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THE NAMES OF TWO PLUMBERS MIXED ON A BIG CONTRACT.

pecifications Sent to Thomas Campbell In-stead of P. Campbell & Co.—Mr. Doody Stops Work, on Account of the Error It is Said—What Will the Outcome Be.

There has been a flarry over an I. C. R., contract and it concerns those people who are noted for their long bills, the plumbing

Eighteen months ago Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co of Amberst got the contract under tory regime for the New I. C. R., station at Moncton and they let out the Mr. Myers has plumbing to a Moncton sub-contractor for something like \$6,500.

But a few months ago there was a change in the arreagement and the firm in- extended a cordial welcome to him and vited further tenders. As usual in political contractors to make their offer, but the favored only were invited. Messrs. J. H. Doody and P. Campbell & Co., of this city were among those who received the of the table with Alderman McGoldrick verbal or written hint. The latter firm received both a verbal and a written invita- and Mr. D. W. McCormick, proprietor of tion to send in a tender, the invite being the Victoria hotel, and Ex-alderman Edaccompanied by the intimation that he and Mr. Doody were the only firms favored in discussion of the viands that followed did

this city.

Mr. Campbell replied and was expectments. Then he made enquiries and found that the answer to his communication to the railway department at Moncton had gone to his brother plumber, Thos. Campbell, and the latter had sent in a tender. It was a strange mistake to make, and how it happened is a mystery. But there is a greater mystery. The plumbing specifications had not been altered greatly from last year, and while the lowest tender than last year, and while the lowest tender the last year. It was a present list year, and the last year, and while the lowest tender the last year. It was a year was a lower year, and where the last year, and where the last year. It was a year was a year year, and where year, and year, and year year. beer \$6,000 or \$7,000 Mr. Doody was no one tendered under that figure is

Government tenders and contracts are, like the Heathen Chinese, peculiar and trequently they are tenders in name only, the thing being really arranged before-hand, the rivals to the successful tenderer putting in fancy figures with the expecta-

matter may be reopened, though Mr. Doody states that he has not thrown up the contract but will resume work. Mr. Blair, it is said, has the matter in hand to consider the claims of the parties concerned and to decide how the difficulty may be

A BIG BILL OF COSTS. The Arbitrators Held Many Meetings but will be Well Paid.

After mature deliteration the arbitrators tion of mediator between Mr. Lockhart, the city's appointee, and Hon. L. J. Tweedie, the railway company's appointee, and it is reported that he succeeded in pulling down the former's figure somewhat but could not pull up the dead low water figure of Mr. Tweedie, which was many thousands beneath Mr. Lockhart's valuation. The result was Mr. Tweedie did not sign the assessment. The figures of the assessment have appeared in the daily had, the speeches were good, the cigars papers, but a comparison of the taxes that papers, but a comparison of the taxes that company were assessed by the city and prevailed. by the arbitrators has not appeared. In 1895, before they bought in the gas company, they were assessed \$5,110. The arbitrators assessment is \$4,097, over 1000 less. In 1896 the city assessment was \$9,022.80. The arbitrators assessment is \$8 009 18 again over \$1000 less. The city assessment for 1897 is \$9,782 which the arbitrators had nothing

The arbitrators held about two dozen morning and afternoon sessions, and they go. The total costs are over \$1400, the city and street railway company each paying half. Beside this each corporation pays its counsel fee, Recorder Skinner will

HE ENTERTAINED MANY FRIENDS. Mr. A. W. Myers Plays the Part of Host at Laug's Restaurant,

A dozen or more citizens and press re-presentatives received a cordial invitation from Mr. A. W. Myers Wednesday evening to join him at supper at Lang's restaurant. Everybody responded and for two or three hours enjoyed a splendid re-past and listened 'to the kindly remarks that were made in the varied replies to

Mr. Myers has been in St. John for some time and be hopes to become a permanent resident. He has met a good many citizens who have from time to time

justice to the excellent cookery and the varied menu. Then when toast making was Mr. Campbell replied and was expecting plans and specifications daily. But the letter that he longed for never came, and the time required for tendering passed by without receiving these necessary documents. Then he made enquiries and found rick to his feet, and those present listened able to put in the lowest tender it is said, at \$11,000 or 12,000 meaning a good a speech as that gentleman ever delivered. He talked of many things, and round profit for himself. How it is that no one tendered under that figure is had pursued him during that career. Insaid of him though more than fourteen years at the board, that he had ever made a cent from a civic contract or derived any personal benefit from his position. The press came in for kindly notice and in this conputting in fancy figures with the expectation of getting their turn and a fancy profit next time.

Onfaccount of this mis-carriage of the letter, and the fore-stalling of Peter Campbell by his namesake Thomas, it is said that Mr. Doody has stopped work and the matter may be reopened, though Mr.

