclosure—while the people will hang their heads in shame.

The construction of the Short Line railway to Montreal has brought us within 451 miles of that great commercial city. We may, therefore, look for a large increase in our export trade in the near future, and it will be our duty to be prepared to accommodate the augmented business which we have a right to expect. It will be for you to say how this is to be accomplished. I would suggest a special committee to take the subject into consideration and report at as early a date as possible.

This means—what? Harbor commission, or the improvement of the city's wharves and harbor by the city. We hope and believe the latter.

Our officials should be well paid, but not overpaid. One of the main objects of the union was to secure economy in the administration of our municipal affairs, but this object would be wholly defeated if we gave extravagant salaries to those who serve us. Let us begin on a moderate scale, always remembering that it is much easier to increase a salary than to cut it down. If there are any applicants for office, who desire to take more from the public than their services are fairly worth, let us show them that there is enough independence and fairness in this common council to resist their demands.

That sentence is as plain as the nose on one's face. Economy, but no stinginess. There are several large chunks of wisdom in this paragraph of the inaugural, and if the council act upon the suggestion, a few changes will have to be made.

I would suggest that you take into your serious consideration the advisability of having a committee to consolidate the various issues of bonds, so that there may be but one debenture account and one sinking fund account. This could be done without prejudicing the rights of bondholders, and without altering the terms of the existing bonds.

At present there are enough "accounts" in director SANDALL's books to deprive any sane man of his reason. There will be less mystery and less work about the city debt when this is done.

Let us make our civic parliament a model of courtesy and business-like methods, so that when the history of this city comes to be written, the common council of the year 1899 may be cited as occupying a foremost place among the assemblages of elected citizens which have governed St. John.

Last but not least. Thanks to the good sense of the North End people, only two of the weird ignoramus who bulldozed their old council are in the new board, and they will be quiet enough so long as muzzles are plenty and cheap.

## DIGNIFIED AND CAPABLE.

The organization of the new council of the greater city of St. John this week, was an event of more than usual interest. The addresses of the retired and present mayors were no ordinary compositions; each possessed merits that claimed and deserved the praise of the citizens.

Mayor BARKER gave his friends and his late opponents a genuine surprise in his able inaugural. We have heard no fault found with it and we can find none. In clear, plain and simple language he talks to the citizens through the council; he makes appropriate references to the past and introduces himself and his suggestions in an unmistakably dignified fashion. He dwells at some length upon the condition of the city and his suggestions are at once valuable and comprehensive.

We need no further evidence of Mayor BARKER's knowledge of civic affairs, no additional proof of his ability to occupy the first position in the city. In another column will be found the "gist" of the inaugural, and we are much mistaken if those who have not read it will not conclude there is much there to think about.

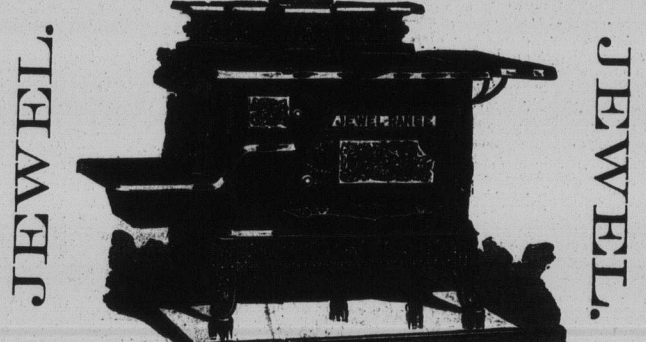
Another academical year has passed, and another class of university graduates venture into the wide, wide world. The work of the institution seems to be up to the standard, and the interest in this graduation proceedings was quite as great as usual. Next year will mark an important change in the history of the old and honored institution. It will be the transition period, and the four years will replace the three years course. The graduation classes will of course be small, only including those who have delayed graduating and others who may seek higher degrees.

The Free Public Library of St. John should have more consideration from the common council. The city of Hamilton, which is not so large as ours, has just granted \$50,000 toward founding such an institution, and will follow it up by a yearly gift of \$4,000. We believe that the commission needs something like \$500 now, to satisfy its present needs. The council could not do better than give the amount, and follow it up by an increase of \$1,000 in the annual apportionment, making the total \$2,000.



Still you, m'am, washing can't be done well unless the soap is right. I've been washing these 30 years, and tried all kinds, and there's none like Logan's Ideal Soap for taking dirt & stains out of the clothes without rotting them, and it don't make the hands rough, and sore as many soaps do. It's made by Wm Logan, St. John, N.B. all grocers sell it.

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## SHERATON &amp; SELFRIDGE.

The very large circulation of PROGRESS among the best people in every population centre in the provinces has led to a number of applications for advertising space for the issues between now and the carnival dates. The merchants realize that this paper will, more than any other, reach those who will come to St. John upon that occasion, and they are the persons they want to advertise for. At present PROGRESS has all the advertising it can handle. Every week the quantity of small type is increasing, until today more than half the paper appears in nonpareil. But there is plenty of type and paper in stock, and if the advertisements continue to crowd upon us, we will issue a twelve-page paper for the next few weeks.

Messrs. J. R. WOODBURN, EDWARD LANTALUM, JAMES G. JORDAN, and R. P. MCGIVERN, JR., have retired from the civic government. No doubt they will find plenty to occupy their time and attention in their private business. They showed much ability and good sense in dealing with civic matters and deserve the thanks of the people for their good work.

What about that wonderful collection of old junk on a wharf on Water street? Perhaps the genial owner, Mr. LANTALUM, will think about it when he has a few minutes' leisure. Perhaps the department of public works will investigate it also.

