## NO CHECK EITHER WAY.

THE FERRY TOLL SYSTEM IS

The Collectors Have No Means to Keep an Account and the City No Way to Find Out if the Returns Are Correct—Fairness De-mands a Change.

A well-known and shrewd American who cently made a short sojourn in this city, narked to the writer that there was one rative situation which, should he remain here, he would like to fill. "I refer," said he, after a moment's pause, "to the collect-orship in the ferry service."

There can be no doubt of his meaning,

for the fact is too apparent to every citizen that the corporation's system of ferry col-lection is unfair both to the collectors and

To those who have not paid particular at tention to this branch of the city service some little explanation may be interesting A few years ago the ferry paid its expenses and usually had a respectable surplus to its credit. At that time the terminus of the New Brunswick railway was in Carleton and a large portion of the traffic was inci-Since the completion of the cantilever bridge and the consequent arrival and departure of the trains from this side of the harbor, the ferry revenue has undergone a decrease so marked that instead of the usual surplus the expected deficit crops up every year.

At one time, all the ferry tolls were col-lected on board the boat, but the ferry com-mittee thought that a change was advisable stationed in the toll-houses on the east and west side to collect the fares. The reasons for such a change may fairly be asked. There was no check upon the collectors on board the boat; there is none upon the present occupants of the positions; the nly difference being that four men handle the receipts instead of two, as under the old system.

Progress contends that this system is unfair to the men and the city. Only a in St. John. tew months ago certain charges were made against one of the collectors The council atter, and that was the last of it. Like many other complaints, it has been hushed up in committee, and those who charges in the press still have the idea that something was wrong with one of the collectors' returns and he still handles the cash. There can be no doubt that this is unfair to the collector and is manifestly so to the city. Those charges should

an unobstructed path to the boat. Every from Carleton daily-and there are hundreds of them-have monthly tickets, yet the turnstile records their passage, with those who deposit three cents each time they cross. In addition to this there are a number of persons who do not pay at all and they are counted. Thus it will be seen that the turnstile is no check, but at the end of every night will record a much larger number of passengers than the receipts show. This is of course expected. The collectors know the result cannot be otherwise and realize that there is absolutely no check upon them.

Light has dawned at last upon certain

members of the committee, who assert that a return to the old methods will be made in a short time and if there is any difference in the receipts at the end of the month it

Ferry committee can devise some means whereby a check upon the collectors can be had, and confidence restored all around. At present the system is too loose. If a man wants to steal there is nothing to prevent him from doing so. The city owes it to itself and to the ferry collectors that temptations of this kind shall be removed and every man given an opportunity to show that he and his cash are even at the end of each month or any shorter period the committee may deem advisable.

# A Noticeable Improvement.

"I look upon the payment of the half yearly accounts as one of the best signs of the times," said a member of a leading dry goods firm to PROGRESS. "If they con in slowly you may depend upon it that money is scarce and times hard, but on the contrary, prompt payments indicate the Last July payments came in slowly and continued so for the months fol-lowing, but this year they are fully onethird larger and are coming in more rapidly each day. With us the indications are better times and more money, and Liancy our business is a fair indication of the general feeling in the community. The improvement of this year over last is very noticeable."

For an Idle Hour.

Diana Barrington, an interesting ro-mance of Central India, by Mrs. John

OUR SUNMER VISTAGE

Every year shows an increase in the num-ber of American tourists visuing St. John. They do not stay here any length of time, nowever, except in cases of people who are travelling for health and find the clear, cool air of St. John so invigorating and health-ful that they are tempted to linger for weeks and regain their lost powers. But the majority of them are "on the go," for as Mr. Drake of the Dufferin remarked to a representative of Progress, a few days "They seem to be anxious to see how

day. Last year the majority of the tourists went across the bay, but this summer the

Large numbers leave here for Halifax direct and return by way of Windsor and Annapolis, while others visit Prince Ed-

Although there has not been very warm weather in the west during the last few weeks, the travel is increasing. All the leading hotels report business good, and the Dufferin has been turning away guests for over a week. The travelling season until the last of September, the greates number of tourists arriving here ab last of July or the beginning of August.