The came in for kindly notice and in this connection to that good newspaper man and hospitable fellow, John Boden, now located in New York. The alderman concluded by proposing the health of the press which was responded to by the representatives of the Sun, Telegraph, Globe and Progressis and winked in a very significant manner. It was hard to tell the press that the proposition of the sun and truly laid." A corner stone was "well and truly la

> and the party dispersed. chain. The donor, Mr. Myers, in mak the presentation said that it was but a small token of his personal esteem for a gentleman who did so much to make it pleasant for every visitor who came to this city and met him. This remark met with a hearty response from all present who knew how literally true it was. The evening was one of rare and varied enjoyment and entertain-ment. Better singers could not have been

The head and front of the pilots' clamor sgainst the commisson is Pilot Trainer, the secetary of the Pilots Association and the orator from Reeds' Point. He has as steady a hand in steering his mates through the mazes of an agitation as a ship through the fogs of Fundy, at the sessions of the investigation this week he was compliment-ed by Mr. Skinner, counsel for the comevidently war to the bitter end against the commissioners with him. He charged that the three ship chandlers on the commission, Messrs. Troop, McLauchlan and case.

WAS THERE A MISTAKE? probably have a bill of about \$300 so that a thousand dollar bill will probably pay the expenses of the city.

Knox wanted to engineer grist to their mile by ordering more equipment for the pilot boats, whether the court or the public will agree with him in this is a question. They do not consider that the man mentioned are of that stamp.

> A SATURDAY AFTERNOON AFFAIR. Laying the Corner Sone of the North End's

The event of the year in fire department circles was the laying the corner stone of last Saturday afternoon. The gentleman who has been chiefly instrumental in pro-moting the erection of of the new build-ing was the chairman of the safety board, Alderman McGoldrick, and he took the leading part in the ceramony of Saturday. With his associates on the safety board he welcomed many invited guests and opened the proceedings by introducing the mayor to the citizens. Then that gentleman made a speech and read the



tition of the word "Esquire." Mayor cidentally he remarked that it yet had to be Robertson can proncunce that particular portion of the document his hearers missed they could not fail to be impressed every time with the word "Esquire." Then the corner stone was "well and truly laid." A present. Then came the mercantile and what he meant by that drall expression of other interests and an interesting talk on behalf of Mr. McCormick of the Victoria hotel as well as speeches from Messrs EdThe band played God Save the Queen, and hotel as well as speeches from Messrs Edward Sears, Oscar Silverstein, William Clark, J. F. Watson, E. C. March, M. A. Harding and P. W. Lıntalum, the latter gentleman varying the proceedings with one of his stirring songs. Then Auld Lung Syne and God Save the Queen followed the people are better acquainted with their After mature deliteration the arbitrators have presented their report on the valuation of the street railway company's property. Mr. Geo. McAvity occupied the erty. Mr. Geo. McAvity occupied the occupied the erty. Mr. Geo. McAvity occupied the occupied

St. John will be able to congratulate it-

self upon having done its share for the ancient town of Windsor. When all the contributions are in and totalled up it will be found to amount to nearly \$5000 and the best of it is that it is all in voluntary contributions. Corporations are said to have no conscience and therefore a civic grant would have had no sentimental significance. Besides this three or four carloads ot goods were sent there and several lauies went over to assist in the relief work. Some cavilers think they were not needed, but from the stories that come from there it is evident that they were. Poverty Point, about the cotton mill, was not burnt out so some of the people from the outlying dis-tricts kindly acted as the substitutes of the missioners, and others on his mental and oratorical attainments. Mr. Trainor was not backward in giving his opinions. It is therefore necessary to prevent help going to the undeserving and impostors and it appears that the vultures who try to grow fat on calamity met with little success in this

DIXIE WAS IN THE SWIM. SHE ASSISTED IN WELCOMING VIOL BOYALTY TO AMBERST.

Though not Exactly one of the Smart Set She Occupied a Prominent Place in the Procession, and was Recognized by the Vice-Regal Party.

in connection with the tour now being made by their excellencies the Governor General, and the Countess of Aberdeen have not yet been officially noted, or appeared in print; and it is quite safe to as sume that neither Lord nor Lady Aberdeen have been made acquainted with them. One of the most thrilling of these little incidents occurred during the very enthusiastic reception which was given to their excellencies by the loyal citizens of Amherst who vied with each other in honoring the representatives of their sovereign, and giving them a right royal welcome. Amongst those who were foremost in showing their loyalty was a lady bearing the euphonious title of "Dixie" Noiles, who, while very popular in the especial circle of which she is an acknowledged ornament, is not exactly on terms of intimacy with the most exclusive members of Amherst society. She is quite a celebrated character however, and probably quite as well known in her own way, as if she was a belle of the

