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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

A YEAR or two ago the common council  
proposed to light the city by electricity,  
and invited tenders, but did not accept  
any. It might be worth while trying  
again just now.

Some of the city engine houses are badly  
in need of repairing; particularly the  
flooring of No. 3 company's house. By a  
strange coincidence this building is the  
most unsafe of all the city engine houses  
but notwithstanding this the most im-  
portant of the fire appliances of the city,  
the fire alarm telegraph, is situated there.

The drinking fountain at the head of  
King street is anything but ornamental  
and for several weeks it has not even  
been useful as the drinking cups have  
disappeared and the water has been off.  
Why do not the ladies who were instru-  
mental in placing the fountain there do  
something to improve it? In the  
early part of the present year they  
did make an effort in that direction but  
for some reason no final action has as yet  
been taken. It should either be entirely  
reconstructed or removed at once.

Nothing more has been heard of the  
dry dock scheme talked about some  
months ago. A dry dock can be built in  
St. John at about one-tenth the cost of a  
similar construction anywhere else on  
the continent, while the cost of manage-  
ment would be in about the same pro-  
portion. Why is it that men of capital  
do not take hold of this enterprise? It  
would not only pay them a handsome  
dividend on the capital invested, but  
would also prove of immense advantage  
to the city through the employment it  
would afford workmen—an employ-  
ment very much needed by certain  
classes of mechanics at present residing  
in the city.

It is hinted that bonds are to be sold  
to pay for the re-paving of Prince William  
street. Should the council take such a  
step they deserve the censure of citizens  
of every class. The pavement now being  
torn up was paid for by an issue of 40-  
year bonds which have about a quarter  
a century yet to run. It would be an act  
of genuine idleness on the part of the  
council to issue fresh bonds for the Prince  
William street pavement, with the ex-  
perience of the past staring them in the  
face. If it is necessary to borrow money  
at all for this purpose it should only be  
as a temporary loan to be repaid in, at  
most, five years. St. John has all the  
bonded indebtedness and much more  
than she can carry now and for the  
council to further increase it would go to  
show that every member who votes that

way should be summarily ejected from his  
representative position at the first oppor-  
tunity.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY's forthcoming work  
on the authorship of Shakespeare is like-  
ly to cause a lively controversy. Mr.  
Donnelly seeks to prove that Bacon and  
not Shakespeare wrote the plays and  
sonnets ascribed to the latter. Profes-  
sor Davidson who has been favored with  
an examination of Mr. Donnelly's man-  
uscript writes a fourteen column letter to  
the New York World giving a sum-  
mary of the leading arguments advanced  
by Mr. Donnelly in support of his theory.  
In summarizing his own views on the  
subject Professor Davidson says that  
there is proof to show that the plays of  
Shakespeare were written by several  
briefless barristers of the Elizabethan  
period, Bacon being among the other  
contributors. Play writing in those days  
was not considered a respectable voca-  
tion for a young man seeking royal fa-  
vor, and consequently, the real author  
preferred that some other person should  
have the fame rather than he the blame.  
Mr. Donnelly claims to have discovered a cypher in the plays of  
Shakespeare which proves conclusively  
that they were written by Bacon, who,  
knowing their literary value, so placed  
the mystic words that investigators in  
the future would divine the real author.  
Mr. Donnelly's book will be looked for  
with increased interest since the line of  
argument followed has been given to the  
public.

### LYING CORRESPONDENTS.

Four-fifths of all the European news,  
but particularly that portion of it dealing  
with English and Irish affairs published  
on this side of the Atlantic is a tissue of  
falsities. It is telegraphed to Ameri-  
can newspapers because the managing  
editors desire it and the Canadian press  
not being sufficiently enterprising to  
have cables of its own, buys the rubbish  
most of which emanates from a source,  
unfriendly, to say the least, to Great  
Britain and publishes it. We have had  
several instances of the unreliability of  
the English news published in the St.  
John newspapers, but no greater proof  
given of its utter uselessness than last  
week when the Salisbury Govern-  
ment was sustained in Parliament by a  
vote of 78, when if one had believed  
the telegrams of a few days previous the  
majority against them would have been  
fully that many, if not more. The time  
has come when the newspapers of Cana-  
da can afford to have cable news cor-  
rectly compiled and the managers of the  
newspapers should combine and get at  
going on in Great Britain. Every event  
and every item of news that will tell to  
the disadvantage of England is called  
across the Atlantic and wired in con-  
densed form and published without dis-  
crimination in Canadian newspapers.  
Canadians as a rule are proud of their  
connection with Great Britain and would  
be spared reading these lying despatches  
were it possible. If an intelligent public  
is given the plain facts of an occurrence  
they can form quite as good an idea of  
what the result will be as many impor-  
tunate people who sign M. P. after their names.