Heretofore very few tourists have com

from west of New York, but this year a great many are coming from Philadelphia and Baltimore. These come by the Allen line ocean steamers via Halifax, and return home by rail, always stopping a few days

All the hotels at which tourists generally stay when in the city are at present "full

#### A "Hog" Abroad.

Under the heading "A Champion St.
John Hog," a gentleman writes the follow-

ing breezy paragraph to Progress: "The above animal was seen last Friday morning on St. James street, opposite Germain. The circumstances of the case are these: Two ladies and three children handles the cash. There can be no doubt that this is unfair to the collector and is manifestly so to the city. Those charges should have been investigated upon the spot, the matter settled and the people acquainted with the settlement, for who, after all, are more interested in such matters than the tax-payers?

Some persons who read this may exclaim. "Oh, but there are turnstiles in the tollhouses which keep a correct account of all who pass through the gate!" Yes, there are turnstiles, but for all the good they are they might be removed and allow passengers an unobstructed path to the boat. Every

might not know what sarcasm was, re-frained, and got a drenching and a cold.

Progress has but one idea regarding such animals. Their true character should be indicated by a placard which the law should

## They Are Sent by Express.

The exportation of berries was done by express, this year, and the experiment was highly successful.

Mr. W. H. Merritt, of Puddington & Merritt, says that prices kept up splendidly. in the foreign market, and the sale was quicker and more satisfactory. "We used to send the fruit by boat and pay half a cent a box. Leaving St. John one morning, they would be on the Boston market about noon the next day. There was no fault to find with their condition, for they were as fresh as when shipped. Now we which shipped show the end of the month it will be noticed.

Is this the only remedy? surely the send the berries by express, and it costs two and a half cents per box to do it, but the fruit is placed upon the early Roston. market of the next morning and it brings a better price, netting us more money, even at the increased cost of transportation, than it did tormerly. We'll continue to send by express.

## This Makes Us Blush-Almost.

Progress is the name of a weekly paper started in St. John, N. B., last spring. It has already attained a circulation of 4,000 copies, and promises to attain a circulation. tion twice as great before the snow flies, providing it keeps up the brilliant reputa-tion it has already won for enterprise. Progress is conducted by two bright young men, Messrs. E. S. Carter and Walter L. Sawyer.—New York Marine

## Ingenious Advertising.

The proprietors of Maple Leaf soap ecured a good advertisement Monday, and very simply, too. The day was insufferably close and hot, and every lady and gentleman on the grand stand of the Ath-letic grounds hailed with delight the gift of a useful fan, which displayed "Maple Leaf

conviction of the person or persons guilty of breaking windows in St. Mary's church mance of Central India, by Mrs. John Croker, is published in Bryce's Canadian copyright edition and for sale by J. & A. The window-breaking was done purposely, the vector of the sale of the sale window of the sale of the s the vestry think.

MAN'S WAGES.

Did you ever take the time to think what kind of a boy brought you your favorite paper?

daily and weekly papers to regular sub-scribers, are of two almost entirely differago: "They seem to be anxious to see how much ground they can cover in the shortest possible time. The first thing the majority of tourists ask," added Mr. Drake, "is how to get to this or that place as quickly as possible."

A great many who arrive here from the states, stay a day or two at the hotel and the postoffice by means of hand-carts. The mail all sent out, the boys receive their then go up river as far as Fredericton, perhaps, and spend a few days there, while his "round" of subscribers to serve and others go up the river and return the same this generally keeps hin on the run until about 8.30 or 9 o'clocks Then his work for the day is done, except on one day, St. John river seems to be the popular re- when the boys are expected to come back to the office in the afternoon and mail the weekly edition.