Ald. "Lon." Chesley seconded the motion to adopt the old St. John rules of order in the new council. He could not do better now than paste them in his hat.

The Telegraph insinuates that Mr. ELLIS took back water; that he apologized. We will believe it when the court says so.

PROGRESS hardly ever fails to hit it. Mr. ROBERT WISELY was appointed director of public safety, Tuesday.

## He Liked Good Living.

As clerical stories seem to be the order of the day here is another. A clergyman of the old school rather a bon vivant, and who loved a good dinner with a righteous love, put up one day at the house of a wealthy but parsimonious parishioner. He knew the character of this particular member of his flock far too well to arrive unexpectedly, and thus give him an excuse for placing a dinner of herbs on the table, so he sent him due notice of his intention, and rested in perfect security. He was cordially welcomed, and ushered into the dining room at dinner time, with the customary apology for "pot luck," "you must take us just as you find us parson," said the host. "The welcome's hearty anyway." By this time they were seated and the parson had time to observe that the festive board groined under the burden of salt shad and potatoes. "Don't apologise," said the indignant shepherd, "it's a good thing to know there's something hearty for dinner even if you don't see it."

## A New Town.

There is a new town in New Brunswick. Campbellton has been incorporated and elects its mayor and council Tuesday. Progress and Economy are good watch-

# ENGLISH Knitting Cotton!

## FOR TABLE MATS.

Knitting Silk, Bolton Silk, for painting, White Wide Velvet, Congress Canvas, Rope Silks, Couching Silks, Washing Silks, Pongees, Pons, Ribbons, Rope Linen, Banner Rods, Splashers, Umbrella Bags.

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Garden.

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New Midsummer Styles of Sea-side and Garden

HATS!

A Choice Variety of MILLINERY.

MANSON'S, 16 King Street.

FROM THE GRAND STAND.

Small is a great smoker. C. Kearns is a high kicker. The league clubs look neat. The amateurs had a good opening. Frederickson has four professional now. The St. John's club are not very frisky. Chatham and Newcomb have the ball game. Morris promises good work for the Emeralds. The Moncton Methodists took in the game Thursday.

Small is one of the best shots in the Union Rifle club. Webster is a dandy basketball; almost as good as Rogers. There are no flies on the barracks—the breeze is too strong. The league umpire wants a pair of specs and an ear trumpet.

The Shamrocks offered Christie \$10 a game to umpire for them. The Moncton club gets in a big pile of practice before it leaves home. "What position do I play?" is what all the St. John's want to know. Lane, Jr., can't keep his feet this year. He did better with the Clippers.

Donovan has captained every team he has played with for the last three years. Mitchell plays two kinds of ball. He gives the Franklins a very inferior article. Halifax ball cranks are seeing most of the games through fog and rain this season. The Halifax colored club are again on the war path. Their first game will be at Truro.

The Shamrocks are going to play good, clean ball this summer. Hennessy feels very tired. Donovan, the crack catcher of the Shamrocks, is married. His wife arrived in town this week. Lane, of the Emeralds, will not pull up his stocking again. He got put out for doing it Tuesday.

"Home Plate's" letter arrived too late and Power's horse gossip is also unavoidably "held." Capt. Griffin should learn to "kick" a little bit. It says sometimes—when you don't do too much of it. Bob Stewart, a great favorite in Amherst, but he is a good support.

The prospects for good races at Fredericton, on the 1st, are very encouraging. The local race will be a dandy. Kelly, the Shamrocks' new man, went in, Thursday, at second for Moncton. He knows a thing or two on a ball field.

Parsons tried for four great flies Thursday, and only got near enough to touch them. But they were great tries all the same. Wagg got a great reception when he stepped to the plate Thursday, the grand stand blistering itself on him. Then he struck out.

The enterprising photographer who can get a snap shot at Empire Melville with a mask on, has a small fortune in his grasp. Power will probably catch third base for the Shamrocks. He is a Canterbury street boy, and ought to know all about base ball.

What do you think of our star battery now? Isn't it a dandy? How many men did Small strike out did you say? Just look at the score, 13-3. Jimmy Christie says he may umpire for the Shamrocks. He may as well have the game as the name of a professional umpire. The job isn't a fancy one. There were no insects on Sam Milligan, Thursday. Foster, Fredericton's big catcher, was all broke up on his work. He took everything and wanted more.

"A grand opening"—the league contribution box, which contained a little over \$8 and a curious collection of bad cents and foreign coins. There were no tobacco stamps. A Moncton Times correspondent wants the home team to play for the benefit of the Sunday school children who came to St. John Thursday and didn't see the green fields. He suggests another picnic. Bye!

One hundred and seventy-five dollars in purses and a set of silver-mounted harness are the inducements offered by St. Stephen for a trotting, meeting the 4th of July. Entries close at St. Millers July 1. Free for all is worth \$100 and \$75 for 50 class. "Decision of the Best" of the "National." He is a good throw and a fine short-stop. It was he who caught seven innings last year at Truro with a broken ankle, and was laid up two months for it. Robinson made a job of himself and his team in the first round of his place in the second. Parsons finished him up by sliding under him at second and he was carried off disabled—a rather unpleasant record for our most trusted "Manny."

## THE FILLS' DRILL GROUND.

The man who to the barber goes. Emerges from the chair with glue. The happiest man in town. But are a day has passed away. With fearful odds and cries. He'll open this hour he made his head. A drill ground for the flies. —Charleston Enterprise.