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THEY "SAVED WISELY."

This is All Fool's Day, and it is also the date on which the nominations for the Common Council must be filed.

Far be it from PROGRESS to insinuate that the coincidence is any reflection on the aldermen. Some of them are clever usen and good representatives, and some are neither so clever as they think they are, nor so good as they would have others think them. The reflection, if any, is on the people, who are content to be represented by a body so big in proportion to its brains, and so busily useless in proportion.

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The Tax Reduction association was formed on the right principle, and its proclair ged platform was in most particulars such as Progress as a dvocated ever since the union of the cities. It may again be repeated that beyond question the vote in favor of a union was due to the exposures by Progress of the ring rule in Portland, and the desire of the people of that city to chamberlain's office. The aldermen passed over the chamberlain and first clerk to by Progress of the ring rule in Portland, and the desire of the people of that city to be emancipated from the yoke of bossism. Whether that union proved to be in the interests of the general public is not now the question. One thing is certain, that a certain amount of the leaven which caused the fera-ent in old Portland has been incorporated into the municipal politics of St. John. It is likely to remain there until the people take the matter of politics of St. John. It is likely to remain there until the people take the matter of reform into their own hands.

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The Tax Reform Association was a move in this direction. Its inception was due to the exposure by Progress of some of the teatures of the Moore street job, in which Alderman John Kelly was to the front. Unfortunately, the movement came too late to be of any practical use in the approaching elections, and the guidance of the affairs of the Association did not seem to be in the best hands. Either this was the case or the committees were "captured" the absurdity of the chamberlain's office, are two of the hardest worked men in the city's employ. The aldermen who talked of abolishing the the case or the committees were "captured" by wire-pullers, though the absurdity of some of the names suggested for a "retorm" election leads to the presumption that there was merely blundering without crafty intent, in regard to all but two or three of

the present members could be spared from the council with advantage to the ratepayer. the cry of "less taxes" was raised. For aught they could tell, the legislature might ct promptly, the elections might be post-oned, and they, in an election by the peo-

th after month, and some of the noisiest of them year after year, while thousands of dollars were over-expended with their consent and usually with their active cooperation. In all that time they had seized Twery opportunity to secure what they could for their own pocket boroughs, with out the expression of a sentiment favorable to reform. Then, after this indifference, a scheme of "economy" was sprung, just after the T. R. A. began to threaten and just before the time of an election. The ratepayer who could be deceived by such

ratepayer who could be deceived by such clap-trap ought not to have a vote. One of the motives which is said to have actuated the North End members was a desire to "save Wisely." In the theory of the framers of the union act a director of which came from the city of Portland, and a place had to be found for him as director of ublic safety at \$1,200 a year. Mr. Wisely is known to everybody as a thoroughly decent, well meaning man, and nobody who knows him has begrudged him his place. It has been a generally recognized fact, however, that \$1,200 was an extravagant however, that \$1,200 was an extravagant salary for the position, even if there were more duties than there are, and if the situation was held by a man qualified for it.

Mr. Wisely would have been well paid at aid of the payment of the church debt.

the names put forward. Since PROGRESS voiced public opinion and sat on the proposed nominations, nothing has been heard of them. The T. R. A. has abandoned the field, for this election, and most of the old aldermen will be returned without option on the part of others, a foolish and un osition.

This is a pity, for at least two-thirds of the present members could be appred from

this year is \$5,000, for the whole united city. This is \$1,000 less than was allowed for the old city alone before the union, and it is even less than has been allowed a private contractor for attending to the streets poned, and they, in an election by the people of the whole city, might be relegated to their proper sphere as private citizens. In this spirit they undertook to accomplish some reforms.

Nobody gives them credit for any higher motive. The only newspaper which bestows even taint praise on them clearly shows that it knows very little of what it is talking about. The men who are to the front in the latest deal for economy are not of the stuff of which reformers are made. They began too late, and the coincidences, to say the least, were unfortunate. vate contractor for attending to the streets

creasing its activity in proportion to its folly. They supposed it would be referred and be dealt with by the new board, and they in the meantime would get credit for a desire to curtail expenses. The aldermen lost their heads, however, and plunged wildly into a cutting and slashing which was without method, and in some instances

without reason.

