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Honest John Weatherhead the Victim.

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MORE OF THE CHIEF'S FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

Woods-He Wants His Son's Rival Ar-

When officer John Weatherhead, of the city police, went on his vacation last week, he was one of the two inspectors of the force, in charge of the Northern division and next to the chief himself in command. When he returned, Wednesday morning, and reported at the office of his chief for duty, he learned, to his utter amazement, that he was reduced in rank to an ordinary patrolman. True to his discipline and his duty, he bowed to the order, threw aside his stripes and authority, and took his place in the ranks. Today he is nothing

His vacation was short, because he had enjoyed a portion of his regular holidays netime before, but to the best of his knowledge, he behaved himself as every en should while away from duty. When Chief Clarke granted him his leave he was in good standing on the force, with no charge against him. So far as he or any other person knows there is no charge for a policeman in the afternoons when against him up to this present moment, they had their matinees. Clarke detailed and yet he has lost all the honor and adofficer Seth Thorne, a newly appointed man, to look after the Frog show, in addition to doing King square duty. Thorne was on the square six days, and Saturday best of officers. His merit won him the appointment of sergeant, and even greater honor, for, when the cities were united, and there were two captains of police to and Clarke remarked to Thorne that, of be appointed, John Weatherhead's right to one of those positions was not ques-

Soon after Clarke was appointed chief city?

e gave Weatherhead charge of the most

More than this, Chief Clarks. The he gave Weatherhead charge of the most troublesome division—old Portland—relying upon the ability of the man to bring to the station in bottles and jugs and kegs order out of disorder in that district. The law says that the vessels which con-Even his enemies will admit that Weather tain the liquor shall be destroyed as well-head was successful. The North End has been a more orderly place under him than Were not fifteen dozen sold to a wellit ever was. He proved so infinitely superior to Rawlings, so much more accept-able to officers and men, that a splendid dozen of pop bottles, one and a half dozen division and order were the results.

making and truthful Inspector Rawlings bottles carried out of the police station by was getting in his finest touches in his an officer, at the command of the chief, southern division. There disorder followand sold for between two and three dollars? ed order. Dismissals and resignations That money was handed to the chief. tollowed each other in rapid succession and no wide awake citizen needs to be told now How much did the jugs bring? About the officer next to the chief, has been fined for abut the language, he has been charged with perjury yet still retained in his posi
There is no doubt that such a system of elections and the same such as a system of the same source. This officer was of ale handed out to him at Nixon's, drank with perjury yet still retained in his posi
The officer next to the chief, has been fined for abut the last bow this paper made to him he began to talk about police chiefs and magistrates. He believes in the American system of electing the principal city officers at the same source. This officer was on duty on the Haymarket square during the Carnival torchlight procession when Rawbeaut on the same source. This officer was on duty on the Haymarket square during the Carnival torchlight procession when Rawbeaut on the same source. This officer was on duty on the Haymarket square during the Carnival torchlight procession when Rawbeaut on the same source. This officer was on the Haymarket square during the Carnival torchlight procession when Rawbeaut on the same source. This officer was on the same source and there, with the shock, leaped through a window the Carnival torchlight procession when Rawbeaut and the same source. This officer was on the same source and the shock, leaped through a window the carnival torchlight procession when the same source. This officer was on the same source. This officer was on the same source and the shock, leap Weatherhead, in direct contrast, has not them, and finally settle the matter by been found fault with; he has done his simple plain duty and—been reduced to Where did that money go?

mark when the report of this manifest injustice spread Wednesday morning and the question: What has this man done to be treated in this fashion? was to be heard on every hand. No one could answer it. this week, but when the committee was Even Clarke himself, though he knew he won by hard years of service, had no reason to give. It was the more remarkable that Weatherhead has just returned from his vacation and reported to his chief when

No, but while John Weatherhead had done nothing, his brother, William Weatherhead, had. While John Weatherhead was enjoying his vacation, his brother had sued Chief Clarke for \$5,000 damages for dismissing him from the force without sufficient reason. Is there any connection

only a few days before, the most reliable without some adquate cause being assigned officer on the police force. He made that for it. officer on the police force. He made that statement to the writer and to others. He even went so far as to point out his only might pass over the flagrant purchasing of McArthur's Bookstore, 80 King street.

fault which was, "he talked too much." | certain officers and take no action upon the Great Ceasar! Chief Clarke to accuse any man of talking too much!