The other class, newsboys, are their own "bosses"—every boy has a particular ousiness of his own. Some of the large lot of regular customers, whom they serve daily, and besides this take out papers to sell while they are going their round. Other newsboys do not take customers unless they happen to be in a place easily reached, as they think their particular abilities can earn more money selling papers on the streets. All the newsboys are lively youth and have an eye to business, although there are some with keener insight and better methods of working their business that others. The smartest and most successful newsboys are not the largest. Indeed the boys who make the most money are little

Among the daily papers the greatest com petition is seen about the Globe office. The morning papers are printed long before the newsboys come to buy them, so that they do not have to wait; but at the Globe office

it is different.

The chief object of the boys who sell the evening paper is to "get out first," and as sequence Water street is thronged with newsboys every afternoon, waiting for the paper to be printed. Anybody seeing for a pretty "hard lot." They are certainly noisy and mischievous, but what could h expected when such a crowd gets together.

they are no worse than other boys.

There are "capitalists" among the newsthe most successful of the boys and generally have others working for them. They are sometimes pretty hard bosses, too, and the way they cover the ground with their assistants is surprising. "The boss" will assistants is surprising. "The boss" will get his papers as early as possible and give ject then is to get over some district where the paper has not yet appeared. One boy lows him. The boy who is ahead keeps running so as to keep ahead of all competitors, while the second boy sells all the papers he can as he goes along. Then if the boss has three boys he sends the third down bye streets selling papers, while he himself serves all odd ones that come along. The boss brings up the rear and shouts instructions to his assistants as they go along, and will give them change or more papers. In this way they try to cover their field before

their competitors.

There is always excitement in Progress' office, Saturday morning. The boys begin to flock in between 5 and 6 o'clock and get on the streets as quickly as possible. The boys who are working for the prizes which Progress offers every week to the boys as many papers as they can carry and somethey return.

Some boys do not have \$5 or \$6 to make a first purchase with, so they buy as many as they can and return again as soon as possible to buy more. The competition among them is keen and they naturally endeavor to keep the track of their rivals. They always inquire if such a boy is down yet and how many papers he "took out"-but of course they can never know that until Mon-

day, when the prizes are given.

No class of boys in St. John make more money than the newsboys. The lads who sell Progress are the best off in this respect, as they make one cent on every pa-per they sell, and they say it is the best

selling paper in the city.

Did anybody ever hear of a boy of about 13 years of age buying over 500 papers in

one day? Yet that is the number of copies of PROGRESS that Douglas McCarthy paid for last Saturday. That means that Douglas had \$15 in his pocket Saturday night, with which he did business with Progress alone. By selling 511 papers he made \$5.11, and Hoodlums Wanted.

A poster offering a reward of \$5 for the conviction of the person or persons guilty this, Douglas sells 80 Globes every night and makes 40 cents (newsboys only make a half cent on the dailies), and on Saturday night he sells 100, making his profits from the sales of the Globe \$2.50. Selling PROGRESS on Saturday alone he clears \$5 | the proprietor.

ON THE WAY TO WEALTH, or \$6, which makes a grand total for the week of \$8.00. There are a great many man in St. Jahn will families, who make far less in th

> the first prize. Another boy, Joseph Irvine, has won the prize frequently, and both of these have been beaten ad, named Swanton. So it will be seen how close the competition among the boy is. They never know who has won th prize until Monday, and often make misare. A boy will sell as many papers one day as he sold the Saturday before and took the prize with, but is surprised to learn that another has sold 100 papers more than he has. The sales of Progress are larger every week, and the prize-winner always has to sell more than before.

Seventy-five boys were selling Progress on the streets last Saturday, and they all made a good day's pay:
The newsboys of St. John are as intelli-

gent, smart and enterprising as can be found anywhere. Their methods of working are their own. They differ from the American newsboys in one particular at least. The Boston newsboys always find out what their papers contain. Then they get a list of the most important items in their memories. and shout the name of the paper and what it is "all about." They netimes have more to tall then the average sideshow orator. The St. John ewsboys used to adopt this method, but now only call out the name of the paper.