But the North End "saved Wisely"for a time, at least.

He Declined to Announce It.

Rev. Dr. Sprague, of the Centenary church, objects to having the pulpit made an advertising medium for tea meetings and the like, and nobody was surprised when he carried out the idea last Sunday evening. The ladies, he said from the pulpit, had not handed him a notice of the sale to take place in the rehoolroom on Tuesday evening, as they thought he would not announce it, he supposed. They were quite right, it, he supposed. They were quite right, he continued, he would not do so. The ne continued, ne would not do so. The congregation are still wondering whether he was in a vein of humor, or whether he got off a better thing than he intended. It may be added that the sale was a great

cious and that all the electors should have a new one in St. John. More than a generation ago, in October, 1859, the leading ratepayers of the city undertook to have a change in the system, and this is the peti-tion that was circulated:

To His Worshipful The Mayor, and Corporation of the City of Saint John, in Common Council convened:

THE PERTINON of the undersigned Magistrate and other Frecholders and Freemen of the City. St. John, respectfully sheweth—
That your Petitioners have long been convinc that the present mode of electing the Members the Common Council of this City, by woring in each ward for the Alderman and Councillor of the par cular Ward only, is subject to many and ecrious of jections, and productive of much abuse and corruton.

lumbering and shipbuilding were in their glory, as well as by a large number of ratepayers in various walks of life. The original petitions are now carefully treasured by Mr. Clarence Ward.

sed away, but among the familiar names of today are those of Dr. W. Bayard, Senator Lewin, J. F. Marsters, G. E. Fenety, W. C. Godsoe, T. F. Raymond, R. Cruikshank, G. W. Whitney, W. W. Turnbull, T. A. N. Skinner, F. Tufts, L. H. Water-house, R. Whiteside, Thomas Furlong, G. W. Day, A. Ballentine, Calvin Powers, C. F. Kinnear, Dr. P. R. Inches, W. P. Dole, Henry Duffell, Ald. S. G. Blizard, J. S. Boies DeVeber, Hurd Peters, W. A. Lockhart, C. H. Fairweather, S. Gardene, Chadre, Elude, Elude, D. O. L. S. Gardner, Charles Clerke, D. O. L. Gorthe prize of five dollars, for the best Warlock, Peter Sharkey, J. E. Barnes, Clewis J. Almon, W. J. McCordock. G. Bent, James A. Tufts, Senator Dever and week.

willing to do now, and that City Engineer Peters was of the same opinion.

The petition seems never to have got very far, however. The aldermen under-stood then as well as they do now that an election by the people means a new council. The petition was either not received or it was referred to some such committee as has had the mayor's inaugural in hand for the last twelve months.

William or Charlotte streets. It is true the council can make extra appropriations at any time, but they may be made too late. There persons who held liquor licenses and whether they are made or not the recent action of the board is none the less a foolish one. It is now pleaded by some that the promoters of the hastily conceived scheme of economy "did not know it was loaded."

They Travel in a Rul.

Three persons who held liquor licenses last year have been refused renewals for this year because three convictions for viously the state of the last were recorded against the nor right to complain. The only question that suggests itself is why these three they had sat at the board, week after week, month after month, and some of the noisiothers, commonly known as violaters of the law, have escaped. The police methods seem to run in ruts in this and in other ways. Why should one person with a wholesale license be brought up time and again for selling at retail, while another publicly and with impunity violate the law? publicly and with impunity violate instances.

Is it because he is accounted more respectable, or because he has a "pull" with some-body? Then again a stranger, reading the papers would infer that only a certain three or four persons sold liquor without license, for their names appear with astonishing same way. For some reason or another the police appear reluctant to make dis-coveries outside of certain well worn paths. Why is it?

Will Depart Without a Emery.