But this is only on a par with his statement to William Weatherhead, whom he said he was unjust to, when he suspended him for being off his beat, and would pro note as soon as he got the chance. He promotion worth anything now-a-days on the force. He dismissed him Wednesday though on the previous Friday, when cross ing the ferry with an officer he repeated the statement that William Weatherhead was one of the best and smartest men on the force. Has the man lost his senses?

Perhaps he has. It was only a few onths ago, when he first donned that Without a Fault and Without a months ago, when he has donned that dandy combination uniform, that Progress poked some fun at, that he gravely informed the writer that his rank as chief of police was equal in military circles to that of a colorel! Therefore he was entitled to wear the uniform. There is a very general impression at the present that he

Nothing, since the disclosure of the Covay bribery business, has so roused the people as Progress' statements last week about the bills sent out of the chief's office to private citizens and tax-payers for police protection from officers employed by the city, on duty and being paid by the corporation at the time.

The half of this disgraceful business has not been told. The money-grabbing game has gone further than any one imagines. It is well known that the Institute people always have one or two policemen in the hall when performances are going on. Those policemen were, as a general rule, selected from those of the force not on duty, and they were paid one dollar but when Clarke was made chief he took the matter out of the hands of the men and asked the Institute managers \$1.50 a night or the services of any man he chose to send them. They refused point blank to agree to such an arrangement, and employed other protection at the old price.

More than this, when that Frog Boy show was being held on King square, early they had their matinees. Clarke detailed tect for protection to the Frog show. The show had a license, but the bill was paid, him the money. Has it been paid to the

liquor seized by the officers was brought to the station in bottles and jugs and kegs. known wholesale dealer in town? ivision and order were the results.

In the meantime the turbulent, mischief dozen of ale bottles? Were not those

His companion Inspector, John not you, Chief Clarke, dispute his right to

These are questions that the police committee may ask "Mr. Chief" next Wed-Some of them would have been asked called together the chief was away at South was robbing an honest man of promotion Bay and could not be summoned before them. So the Covay matter, at this hour (Friday morning), appears to be the only police question that will come up before the council at its meeting Friday afternoon.

In the meantime the biggest kind of a tempost is brewing over the chiel's treatment of John Weat'erhead. The Globe says that it is a tempest in a teapot, and a very small one at that. The Globe will will find that its teapot won't hold this He considered Captain Weatherhead, unfair enough to see Weatherhead reduced

chief investigating farce; they might even stand the retaining such a man as Rawlings upon the force, though he has the chance every day of giving evidence against citizens, but they will not stand silently when, for apparently nothing else than an offset to the \$5,000 damage suit, a good officer loses did-he dismissed him, which is the only the promotion he has worked years to attain and is reduced to the ranks.

TAKES ALL HE CAN GET.

One of the Probable Reasons why Capt. Rawlings is not "Reduced."

Policemen do not receive enorme salaries, and were there no little "extras" The object of his visit was to disagree that they can carn outside of the hours when they are doing duty for the city, him last Saturday. He told of his connection. some of the men might find it hard to tion with the Trites case in a way that could make both ends meet. They are welcome not be misunderstood. Mr. Trites had to all they can earn when not in the employ heard of his wonderful gifts for looking of the city. But for a tax-payer to be into the future and offered him a sum of assessed for police protection, and then have to pay an exorbitant sum every time to know. The professor said: "No! I he really needs an officer, is unreasonable. It, however, there is a scarcity of police, and men who are off duty have to be thing for it, why I will take it. I told him called upon, it is but right that he should he had a large square box in his store, and receive remuneration for his services.