### OUR CITY STREETS.

Thousands of dollars have been wasted  
on the streets of this city. For years  
much money was spent every year  
in repairing the gravel sidewalks, but  
everybody knows that these walks never  
gave satisfaction. The asphalt com-  
position sidewalk is an improvement  
and is less expensive than gravel walks  
used to be. In a few years more the  
sidewalks throughout the city will com-  
pletely consist of asphalt composition. It  
is now time that the council paid some  
attention to the street roadways.  
Wooden pavements have now been  
well tested and have proved that  
they are both cheap and durable. That  
is why they last under favorable circum-  
stances about twenty years and that  
without any considerable amount of  
money being spent for repairs.

But the cost of laying the city with  
wooden roadways is more than the peo-  
ple can at present stand. A few blocks  
of the most prominent streets might be  
paved every year until the work is  
completed, but for the most part we  
look about for something cheaper. Mac-  
adamizing when properly done costs  
therefore out of the question also. Did  
the city possess a steam roller a large  
amount of money could be saved and the  
streets put in good condition. As long  
ago as 1883 ex-Ald. R. C. Skinner recom-  
mended the purchase of a steam roller  
by the city, and in an excellent speech  
showed what a valuable acquisition it  
would be. There are plenty of broken  
stones on the streets at present. All  
the roadways now require is to be dug  
up afresh and coated with sea beach  
gravel and rolled until they are per-  
fectly smooth. The city now owns a  
stone-crusher and if the proper sifters  
were provided it would be a very useful  
machine.

Between now and next spring the  
council should determine which is the  
best course to pursue. There is a popu-  
lar demand for street improvements and  
as the demand is based on sound com-  
mon sense it should be acceded to with-  
out further delay. Enough money  
could be taken from the other appropria-  
tions to make the annual appropriation  
for the streets sufficient to pay for  
the improvements.

### AROUND AND ABOUT.

A Friendly Chat on a Number of Sub-  
jects of Passing Interest.

Several citizens have complained to  
me that the collars they purchased for  
their dogs a few weeks ago have already  
been stolen. I have a number of  
men that belong to the lower classes.  
A gentleman who subscribes to both  
morning papers told me a little story the  
other day, and as scores of other people  
have had similar experiences, I think  
the story is worth repeating. Here is  
the story as nearly in the words of my  
informant as I can recollect. "I usually  
like to see the newspapers before going  
to my office and have had them left at  
my house for that purpose. For a long  
time only one paper could be found at  
the door [when the servant got there.  
Sometimes it would be the Telegraph that  
would be missing and at others the Sun.  
For some time I thought the carrier boys  
had neglected to leave the papers and so  
I went without effect—the papers were  
missing just the same, and I determined  
to see how they went. One morning I  
unlatched my hall door and stood wait-  
ing for the papers. I heard the door  
open twice and the papers were thrown  
in. For some minutes I stood at my  
post inside where I could observe all that  
went on and still not be seen. The other  
door was carefully opened and I saw a  
hand thrust in. The papers being well  
back of the porch, the thief had to open  
the door as far as possible in order to  
reach them. Just as he had his hand on  
one of them, I opened the other door  
and found myself face to face with a  
well known business man who lived a  
short distance from me on the same  
street. His face grew very red and he  
attempted to explain why he was there.  
The fact was that my papers had been  
stolen nearly every morning by a man  
who was better able to pay for them than  
I was. After telling the individual what  
I thought of his meanness I let him go,  
and since then my papers have been  
untouched." People who steal news-  
papers and dog collars are the meanest  
of thieves and it is a pity that the one  
when caught is not given the full  
benefit of the law.