The presbytery of St. John held a meeting in the Carleton church on Tuesday night when the resignation of Rev. Godfrey. Shore was a cepted without dissent. The eulogy expected from the congregation did not materialize, and as there was a quiet whisper that the imformant of Processes was present, the talk was amounted guarded. A certificate of transference was granted to Mr. Shore to the Kingston, Ont., presbytery, where it is capacitable

\$800, while so far as the office is of any practical good, it need never have been created. It was therefore largely on the principle of trying to "save Winely" that some other salaries were cut, according to the caprice of a majority of the council, and without any attempt at system in a general scaling down. Mr. Winely's salary was

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The Past Master degree will be taken up at four o'clock, with the H. P. of New Brunswick chapter, Mr. Hedley V. Cooper,

as is. W. M.

At the conclusion of this degree, supper will be served in the Masonic building, so that there will be as little delay as possible in resuming work.

At seven o'clock the degree of Most

At seven o'clock the degree of Most Excellent Master will be exemplified, with Mr. H. V. Cooper, as R. W. M.

The Royal Arch degree will be taken up at half-past eight, with Mr. W. B. Wallace of Carleton chapter as H. P.

The work will be exemplified on candidates furnished by New Brunswick chapter, under the warrant of which the degrees will be conferred. As this will be the first official exemplification of the work since the formation of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and as it is most desirable there should be uniformity in points of dance of companions from other parts of the province. It was with the view to accommodate these that the arrangement two evenings, as would have better suited the companions resident in St. John.

The following acknowledgment of the prize awarded in the February competition

The supply of poetry still continues to more than equal the space which can be given to it in these columns, but there is ruary. Perhaps the weather continues too cold for the traditional spring poet to come to the front with his warbling, but the next four weeks are likely to be warmer and

Coppers In A bundance

the evening it is estimated that there must whom were strangers. When the collection was counted there were 300 coppers found among the silver and notes. This seems to bear out the theory that many interested n ehurch work have, viz , that a big crowd is no sign of a big collection. Seven-eights of the strangers go provided with coppers instead of silver.

The Shareholders Will Get the Saving Referring to a paragraph in the last saue of PROGRESS regarding a recent neeting of the shareholders of a joint stock company, it may be stated that the reduc-tion made in the salaries of the manage and secretary was not voted to the president. In fact that motion did not com dent. In fact that mostor that has been before the meeting though it was pretty well understood that it had been previously suggested but lacked the necessary encouragement to warrant it being brought up.

A Flourishing Scotch Society. largely because the merits of the organiza-tion have been presented to the public in a new and more vigorous tashion. Six new members joined this week and others are ooking torward to soon finding themselves

send the Mayor and Ald. John Chesley to Ottawa to explain what the city wanted in the matter of the Mill street crossing, somebody naturally enquired why two men were required where every possible explana-tion could be given by one. Ald. Nicker-The official notices have been issued for a special convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, to be held in this city on Wednesday next, at 11 o'flock in the forenoon. The morning acasism will be devoted to routine business and the afternoon and evening will be taken for the exemplification of the four degrees under the direction of the ritual committee. The following arrangements have been made: committee. The following arrangements have been made:

McLaughlan, and every one of the lot, work in the Mark Masters' degree will with the exception of Ald. McKelwey, took a trip at the expense of the ratepayers. They were accompanied by the recorder, and the expense of their holiday will probably be a snug little sum, judging by the accounts in which some of these gentle-men have figured in the past. Just why Ald. McKelvey did not join the merry

> The parishioners of the church of St. Martin's in the Woods, at Shediac, are in want of a rector, and a rector in St. John could, as possibly he can in the course of a week or two. He was living in Durham, Ont., when he received a call from th church, as he supposed, and getting his effects together he and his family started tor New Brunswick. The effects and family are now at Shediac, it is said, but he is here waiting for the decision of the Bishop of Fredericton as to whether he shall go there

orce may be doubted and it is quite cer-ain that the fire department cannot safely The vices are as overcrowded with officers in proportion to men as the valued Telegraph the present time. The T. R. A. has not is equipped with editors in proportion to re-porters. It seems absurd to try to apply to the handful of police in St. John the systems that are found necessary in cities the size of Boston and New York, but this seems to be the idea. The city, for instance, gives no official recognition to po-lice captains, but the chief does, and so instead of a sergeant reporting directly to him he reports to a captain and that dig-nitary reports to the chief. There seems