And every man should be given an equal

the men on regular duty to do the special

he did not do it, he might have found it

Here is a case in point:

in Union hall, some time ago, John Woods, who was then one of Capt. Rawlings' finest, was doing day duty. This

The following week he was to go on light duty in another part of the town. It

The professor terminated his visit with night duty in another part of the town. It wasn't pleasant for him to think that he when the managers of the show told him that they would like to employ him again. He told them he would get a good man to take his place, but would see the captain

He saw Captain Rawlings. captain saw something too — in the distance. He told Woods it would be all night duty on Main street, and he could city. was out. Woods dropped in every night at 7 o'clock, and stayed there until the Ritchey, another fireman, was in the St. on Saturday night. Then he saw the captain, and gave him \$3. Capt. Rawlings took it and said nothing.

HE WOULD ELECT THEM

Boss Kelly's Idea of the Police Magistracy, Chief of Police and Recordership.

When Boss John Kelly talks he usually says something. That is more than can be said for some of his companions in the council who beat all about the bush and come to no conclusion in the end Kelly met PROGRESS a few days ago and after a few pleasantries had been exchanged over the last bow this paper made to him he

There is no doubt that such a system would fit Boss Kelly right down to the ground. He would be in his element then with elections on the cards all the time. It

PROGRESS would modify Kelly's idea a and alderman, and appoint the chief of police, magistrates and recorder every

positions of trust dependent upon the caprice of the people. "The caprice of the people" is good, but since the people will find that its teapot won't hold this tempest. If Weatherhead is not given British justice and fair play, if Clarke will do not carry out their wishes, private life between the two acts? Was Chief Clarke prompted by revenge, or what motive did he have?

The council for his action, it will be tor the citizens to act. Even the Globe is not if they do their duty they will not be disturbed, while any neglect of duty would be their latch key to retirement.

HIS CONNECTION WITH IT.

When Prof. Hunter entered Progress Monday morning, it was quite evident that he had made up his mind beforehand as to what he was going to say, if he had not spent Sunday in rehearsing his oration. He did not beat about the bush, but was very much to the point. He was probably under the impression that he was before ar investigating committee, for he expressed a desire to swear to everything he said, and would probably have done so if he had been allowed to go on.

will not take your money. If I tell you that inside of that box was another box; and inside of that box was another tin box; and And every man should be given that that the tin box contained a sum of money in it than This has not been the case when Chief You think there was more money in it than there really was. You think there was not. thing to say in the matter.

As a rule, they seem to have assigned There was not more than \$190 in it, may be a little more or a little less, but nothing above a nine. Mr. Trites told me I was right. 'Now,' said he, 'tell me who stole did not do it, he might have found it the money.' 'Ah!' said I, 'now you ask hard to claim his share of the spoils. And the captain is not backward in taking all he can get.

me too much. I cannot tell you who stole the money.' And that is all I said to Mr. Trites."

Prof. Hunter said he had not been in When the Wizard Oil company opened Mr. Trites' store for two years past.

Union hall, some time ago, John when he bought a fig of tobacco there. He stated further that he was not a fakir. He waxed very warm on this point and said: "If what I say does not come true I do not night. It pleased him to keep order for the company at \$1 a night, and to receive to tell everything, but I do claim that I can tell a man which side of the road can tell a man which side of the road can tell a man which direction

the request that a newsboy be sent to his have to lose another \$6, especially place early Saturday morning, as he always wanted to buy early, and avoid getting

Truthtul Rawlings in Two Lights.