Canada suffers much from the misre-  
presentation of people from the United  
States who think they know all about the  
country and its people. The Almighty  
intended these persons for hod carriers of  
some other vocation requiring more muscle  
than brains, but they imagine they  
are divinely inspired writers for the press  
and send to the local papers of the districts  
they come from peculiar letters on the  
subject of Canadian affairs. Once in a  
while a correspondent who takes the  
trouble to ascertain the real condition of  
the country writes to a leading paper,  
but such exceptions are very rare. The  
Telegraph of Thursday contains a letter  
written by a gentleman who signs the  
name of William Rutherford, that is a  
little more idiotic than the general run  
of letters on Canadian affairs written by  
alleged citizens of the neighbouring re-  
public. Mr. Rutherford has been study-  
ing Canada during a vacation stay at the  
important city of Nawigawak, and he  
finds that the people of St. John are too  
"British" as he terms it. Evidently  
this is an effusion in the eyes of Mr. Rutherford,  
but the opinion of that gentleman  
is not likely to change the sentiment of  
Canadian people, who are glad to be part  
of Great Britain—a nation much larger than the  
United States and very much greater in  
every way. A nation which is always  
better governed because her government  
is by her own people and not by men of  
foreign birth. Another thing that  
troubles Mr. Rutherford is that he was  
told St. John had a population of 45,000,  
and someone says that it has only 20,000.  
St. John city and suburbs—and by sub-  
urbs is not meant those miles distant,  
but actually connected with the city—  
has a population of more than 45,000. If  
it would ease Mr. Rutherford's conscience  
in any way I would inform him that the  
people of Canada—are perfectly satisfied  
with their present condition and govern-  
ment because they know they have the  
best form of government in the world at  
present. The executive has no power  
beyond parliament and parliament is the  
people while in the United States the  
executive possesses all the power and  
the greatest importance to the nation.  
Mr. Rutherford prefers the United States  
because he lives there. He possesses  
also the national characteristic—cheek,  
to a marked degree although I doubt  
very much if he is a born American citi-  
zen. Perhaps Mr. Rutherford will ex-  
cuse me if I advise him to return home  
and remain there as his cheek will no  
doubt be more appreciated there than it  
is in St. John.

What would be thought of a man en-  
tirely unknown, the market value of whose  
opinion was not five cents attempting to  
tell our good friends across the border  
that they were too "Yankee"—that they  
liked their own country better than any  
other. He would be treated with the  
contempt he deserved and probably rid-  
den out of town on a rail. And it would  
serve him right too.

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### GOSSIP OF TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Some Things the Gazette Wanderer  
Thinks Worth Talking About.

Chief Engineer Kerr, of the fire depart-  
ment, sports a brand new button-hole  
bouquet every day now. On Sunday  
evenings the chief goes to bed at 9  
o'clock sharp.

Postoffice Inspector King is the heavy  
weight among Dominion officials in St.  
John. He is at present in search of a  
missing mail bag containing \$600.

The tallest man in the public service  
in this city is Registrar of Shipping  
Barber. His son Keith in the same de-  
partment of the same department of the  
customs is his only rival. Both are ex-  
cellent officials.

Sunday shaving is unfashionable in  
St. John now, inasmuch as no barber  
will take the chances of earning four  
dollars on a Sunday while he has to  
contribute eight to the city treasury for  
the opportunity.

The provincial government stock horse  
Harry Wilkes is valued at \$25,000 now  
and is said to be one of the handsomest  
specimens of horse flesh this side of  
Kentucky. His purchase by the govern-  
ment for less than \$3,000 is regarded  
as a wonderfully good investment.

Mr. M. L. Harrison is earning an en-  
viable reputation as a square umpire of  
base ball games. His decisions are in-  
disputable and based on a thorough  
knowledge of the League rules. If  
Morton lives through the season without  
any additional wounds his services will  
be in demand throughout the lower  
provinces.

Mr. Douglas McArthur of King street  
is a live newsdealer. He keeps a large  
and well selected stock of newspapers,  
periodicals and books and is rapidly ac-  
quiring fame and riches.