No one denies for a moment that the gen:le "Dixie" had a perfect right to take an interest Lin the distinguished visitors and even avail herself of the opportunity to see them, if she felt so disposed; but it is the whole-hearted and very conspicuous manner in which she evinced her approval of the Vice Regal party, and the totally unlooked for method she adopted of taking them publicly under her protection, and generally countenancing the demonstrations in their honor, which brought the erratic "Dixie" into unusual prominence, and caused an electric disturbance of the atmosphere during the ceremonies, patent to all but the guests of honor them-salves. Madama Noiles is usually accompanied on occasions of state, and all the regulation passes and mesmer during her more formal receptions, by her invalid mother who resides with her, filling the double position of companion, and chaperon to her popular daughter; and on the eventful day of the Governor General's visit the fair "Dixie" secured a barouche drawn by a pair of spirited horses, and driven by a coachman out of livery. Thus equipped and arrayed in her most fetching arments and with her white haired mother on the seat by her side, Madame Noiles made a most attractive picture when she

sallied forth to welcome their Excellencies. Her carriage was foremost amongst the equipages assembled at the station to meet the Vice Regal party, and when the procession formed to escort them to their destination Madame Noiles' coachman drove quietly into line taking up a position directly behind the leading carriage. Observing the prominent position occupied by the two ladies, and naturally concluding that they were very distinguished people, Lord Aberdeen favored the occupants of the carriage with a particularly gracious bow, in passing, and the Counters tollowed suit, re-

through the strests of Amherst, and if the people passed en route stared rather more than usual, and showed an unseemly inclination to giggle occasionally, their conduct excited little comment, being probably ascribed to natural curiosity, coupled with a slightly hysterical tendency caused by the excitement of seeing the Queen's representatives for the first time.

As the procession made a sort of triamphal march through the busy little town of Amherst there were only two people taking part in it, outside of the Vice Regal party, who were completely at ease, and The former was wreathed in smiles enjoying herself as she had never done before and it is unlikely she will ever do again, while the latter appeared stolidly indifferent to her surroundings and quite unconscious that anything unusual was taking place. As for the Mayor, the town council, the school trustees and the other prominent people occupying adjacent carriages their frame of mind can be more readily "Dixie" had them completely at a disadvantage, and there was no way of extricating themselves from their uncomfortable posi-

tion. It would hardly have done to create to suppose that she would have declined doing anything of the sort; while to attempt to turn her out of the procession would have been equally out of the quesmake the best of a very unpleasant situa-tion, and look as pleasant as possible under the circumstances while hoping devoutly that the distinguished guests would

not notice anything unusual. Fortune favored the brave however, and nothing of an alarming nature occurred, but the good citizens of Amherst are still occupied in wondering how it all happened, where the fascinating Dixie obtained her carriage, how she managed everything so quietly and so well, and above all what, or perbaps who, suggested the idea to her in the first place, and enabled her to carry it out so successfully, in the second.

A Case in Which a Local Hypnotist was the Butt of a Good Joke.

In this city and among leading citizens and men prominent in many lines, there are found occasionally not a few who merely as an accomplishment and for entertainment are expert with cards, indulge in slight of hand tricks that are most amaz ing and mystifying. Some think they are hypnotists and apropos of this science a good story is told of the cleverness of a local amsteur hypnotizer, in a case he dealt with within the past ten days. This amateur is well up in all the passes, fingersnapping and gesticulations generally, that pertain to the work of the professional.

The hypnotist practices his art on cer-tain occasions—one of which was very recently. He dropped into a well known stable on Princess street, feeling kindly disposed towards all mankind. There were several others present including a young man—stranger. The conversation soon turned to hypnotism and the amsteur was induced to try his skill upon the stranger, who, after some thought, sgreed to un-dergo the test. The hypnotizer got square-ly in front of his subject and began to use movements. Soon the hypnotist was master of the situation the subject had yielded, he was under control, of the operator. He followed every movement of the operator through the stable. The hypnotist was triumphant; no one seemed to have further doubt of his skill. The subject still followed him about, although attempts were made to break this spell, but in vain. Wherever went the hypnotist, there too went the subject. Applied electricty was used. It came in the shape of a telephone message to the hypnotist that a friend was waiting for him on Prince William Street. The hypnotist said he must go and moved towards the door, the subject followed him spell were made. The operator began to get frightened. His efforts were fruitless the subject clung to him still. The oper-ator at last fled to keep his appointment with his friend, and still his subject follow-ed close by him. Finally some stimulant. restored the stranger to his normal condit ion. He had been posted.

One of the first to respond to Windsor's call for help was Sir Arthur Haliburton K. Arthur has just retired from the Im service after 40 years connection. His colonist who has risen to be the permanent head of a department. He entered in 1855and was successively clerk in the commissariat department, director of supplies and state for war and in 1895 under-secretary of state for war. He was director of transportation and supplies during a brisk war time and was publicly commended for the admirable organization and remarkable efficiency of his department by Lord Wol-sely then campaigning in Egypt and by Mr. Gladstone.

To Play Fredericton

The Miles Ideal Stock Company which played two very successful engagments Fredericton opera house, which build-ing has been undergoing a thorough change. The Miles Company will play there for a week beginning November 13th, and the people of the capital have a rich dramatic treat in store. It is one of the best companies that has visited here for a