One of the very best officers on the force up to the hour he resigned-because he would not work under Rawlings-tells a story about that apostle of truth that would discharge him from the force in any other

Rawlings' son worked on the I. C. R. as John yard. Influence brought about a

I understand and I want you to lock him up it you can. He got my son Dick fired out of the St. John yard." The only reply he got from the officer was that he had known Richev as a temperate not as a drinking

A good citizen inquires of PROGRESS why it is that the doors of the Victoria with elections on the cards all the time. It would not be hard to imagine party lines introduced into city politics then with two tickets for mayor and aldermen, chief of police, police magistrate and judge of the must remain, rain or shine, calm or wind, must remain, rain or shine, calm or wind, must remain, rain or shine, calm or wind, Many persons would prefer such a change sidewalk until those within have finished snow or sleet, upon the doorstep or the to the present system under which the best men do not offer but simply look on.

sidewalk until those within have their morning devotions, which must not be disturbed. The citizen goes further and says that his daughters have instructions little: combine the elections for mayor to return home when they find the doors of the building locked. No doubt the proper person to give information upon this point is Mr. John March, or perhaps Principal A gentleman standing near suggested Hay's jurisdiction may extend so far. Certhat it would not be wise to have such positions of trust dependent upon the regulation should be ashamed of it. Strong nen would refuse to stand out in the cold and rain these mornings, while tender girls should not suffer such exposure at all. It minutes in the hall than a score of girls should stand the chance of getting severe

page in this issue. Read it.

THE WORK OF A MOMENT.

HOW A QUIET COMMUNITY WAS

South Bay is the next platform beyond

the C. P. R. with nothing about it to attract the attention of passengers on the express trains, which shoot past it as if there was no such place on the time table. But South Bay had a mill, but for which,

in all probability, there would be no such name on the railway time guide. All the the people roundabout have worked in the mill at some time or other, many of them now being employed in the other mills life, excitement and confusion of day had near at hand.

Besides the mill, there is a railway platform and a bridge, houses perched on the tops of little hills, and at this season of the year more red mud than many places with a larger area and population can boast of. It was the mill that made the village, and has now made the name of that quiet little community known over the length

and breadth of the land. John Allingham, its assistant engineer, rushed into the engine-room between nine and ten o'clock Tuesday morning. The pumps were in motion, and he noticed that had been taken to Mr. Smith's house, the water was flowing back from the boilers. Some people differ from Mr. Allingham on this point, and say that there was very ting a plug of tobacco for one of the little water in the boilers at the time. While his hand was yet on the little wheel that the hill, and downstairs Mr. Kelley's little was to stop the pumps, there was an awful roar, the building shook, the steady motion of the engines behind him, with their huge wheels reaching almost to the lofty ceiling, and the clacking of broad belts, that connected with the machinery in the mill, all gave way to one great shock-the machinery stopped, portions of the mill, long, heavy boilers, boards, iron, men and children flew through the air in all directions.

In that brief moment five persons were

killed, many were scalded or badly bruised, some received marks that they will carry to the grave, and others, injuries from which they died; while a score of people escaped death, how or why they will never understand, but simply say, "Miraculous."

Down in the engine room amid the massive machinery, with his hand on the valve, and the six great boilers on the other side of the wall from him, was the man on whose action this great catastrophe | the night was cold and damp. Gathered in probably occurred. He heard the roar, little knots near the wreck they told with and looking around the small and crowded engine room instantly thought of means ing the day; compared notes, and spoke of to escape. To his left, as he stood at the pumps, was a door leading out from the mill by way of a plank gangway. He And when it was discovered that one little moved in this direction. The door led to fellow, a stranger, who listened to the the open air, that was all he thought of. When he reached it he could not get wonder, was a relative of one of the killed, change and Rawlings' son came to St. John while Richey was sent to Moncton. Richey's friends got to work and Rawlings, jr, went to Moncton again.