Commander McPartland, who it will  
be remembered was reported drowned  
in the bay a year ago, is hale and  
hearty and as capable of bringing a ves-  
sel past rocks and shoals to a safe an-  
chorage in any harbor in the bay as he  
was thirty years ago.

Mrs. Murdoch, who died in the early  
part of the week, was the widow of Wil-  
liam Murdoch, the writer of a volume  
of excellent verses and songs, which  
were published some years before his  
death.

The new pavement now being laid on  
Prince William street is being built on  
better principles in many ways than the  
old one. It is unlikely that any of the  
surplus blocks will be used for civic  
kindling wood.

The street account is going to make a  
good showing this year. Experience has  
demonstrated that Street Inspector Mar-  
tin is the right man in the right place.

Some queer things got into the head-  
ings of newspapers occasionally. The  
Halifax Herald the other day spoke of  
the Senior Admiral of the British navy  
as a Halifax boy. Inasmuch as the ad-  
miral referred to is the only survivor of  
the Chesapeake-Shannon affair it is some  
years since he was a boy.

The Telegraph last Saturday contained  
a number of interviews with physicians  
on the general state of the health of the  
city. One leading M. D. regretted that  
there were so many rolling stones in the  
streets. It is difficult to see how rolling  
stones could much affect the health of a  
community.

Annexionists and persons who are  
continually decrying this country be-  
cause as they untruthfully allege it is  
making no progress, should paste in  
their hats the statistics published recent-  
ly in the Sun showing that the Maritime  
Provinces are making much more rapid  
progress than the New England States.

Deputy Common Clerk Wardrop is the  
most genial practical joker in the  
City Hall. He wears a light checked  
suit on fine days, but changes his attire  
invariably when the weather is cloudy.  
The fact that his duty compels him to  
constantly issue capias and summons  
for unfortunate debtors has as yet had  
no depressing effect on his genial dispo-  
sition.

Sergeant Hipwell has the greatest num-  
ber of years service to his credit of any  
policeman in the city, but he loses fewer  
days than many of the younger men of  
the force.

The streets of St. John have been kept  
in better condition this year than ever  
before. There has been a constant im-  
provement since the contract system was  
inaugurated, but this year the improve-  
ment is more marked than ever before.  
His Lordship Bishop Sweeney is about  
to erect a hospital for the sick poor on  
the old Stewart lot, afterwards the prop-  
erty of the Christian Brothers on Syd-  
ney street.

The Street Railway will be in opera-  
tion about the middle of the present  
month. At the present time the greater  
part of the road-bed is ready and over  
two-thirds of the rails are laid. It is the  
intention of the company to put on first-  
class cars and to make the road second  
to none in Canada or the United States.  
It is to be hoped that the fondest hopes  
of the promoters of the company will be  
realized.

Mr. Hazen Drury, C. E., a St. John boy  
who has been engaged on the Canada  
Pacific survey and who is at present  
working on the survey of the Short Line  
Railway is visiting his father Mr. C. W.  
Drury, Registrar of this county. Mr.  
Drury reports the Short Line making  
satisfactory progress through Maine, not-  
withstanding that some portions of the

country through which it runs is un-  
usually rough, even for Maine.  
The fire department has lost none of  
its efficiency, notwithstanding that its  
services have not been in great demand  
this season. The boys do not even stop  
to change their Sunday clothes when an  
alarm comes in on Sunday night.

A novel pool has been inaugurated by  
a number of young men of this town.  
Enough of them to represent every fire  
alarm box in town put ten cents in the  
pool and the holder of the number struck  
first thereafter scoops the booty. While  
it is rather a slow way to grow rich it is  
nevertheless an easy way for the winner  
to make four dollars.

It is pleasing to hear that the people  
are at last waking up to the necessity of  
a music hall for our city, and that the  
Opera House Company, Oratorio Society  
and St. Cecilia Society are to meet at A.  
O. Skinner's on Monday night, at eight  
o'clock, to discuss the matter, and it is to  
be hoped that the different interests will  
be centered on one site, wherever that  
may be. There should be no trouble  
to raise funds enough for the purpose, if  
such a large number of people take a  
hold of the thing in the right spirit as  
every member of the musical societies  
should be personally interested.