But the boys who sell papers now are of much better class than those who used to do this work. Some years ago. many respectable people would not let their sell papers. But times have changed since then. The handsome profits the boys make on Progress have enticed many lads to sell this paper on Saturday, who never be-fore thought of selling papers. The number of newsboys in the city who are compelled to sell papers for a living is happily not large. Most of the lads who sell Progress do it to earn money for themselves.

This fact clearly demonstrates that the boys of today are anything if not industri-ous, and many of them will get an idea of the world that will serve them well in after life. But again: Perhaps the boys have been reading American biographies, and become convinced that no man can ever be great unless he starts in selling papers.

Couldn't Find a Place to Stay. Some idea of the number of America visitors in the city may be had from the fact that almost every morning there are many requests at private boarding houses for rooms for a few days. Last Sunday morning the number of arrivals on the western train was very large and the city hotels being already filled, the coachmen were in a quandary where to place their fares. Boarding houses in eight cases out of ten were unable to accommodate more and it was only in many cases after hours' search that the travellers got settled. On ady told Progress that instead of one oarder of a fortnight ago she had eleven boarders—all Americans who proposed to remain for weeks. All these things point to the one fact that summer travel to St. John is increasing and the question of ac-commodation for the tourist season must be considered if this city will keep up with the

There is great fun in certain circles over very old joke that has been played on a St. John man with remarkable effect. This party was, for a long time, the unhappy owner of a cur dog that was good for nothing except to prevent food going to waste, and he eagerly seized a recent opportunity to give the mongrel away. The day after he did this, one of his acquaintances offered him \$20 for "that fine dog!" Straightway the citizen rushed off to the friend why the thing is done. who had the dog and tried to get him back, but the new owner "wouldn't let him go at times more, as they always have an idea that no papers will be left in the office when the former owner was visited by a score of the former owner was visited by a score of the former owner was visited by a score of persons, who tried to buy the dog at prices ranging from \$5 to \$50, and it is said that he shed a good many tears over his wasted opportunities—until he saw the point. Then he bought a gun and he is watching for the man who put up the job on him

> A Boom in the Sunday Schools. After Sunday school in one of the city churches, a short time ago, the superin-tendent was taking the number of scholars in each class to see how many picnic tickets would need for the Sunday school.

> "Mr. C-," said he to the sanctimonious-looking young man who teaches a class of small boys, "how many scholars have you got?"

"Do you mean my ordinary class, sir, or my picnic class?" ur picnic class, I suppose."

"Well, my picnic class numbers 30; or-dinary class, 10."

Business Notes.

Mr. J. Allen Turner has removed his ovster saloon to the vacant store next Breeze's corner. His fish and oyster trade has increased so that he finds plenty to do in both stores.

was appreciated this week by the numerous strangers in the city. It is safe to say that their custom was also appreciated by

"The art of window dressing? I suppose you would call it that, though for the life of me I cannot tell you where the 'art' comes in. The people like to see nice wind and it pays to make them attractive. Ever since I was fourteen years old," continued Mri Harold Gilbert in answer to a query from Progress regarding his success in making his windows so attractive, "I have had something to do in this line and I expect that experience accounts in some measure for any success I am now meeting

It was Saturday evening and as the proprietor talked with Progress' representative crowds paused each moment before the vindows and expressed their admiration both by words and glances before they dispersed.

ost as good an advertisement as a column in Progress," said the news hunter.

"Yes, for a certain class of people a good window show is a splendid tisement. If merchants thought it did not pay them no such amount of attention would be paid the plate-glass fronts as at present. The facilities for making a good show are much greater than they were years ago. The first window I dressed had seven squares of glass in it and nothing but gas to light it up. Now with the plate fronts, the electrics and rich goods you can hardly help making attractive windows. If you set out with an elaborate plan in your mind you are apt to make a failure of your dressing, but by letting your idea grow with your work you generally. At least There are a few firms in St. John who

make a specialty of attractive windows and with greater or less success. Of course the dry goods establishments have greater op-portunities and much more material than their brethren in other trades to make a fine show.