So Far Rumor Is Responsible.
There has been considerable talk around town, about the journey of a city lawyer to the West Indias and his mission there. Rumor has connected different parties with the object of his trip but so far

RESS can ascertain Dame Rumor is about traced to. Perhaps the one circumstance that added color to the report, was the attempt to put some professionial gentle men off with the idea that the destination of the lawyer was Chicago instead of the Indies. The former would be far the more likely place for divorce proceedings.

The last number of London Tit-Bits has of the readers of PROGRESS across the bay A novel way of seeking a wife has been brought to light by a wholesale fruiterer at Eastbourne. In the centre of a barrel of apples, which had arrived from Nova Scotia, was a particularly fine apple, and around it was wrapped a portion of a diary, on which was written the following message: "If any young lady who chances to eat this apple is desirous of matrimony will she please correspond with Hartley Marwhall, Falkland Ridge, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia?"

Mr. Haystead Is Here Again. Mr. Chas. H. Haystead was in town again this week arranging for the coming of the Josie Mills Company. It is not the same organization that was here some time

to the four corners of America. But the name and "Josie" remain, and there is no brass hand attachment. Provincial people will have a chance to judge the show by its merits, and what Procures can tell them

than that the people are satisfied with the

clections give promise of being the deadest and dullest known for many years. Unless something is developed at a tate hour there will be a contest in Brooks ward only. There, too, until a day or two ago, there was believed that Ald. Baxter and C. B Lockhart would be elected by acclamation

This week, however, Ald. Davis has reconsidered his rash resolve and is in the field, so that there will be a triangular fight, the result of which it would take a wise

One new man at least will go to the council and that will be T. Nisbet Robert. son, as representative of Queens. He has come out in response to a requisition of representative citizens, and is sure to be

most unlikely to be the case.

Some interest is felt in the mayoralty election, but it lacks the spirit ot many former contests, despite the fact that there are four candidates in the field. be that the alleged two-thirds of the parish-ioners who voted to call him were not all legally qualified to vote. It is said that some influential churchmen at Shediac, while Hon. T. R. Jones is no less confident who want this rector, are somewhat excited over the matter. In the meantime the rector is the guest of a well known parishiner of St. Mark's in this city. The clergyman in question is a Wycliffe college man, and of the evangelical party in the church of England.

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> so far shown a special leaning towards any of the candidates, and the members are apparently free to take their choice of the

"The only thing needed to make PROG to the chief. There seems to be a good deal of nonsense in this and other details. Every fourth man on the roll is an officer of some kind, and from the fact that the response to an alarm from box 231, the other night, was made by eleven officers and four men of the fire department it would seem that the response to an alarm from box a list of marriages, would be of interest to readers in many climes, very many of whom depend on Progress for a ment, it would seem that full privates are getting to be considerably in the minority. list of the births, marriages and deaths in the maritime provinces, as far as they are readily obtainable. They will be found on the sixteenth page.

No charge will be made for the insertion

of such notices when sent to this office, but it will be readily understood that the length of the list requires that the information be in the most condensed form, of the style shown in the list in this issue. In every instance, too, a responsible name must ac

The new departure will doubt'ess be hailed with pleasure by readers of PROG-

Last autumn Mrs. Captain Masters, of St. Martins, laid away on a bracket in her dinbrown and black caterpillar, which Wednesday took wings and greeted her on the breakfast table, a beautiful brown legborn butterfly. The beauty travelled all over the breakfast table, as if admiring everything on it, and then flew to a rose bush, where it enjoyed the green leaves for a time. At last, tired and exhausted with its long tramp, it took retuge in the window. Mr. Murray carried the beauty away with him and has it on exhibition at the Medical