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CLARKE'S TRUE COLORS.

HEPUBLISHES APRIVATELETTES

Convey the Impression That s'" Criticisms of Theatrical moss is Not Fair and Honest—

Honest criticism of the shows that appear in the opera house of this city and in the theatre of H. B. Clarke of Halitax does not find favor with either management. In this city the two newspapers that have dared to give the public an honest opinion of theatrical performances have been boyested by the management of the opera house. The management knows that when house. The management knows that when one of these papers, PROGRESS, was enjoying the same measure of patronage from them in the shape of advertising and printing that other newspapers received — and perhaps more than some of them, the same fearless criticism of the shows they brought here appeared in its columns. They know, too, that it was shows that the relations between them and the paper became strained; they know that when the a vertising and the usual press courtesies were withdrawn the course of this paper in regard to theatrical criticism courtesies were without a convey the impression, since then, that it is because advertisments do not appear in because advertisments do not appear in convey the impression, since then, that it is because advertisments do not appear in because advertisments do not appear in courtesian and the Record that there are uniavorable notices of shows that deserve enhancement, and, again and again managers, interesting the courtesian management of the opera house makes a blunder jump on them; Tit for tat."

Opera house and unit, and the christian management in man "Henery," The printed form has a space left after "our sovereign Lord George," as it seemed evident when it was printed that the George were likely to be numerous. This precaution was justified.

The printed form made George — "King of Great-Britain," but just eleven months before Mr. Chub,

below with Mr. Clarke's introduction.

A.O. Skinner, President, St. John Opera House Co.:

My Dear Mr. Ekiner—I enclose you a copy of letter sent me by Mr. E. S. Carter, proprietor of St. John Pacourse, which speaks for itself. The writer of it had the presumption to make it private, although it came unsolicited and remained unanswered, and as Pacourses' unjustifiable criticisms to a certain extent injure my business as also yours, I think in self delence I am justified in sending it to you to make any use of it you may think proper.

Ever since the disagreement between the St. John Opera house management and Procurses, whenever the "Liep" has given so-called criticisms of performances playing under the Opera house management, and they have in almost every instance been uniair and they have in almost every instance been uniair and they have in almost every instance been uniair and

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mances playing under the Opera house management, they have in almost every instance been uniair and decogatory, excepting in those rare instances with the management off, a (company have insert d an advertisement in (that paper at their own expense a new paper).

I may say that my business relations with Mr. Carter have been of the most pleasant and friendly nature, and only the continued unjustifiable criticals in the continued of the most pleasant and friendly nature, and only the continued unjustifiable criticals in the continued of the cont

H. B. CLARKE.

(Private.)

St. John, Dec. 18, 1894

Mr. H. B. Clarke, Hallar, N. S:

Dear Mr. Clarke, Hallar, N. S:

Upon his return this morning my brother mention ed the fact than he had had some talk with you and spoke of your criticism of the criticisms in Proorman. I am rather glad to have this opportunity of saying a word on this particular. There is no doubt of two things: that the people look to Proorman for two things: that the people look to Proorman for more extended and careful criticisms of amusements and flast we cater to that field by employing a competent man to take charge of the department.

Our position here is simply this: because we spoke our mind in regard to some rank performances, criticised management and company alike, the must break second to the cross the prior had because were withdrawn from Proorman. Shoce the Daily Record is also under my control these courtains were withdrawn from Proorman. Shoce the Daily Record is also under my control these courtains were withdrawn from Proorman should be a surface of antagonies any newspaper. Both of these coapers have large city and provincial circulations and their influence cannot be densed.

New business in business—the criticisms of Proorman may be sharpened by the fact this its business colations with the Opers house people are thus trained, and I can understand that anything we have day suginase a how were that is do appear in Ridii.

on my part I can assure you. Can we not avoid it and be of mutual benefit to one another? If you could, or would rather, impress upon the advance agests of the shows that cense to the provinces that they cannot afford to knore us to please the Opera house people, and that it does not pay you for them to do so, then you will find us willing to do all we can to advance your intests. It is not unselfish in this, Mr. Clarke, for it means both money and satisfaction to me, and if you will do this I am confident this we can make it worth your while in whatever way may seem best to you.

I am yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Dictated to F.A. T.

Plaint made to Programs representative, then what would? Where did the presumption come in? No, if Clarke had even the ordinary sense of honor attributed to business men be would not have had to seek an excuse in terming that letter "presumptions" and "unsolicited." In very truth he has borne out the character given him by the most reliable theatrical people, in this latest move of his.