Messrs. Turner & Finlay excel all others perhaps in the richness of their window goods; Manchester, Robertson & Allison in the variety and quantities displayed and Macaulay Bros. & Co. in the taste and originality of their decorations. No finer display in this line has ever been seen in this city than their Christmas and Easter

The Unhappy Tax Collector. The tax collector's lot is not a happy

Perhaps no man in any other business gets so many invitations to "call again." A new man in the business would no doubt be surprised to learn how many men are "away to sea" or "out in the during the summer months when the taxes are being collected! but the old constable merely smiles a sickly smile all to himself and decides to meet the man who is so far away from home, when he (the man) least

Then again, the tax collector finds that a great many young men have changed their boarding houses since he last called, and another strange thing is that their former host or hostess never knows where they have gone to. The collector knows it is no use to grumble at the ignorance of these people, so he pursues his investiga-tions elsewhere.

"The worst thing some people do," said a tax collector the other day, "is to get me to mark a date at which they will promise to pay, and then when I come ound say they are unable to pay me and set another date."

Comparatively few people pay their taxes before they have been called upon by the collector, but a great many, after being called on, go to the city building and pay their taxes. The unfortunate collector loses his commission. of course-but that's

## It May Be Repe

The moonlight excursion given by the Shamrock club, Monday evening, was a very orderly, pleasant and successful affair, as every one anticipated. So thoroughly were the excursionists satisfied with the arrangements made by the excellent committee that the club has been requested to repeat the excursion, and will probably

They Make a Good Show

With his enlarged quarters, Mr. T. H Hall is able to show his large stock of sporting and fancy goods to advantage. The windows of his new store with the large assortment of goods displayed but indicate the nature of the contents of his added space.

Keep in the Middle of the Road. People living on the City road are in dignant! The milkmen who pass that way found the middle of the street too hard, the other day, and drove their horses over the asphalt sidewalk on the city side, making it almost as rough as the street.

One Hundred and Five Dollars in St One of the largest printing orders ever sent through the St. John post-office was mailed this week by Barnes & Co., the postage alone amounting to \$105.

The Blessed Baby. Fond mother (at the table)-"Now, I wonder what I can give the baby to keep her quiet?"

London House. RETAIL.

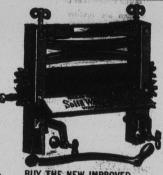
Gents'

Cashmere, Silk, Merino and Balbriggan.

HALF HOSE. In SILK, MERINO and LISLE.

NEW PATTERNS Summer Scarfs, Collars and Cuffs,

Charlotte Street.



BUY THE NEW IMPROVED AMERICAN CLOTHES WRINGER FOR SALE BY

ESTEY, ALLWOOD & CO., LET US GO

MEDICAL HALL

and have a Nice Cool Glass of

OTTAWA BEER,

or the EXHILARATING drink of the day, BUFFALO MEAD.

R. D. MCARTHUR. ST. JOHN, N. B

P. S.—Season Tickets, which entitle you to 25 asses, for \$1. R. D. McA. PUBLIC NOTICE. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN's that an Asphalar Composition Sidewalk will be laid on he Westerly side of that portion of MILL STREET xtending southward from North street to the Ashalt altracady laid on said side of said street, under the Provisions of Act of Assembly, 30th Victoria,

Provisions of Account of the Common Council.

By order of the Common Council.

By order of the Common Council.

Exprince

PUBLIC NOTICE. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an As-pract Composition Sidewalk will be laid on the Wester-Ire that portion of EXMOUTH STREET lying the property of Thomas H. Trafton, under the provisions of Act of Assembly, 30th Vic-Northerly line of the partial state of Assembly, ander the provisions of Act of Assembly, tooria, Chapter 74.

By order of the Common Council.

HURD PETERS,

City Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE. PUBLIC is hereby given that an ASPHALT Composition Sidewalk will be laid on that portion of the northerly side of CLIFF STREET typing between Coburg Street and the road leading to the Thistle Rink, so called, under the provisions Act of Assembly, 30th Victoria, chapter 74.

By order of the Common Council.

