

IS AN EXPERIMENT.

THE LAWYERS WANT A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, SO THEY DO. Do Not Know Whether It Is Loaded or Not—Something Novel in the New Brunswick Courts—The Popular Idea About the Case And the Men.

Call it by what name you will, it has been very remarkable case. It has had several titles, according to the people who have looked at it. It was the newspapers which gave the grim yet not graphic title of the "graveyard insurance case," while the lawyers conspired to give the smooth and least pointed designation of "the conspiracy case."

The Welton brothers are the chief objects of interest to the St. John people. Dr. Randall would be prominent if St. John people knew him as well as they know the Weltons, but they do not, and he stands rather in the background when St. John people talk about the affair.

It can be readily understood why, supposing he had been guilty, it would have been difficult to secure the conviction of an acting pastor of a church, where prayerful and conscientious adherents of that church were on the jury.

The Messengers and Visitor, which has been silent on the subject up to this week, now calls for the action of the church in regard to the Welton brothers.

A WOMAN LEADS THEM.

THE COMPETITION OF THE NEWSBOYS FOR OVERCOATS. Mrs. McQueen Heads The List, But Several Others Make A Good Showing—Something About "Progress" And Its Plans For The Year Coming.

Some of the city newsboys have been pretty busy during the last month in trying to win the prizes of cape overcoats given to all who sell 500 or more copies in that period.

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It is nearly five years since a good many wise people, in and out of the newspaper business, shook their heads as they prophesied the speedy and total collapse of Progress.

The arrangements of Progress for the year now about to begin include a number of features that will be found both novel and popular.

They Rejected the Innovation. The people of Carleton are a neighborly, sociable community as a rule, and are well acquainted with each other.

It is Almanac Time. There was a time when everybody in the province felt the year's supplies incomplete without a New Brunswick almanac.

Mr. McLean's Good Luck. Mr. H. H. McLean has suddenly sprung into prominence as a gentleman of very extraordinary business ability.

PUT HIS HONOR THERE.

JUDGE PALMER OUGHT TO MANAGE THE COTTON MILL.

His Great Success in Unravelling the Tangles—What Would the Equity Court Do Without Him—Men Who Could Be Found To Take His Place.

The wonderful success of Judge Palmer in picking out the tangles around the Parks cotton mill, in lifting an industry out of the ditch, paying its debts and placing it on a paying basis, has been the talk of the town this week.

Then, of course arises the question as to what the equity court would do without him. As one of his now fellow judges used to remark: "Palmer has a great deal of horse sense, and equity court is a fine field for the exercise of that admirable position."

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TOLD OF SIR WILLIAM.

LOCAL REMINISCENCES OF THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE RITCHIE.

Appropos of some of the recollections of the judges published in the Telegraph last week, of the recently deceased Sir William Ritchie, Chief Justice of Canada, a gentleman tells Progress the following anecdotes of him which throw some light on his earnestness as an advocate, and his earnestness even on the bench to take a side, and to argue from that position.

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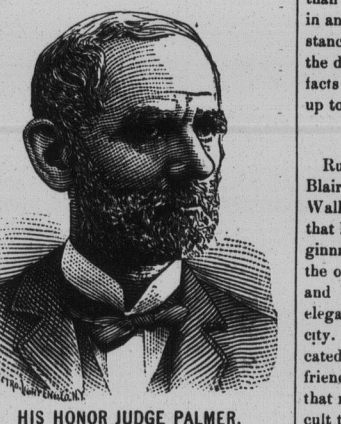
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