### General Notes.

A lawn tennis tourney will be com-  
menced on the grounds of the Cricket  
and Athletic Club on Monday.

Secretary Purdy of the Cricket Club  
has gone to Bangor, while there he will  
endeavour to arrange a base ball match  
between the Orono State College Club  
and the Nationals.

The Thakore of Limbdi arrived at New  
York, Thursday. He is a ruler over  
about 60,000 people in the Province of  
Limbdi, in Bengal, and is the first Indian  
Prince to visit the United States. He  
has been attending the Queen's Jubilee  
in London. He is 25 years old, very  
highly educated, speaks English fluently,  
and dresses in the European style.

But what about that clock for the In-  
tercolonial passenger depot. The tarred  
boards that cover up the hole are be-  
ginning to look very seedy.

It is very suspicious when a man loses  
the tab of his shirt and is unable to sat-  
isfactorily account for its disappearance.  
Such an accident happened a well known  
man about town the other day. Worst  
of all the particular piece of linen is now  
in the hands of a friend.

The friends of a young man who had  
got tired of carrying him along stuck his  
feet in a Lower Cove picket fence the  
other night and left him hanging there  
head downwards until his cries brought  
a friendly policeman to his aid.

The young man who looks after the  
sale of postage stamps in the post office  
building should pay more attention to  
business. By doing so he would save a  
great deal of profanity.

There is a good deal of building going  
on in this city and Portland just at pre-  
sent. Fully a score of new houses are  
being erected in the latter place alone.

A new asphalt sidewalk the first that  
has been laid in Portland is being put  
down on Stanley street.

### Photographed by Lightning.

[From a Hillsdale (Mich.) Special.]  
A heavy storm passed over Fayette  
township last night. While it was in  
progress Amos J. Biggs, a trustworthy  
farmer, went into his back yard to  
frighten away some fighting cats. So  
intent were they on exterminating one  
another as to allow Farmer Biggs to ap-  
proach within a few feet of them. At  
the same instant there was a crash, and  
an electric bolt struck a wood pile, scat-  
tering it, and stiffened the cats in an in-  
tense rigor mortis.

Aside from a prickly sensation and  
sudden but not severe contraction of the  
muscles, Mr. Biggs experienced no un-  
pleasant effects. When Biggs returned  
to the house his wife took one look at  
him and fainted. On recovering, she  
exclaimed: "Oh, Amos, the Devil has  
set his mark on you!" Whereupon Biggs  
looked in the glass and saw the image  
of a cat photographed in silhouette upon  
his broad forehead. All efforts to wash  
it off were unavailing.

SERVED IN ALL STYLES.  
Guest at summer hotel—Waiter bring  
me a hard-boiled egg.  
Waiter—Yes, sah; we's cookin' our  
eggs on the ruf to-day, sah. Will you  
hab yours wid tin flavor or jest plain  
shingles?—Burlington Free Press.

### TO M. E. L.

BY A. G.  
Cousin mine, we meet again  
After many years—  
Years of mingled joy and pain,  
Happy smiles and tears!  
During absence has the heart  
Often grown faint,  
Longing sore to meet again,  
Fretting at restraint.  
Now once more I hold thee clasped  
In a close embrace,  
Feeling kindred soft and slow  
On thy sunny face.  
Sadly now the feeling comes,  
We but meet to part;  
Still once more I'll clasp thee close  
To my throbbing heart.  
May the coming years for thee  
Know no adding care;  
That we soon may meet again,  
Is my earnest prayer!  
Through the intervening time  
Keep a place for me,  
Where I may in secret rest—  
In thy memory.

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ing trip with a fearful Cough and Cold, and took  
all the medicine I could think of, to no purpose.  
I was told that I had Bronchitis, and was done for.  
A friend came to see me, and said he would send  
to St. John for your Balm of Gilead and  
Wild Cherry, which he had great faith in.  
After taking a dose or two the Bronchitis left, and  
I have not been troubled with it or a cold since.  
It was so wonderful in my case, that I sent to you  
for a dozen, and since that I have had several boxes.  
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