By order of the Common Council.

City Engineer.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an Asphall composition Sidewalk will be laid on the easterly ide of that portion of EXMOUTH STREET lying etween the Methodist Church property and the troperty owned by John Hipwell, under the provisons of Act of Assembly, 36th Victoria, Chapter 74. By order of the Common Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an Asphalt Composition Sidewalk will be laid on that portion of the northerly side of PETERS STREET lying between Coburg street and the easterly side of M. Maher's proqerty, under the provisions of Act of Assembly, 30th Victoria, Chapter 78.

By order of the Common Council.

HURD PETERS,

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ASPHALT Composition Sidewalk will be laid on that portion of the southerly side of the CITY ROAD strending northeastwardly from Blair Street, so called, to the northeasterly line of property of E. V. Wetmore, under provisions of Act of Assembly, 30th Victoria, chapter 74.

By order of the Common Council.

By order of the Common Council.

City Engineer.

FOR SALE

A FARM OF LAND IN JUVENILE SETTLE-MENT, known as the McLeod farm, containing 240 acres, 30 of which are oleared. The soil is of rich black loam, with clay subsoil, and can be made one of the most valuable farms in the county of Sunbury. New house and fairly good barn thereon. Apply to C. L. RICHARDS, Solicitor, 8t. John, N. B.

S. R. FOSTER & SON.

MANUPACTURERS OF Cut Nails and Cut Spikes. Tacks, Brads

Finishing Nails, Shoe and Hungarian Nails, etc. GEORGES STREET, St. John, N. B.

Havana and Domestic CIGARS.

I have a complete assortment now in stock, in boxes and half-boxes: 100,000 HAVANA and DOMESTICS. THOS. L. BOURKE,

Then more And then he And roame All poets w THE ST

"Oh, le Its fri And pla On as I'll turn Its apin And bat In pri

He turn
And so
Of field
Disbut
But hore
And dow
The cate
In sine

And whe He'd lie The buml Would With dad And mare Across hi In wild

And while
Lapped
The gay g
With ac
The woode
The wease
The snake
In wand

He lay then
The city'
And the far

This story years ago. lieve, and I g as I can reme
I was told to
our quiet su
their doorstep
a thief—a mis with such an face that, thou no emotional help feeling swas, I confess was, I confess the words: "I but somehow I away this time our grocer, we from his corne

"He looked I saw hunger drove him to it don't think he is somehow, if I chunted down to off and find son go to honest don't make des they are needs. they are needfu You see," he w experience of m and I never ha

very little capita town, with poor that never bot Bread, poor but cheese, dried fru thing, you know.
I'd have a few some green apple or two to sell in off very fast, but in their yellow cl "I remember I on the edge of the ticed a new police large man na neeked, and with

thought to mysel been sick lately.'
"He was starin eyes of his, and I' called me in to te "I shouldn't wo a whole one. He up.'
"I don't know v
mind that he woul
that evening, when
looking woman
thought it was th
for a ham; and it i
out to take them d

for a ham; and it i out to take them d for the night, I saw in the shadow, star "He kept it up inght of the fourth think I never saw it cold, and dark as p hung under shelter take them in. I would come in that near the stove to re take a smoke in ce got interested in se and before I knew i me that it was eleve ter take in and shut "Well, Sally," se erary party, neglect

"'Well, Sally,' serary party, neglect mind one of these de and I put the paper box, and went outsic "The rain had sto cold, and the stars pools of water you rain in a badly pave seemed to be in bed backwoods; and, I when a cold hand comine.

when a cold hand comine.

"'Ho!' says I. '
"'It's only me,
hoarse woman's vo
Give me a shilling.'
shillings in New Y
"Gimme a shilling and
"'Oh, go away, Sa
only drink it. As for
me anything.'
"I can,' says she.
decent man like you, w
decent man like you w

decent man like you wing for the like of my Your policeman, the man, is a thief."
"Hey! says I.
"Yes,' says she;' hams; that's my new something?"
"I looked up. Only head.

"'Maybe you took said I.