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IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE.

THE TREASURER OF A COLLEGE BENT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

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Last week during the Baptist convention being held at Barwick N. B. the Board of Trustees of Acadia University was called into session at Barwick N. B. on Monday last. As a result of the convention an order was adopted which was an occasion of some concern to the Board of Trustees of Acadia University.

It was the general impression among the clergymen present that this serious matter should not be passed over for in such a case the financial standing of the Baptist people of the province would be entirely wrecked. Pleasant requests are being almost constantly made for the support of their educational institutions, and if this matter of \$4,000 misappropriation was allowed to slip unnoticed the people would be quite justified in withholding their contributions on the grounds of lack of faith in the management of affairs.

When the much abused clause of the report was under discussion Lawyer Smith of Moncton capped the climax of excitement by jumping to his feet and moving that the words "theft" should displace "shortage" also that "criminal," "convictions" etc. should be inserted instead of milder phrases.

Mr. Chipman was present during the discussion of his shortage and at a certain point in the debate asked to be allowed to speak. After apologizing for his appearance he said he was quite aware that he should not be present, but he found it very hard to have his alleged wrong doing discussed in his absence.

He said ever since he had been holding the office of treasurer and before the college officials had met all obligations. Financing in the most stringent sense had to be resorted to, things moving along satisfactorily, to the accounts gradually lagging behind. Out of his own private funds he had loaned the institution at different times sums ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 and it was the ex-treasurer's impression that some of these he lost sight of in the whirl of financial matters around him.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

HIS BRIGHT SMILES WON THE LADY'S AFFECTIONS.

And the Poor Young Man Was in a very Awkward Predicament—The Timely Arrival of an Official Extra's Horse—He Won't go to Fairville any More.

This week the inmates of an institution near the city were treated to their annual picnic; and as they are not always responsible for their actions, the invited few who attended were eye witnesses of many a funny scene.

For instance a young lawyer was invited and partly through curiosity. On the grounds he was like a stranger in a strange land; this was because he is naturally bashful and then again he was rather frightened. He thought his safest plan was to observe from a distance all that went on, and thereby satisfy his curiosity as to just how the inmates would act at a picnic.

The youthful lawyer had just seen something that was funny enacted at the other side of the picnic grounds, so he smiled. That smile was fatal, as the disciple of Blackstone is only pretty when his face is lighted up by his sweet smile.

She wended her way to where the lawyer stood; she gazed in his face, but fear had driven every vestige of amusement from it, and when she spoke she said: "I am glad to see you here, but I am afraid you are not a picnic man."

On the crowd approaching, his admirer frowned at what she thought an intrusion on their part and she left. The guileless youth saw her leave, so he felt safe as his friends were about him; and he smiled once more. Alas, she saw the smile and all the fire of love was again kindled in her heart.

They gathered closer to see what was going on and were surprised to see fear and consternation written on every feature of the poor captive's face.

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THEY WANT CUSTOMS REFORM.

HALIFAX PEOPLE THINK THE CUSTOMS HOUSE IS NOT MANAGED PROPERLY.

HALIFAX, Aug. 27.—If the Laurier government wishes to make itself popular with the people of Halifax they will take the customs department of this city vigorously in hand and work it in the interests of the people and not allow a host of clerks to work the service simply in their own interests.

The most effective means for making liberal votes during the past few years has been the Halifax customs house, and particularly the appraisers' office. There have been there, it is said, a dozen different standards of valuation for the same line of goods.

The fancy of the appraiser was frequently the rule rather than the regulation of the department. These things were aggravating enough, but there were other features in the conduct of this office which made it yet more unpopular.

A reform the government should institute is a readjustment of the hours for duty in the whole customs house. The men in the Halifax office should be asked to work on ordinary business days and during hours which will suit the business public.

From 9 to 4 is the maximum time these clerks are to be found in their offices, and the great bulk of their work is concluded by 3 o'clock, after which hours but few entries are received.

Two hours a day should be added to the time to be spent by these clerks at their desks, and in the appraisers' office the staff should certainly be kept at work till 6 o'clock in the evening.

Possibly a still better reform would be the dismissal of half the staff, and a goodly proportion of the younger. But whatever the government does let there be a reform. The people want it in the Halifax customs house.

On Labor day the yacht club held their annual outing at Watters landing, which gives promise of being one of the best days of first class sport St. John has seen for a long time.

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REDDY ALWAYS SPEAKS HIS MIND.

NEW HE IS AFTER JOHN W. RULAND AND RECORDER MACCOY.

HALIFAX, Aug. 27.—Alderman O'Donnell is not very much if not outspoken. His outspokenness often verges on the vulgar, but sometimes it is necessary, in the interests of truth, to lay oneself open to the charge of vulgarity.

At last week's city council meeting the alderman waked very indignant, his excitement making him almost eloquent, as he waded war on Recorder MacCoy. It seems that Alderman O'Donnell owns a property on South Brunswick street once known as a not very savory resort.

This was before the days of the alderman's real estate triumphs. Now the place is in decay and a couple of years ago almost fell down. A fence was erected round on the front of the house, encroaching on the sidewalk.

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The McLaughlin-Green company, which has been playing here this week, will close a successful engagement this evening. The various pieces have been very well received especially the "Black Flag" in which the individual work was better than at any

Other time during the week. Messrs. MacLaughlin and Green are conscientious in their work and are anxious to please their patrons. The productions are clean; through sensationalism is of course not wanting. The engagement closes this evening.

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