This aroused the truthful Inspector and he spoke thus to the officer: "Keep your eve on Sam Richey: he drinks a good deal" out. For which he is thankful today. Had no words were too soit to audress nime with. Here were men, living and well, standing in the cool evening with their hands thrust down into their pockets, talk-nuge wheels of the engine, and when he had sufficiently recovered himself, crawled alongside of them that morning, but were even now—dead. It did not do to let the flow out. For which he is thankful today. Had no words were too soft to address him through a hole in the opposite wall and of conversation cease; what their thoughts escaped; his clothes drenched with water, and with a slight injury to his head.

were, only they knew. The raw air did not cause a shudder, but the thought of

miles around heard the shock and hurried now dead, seemed to make them uneasy, to the mill. Men, women, and children and give expression to wonder that they whose fathers, husbands, brothers and ever escaped alive. friends had left home for their work in the morning, rushed about here and there, with the awful uncertainty of meeting their dear so frightened that he did not know what pang of joy, but caused no merriment. resumed his work when the explosion Others found their dear ones dead or dying.

The news spread! It was carried train, by telegraph, by telephone, by word of mouth. Reports differed, but on one point they all

village, where everybody knew his neighremark, was now being flooded with strangers. But the villagers thought The dead boy was a son of the man who naught of them. Those of the millmen lay in the oil room up the road. They bewho had come out of the accident unburt,

The great crowds of curious and inquisitive people, who came in teams, by rail, short stay among them, and how strange it was that he should have left his old callline along the railway track, caused no ing to meet his death thus. Then some one body for miles around dropped everything and turned their footsteps in the direction of South Bay. All day long the crowds came and went, viewed the ruins, and per-A New Store.

The new store at 94 King street has an interesting announcement on the eighth page in this issue. Read it.

A New Store.

haps caught a glimpse of the unfortunate millmen. But when night fell they turned their footsteps homeward, and quiet of how he might have been among the content of the c

When the Fredericton evening expres sengers cast curious glances from the platform and windows. The news agent had sold all his papers, and on the way up nearly every person in the car was deeply absorbed in the long accounts of the acci-dent, the scene of which they were soon to pass. From the cars nothing could be seen. Through the darkness loomed the centre of so much confusion before, but in the darkness, the building

looked much the same as it did every day. The train rolled away. On the platform a few men who had left their homes with the hope of getting an evening paper, looked disappointed and turned to go back again. Then the place was almost deserted. The given way to the quiet and darkness of the night, and one would find it almost impossible to believe that it had been the scene of such a terrible accident.

In some of the houses lights shone from the windows, others were dark. Up the road a man with a lantern picked his way through mud, and passed pools of dirty water. Near the railway track a few men talked in whispers about the accident. The room, left there in a box, and not fit to look upon. His son was also dead, but across the bridge, where he boarded. The boy lay badly scalded. Poor Hayes! he lives up the road beyond the Temperance hall. They thought he might be dead even then.

Down among the ruin of the mills, men noved about with lanterns, but there was little to be seen, except where the boilers had stood, and where the elder Baird had been found and some of his brains still lay. at them. All was confusion, and to make one's way was difficult; everything was piled up in such chaotic heaps, the huge chimney alone remaining intact. The men stopped to look at it and wonder how it ever escaped, for the boiler must have co within an inch of it on its way up the hill.

Yet the chimney stood. houses round about, sauntered in the direction of the mill; strong, healthy millmen, some of them without coat or vest, although awful seriousness of their adventures durwhat might have been, all with a touching not cause a shudder, but the thought of It all happened in a minute. People for how near they were to the men who were

occured. And thus they talked in hushed

teams were drawn up and tied to the neighboring tences, while their occupants agreed, that the accident was a terrible groped through the ruins and asked quesagreed, that the accident was a territorion, and that some lives had been lost.

People flocked to the place from all people stood before the door of Mr. Smith's house. Upstairs in a small room, shie lad of eighteen South Bay presented a scene that the peo-ple will never forget. That quiet country years, lay dead, his face discolored from the effects of steam and water. In other bor, and where a stranger was an object of rooms the triends of the deceased lad had longed to Pisarinco, and the father had been instantly set to work to rescue their fel- a fisherman from his boyhood up to within mill. Those who told this dwelt upon his comment. It seemed as though every- referred to poor Lynch, who had gone to