AN OLD INDENTURE

(Signed)
Dictated to F. A. T. No doubt the phrase the Opera hou e management will point to i, this: "Now business is business. The criticisms of Programss may be sharpened by the fact that its business relations with the Opera house

people are thus strained." Opera house cannot expect any favor at the hands of Procurses; they cannot expect gushing advance notices, they cannot expect even the minor faults of a performance, that might be passed over under other communications.

severely than a friend, but the gentleman who has written the criticisms in Progress for more than a year and who still writes tor more than a year and who still writes also spells the surname "Chub," but he them will tell the management of the considered as good an authority as the Messrs. Chub, as he spells

ment with Progress not a suggestion has been made to him, not a line of his criticisms

whether the show is worth seeing. Mr. Clarke contends—as he has repeatedly said —that the newspapers have no right to run —that the newspapers have no right to run a show down. If it is bad, say nothing, is his motto and, if it is good—praise unbounded. The Halifax papers accept that dostrine—it means money for them and deception for the people. The St. John management run on the same lines, if you won't you on the same lines, if you won't ment run on the same lines—if you won't insert the advance notices we prepare for you without question, and praise or go easy on the shows, we have no business for you— no advertisements, no printing, no cour-

Now, Progress has got along without all these for years and will continue to do so: The short life of the daily managed by Mr. Carter has been successful without these evidences of favor from the O. H. people and they and the public may as well understand that, in the future, as in the past these two newspapers will do their duty by their readers and show no quarter to either Mr. Clarke or the O. H. management.

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Clarke speaks of the "presumption" of Mr. Carter in sending a "private" letter to him unsolicited. If an acquaintance of some years both with the writer and those nearly connected with him, representing Programs in Halifax, if pleasant business relations for the same period did not warrant a private letter in answer to a com-

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Through the kindness of Mr. Ira Cornwall, Progress had an opportunity this week of imspecting a remarkable old document—the indenture reprinted below. It is in a good state of preservation, and is that whereas the word "Chubb's" in "Chubb's " in "Chubb's Corner" is now spelled with two b's, that the future senior proprietor of the New Brunswick Courier spelt his name is "Chub," as did his father. Mr. Jarvis also spells the surname "Chub," as did his father. Mr. Jarvis also spells the surname "Chub," as the Mr. Jarvis also spells the surname "Chub," as the Meesrs. Chub, as he spells the christian name of that gentleman "Henery," The printed form has a space left after "our sovereign Lord Goege," as it seemed evident when it was printed that the Georges, as it seemed evident when it was printed that the Georges were likely to be numerous. This precaution was justifiches in woulks down up some time.

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The particulars of that report is not known yet and so they cannot be discussed.

Many people regret that the proceedings of the enquiry were not published in the requiry were not published Through the kindness of Air. Ira Cornmass may be sharpened by the fact that its business relations with the Opera house scople are thus strained."

That is i right. The management of the before Mr. Mott ar prenticed Mr. Chub, Ireland was admitted into the union, and

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faithfully. St. John, N. B., Sept. 4th 1809.

What Mr. Purdy's Friend Says.

A paragraph in PROGRESS week before last respecting the sudden departure of ex-press agent Purdy from Amherst has called forth a letter of explanation from an intumate friend of his who says that he told his friends and others he was going away, that his creditors knew of the fact and that he his creditors knew of the fact and that he went to Montreal. This friend also says that his accounts balanced in his favor and that in addition the company owed him for salary up to the time the accounts were checked. The additional information is furnished that the \$100 he borrowed and which was referred to in the paragraph had been paid and other creditors will be paid in a reasonable time. This information comes from a reliable source and will do much to correct a somewhat general and apparently erroneous impression.

THEY CANNOT MAKE GREAT CHAN-

The Greater Part of the Lapunose or Di-minish It.—What Will be the Reduction in the Next Assessment?

After eight months of hard work, the

quiry and they are the following ones. First, they found that the departments were free from corruption and that there was not the slightest taint of dishonesty discoverable on the record of any office or of any public work. The officials were in no Much Doubt.

ense blameworthy for wrong-doing.

The enquiry was most thorough and every detail of management was probed to the bottom. In this result the city has cause for congratulition. At this time the air is full of the tale of municipal corruption and many cities in the United States and Canada are bearing bad reputations.

The citizens of St. John should therefore rejoice at this craclusion of the enquiry.

The next result has to do with proposed legislation that will seek to move the government of the city more responsible to the recople and with the adoption of a number o new ideas in the internal man-be heard the contradiction and said the agement of departments, etc. They will best proof was his cash, that he had reto obtain the appointment of the recorder and chief of police, who are now appointed by the local government. They also will be had signed a check on New Year's day

in making for retrenchment.

Now for the final result, the one over which there has been the chief interest this week! This is their decision with regard to the salaries of the officials. The council worked hard over this matter. They de-liberated long and many schemes for reduction were proposed, but they could not decide upon anything upon which they could unite and so no radical change was made. There were one or two slight changes, but the salary list will be about the same as before. Compared with last year the salary roll will be \$730 less. William Murdoch's salary is increased \$720 over last year, and Richard Seely's \$150. To offset this is the salary of \$1600 which was paid the late Gilbert Murdoch and families to be talked about in a way that which is saved.

Domini, One thousand Eight Hundred and One.
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BE IT REMEMBERD, that on the thirteenth day of January, 1802, perfonally appeared before me Morrison Jarvis, Equite, one of His Majedy's Juttices of the Peace, for the County of St. John, in the Province of New-Brunfwick, the above-named Henery Chub being by me the faid Juttice of the Peace examined, whether he had any objection to the above-written Indenture, and having declared that he had none, It he said Juttice do therefore hereby certify the fame accordingly.

Monanson Jarvis, Justice of Feace.

I Jacob S. Mott.

Jacob S sion as the result of their strict attendances upon the enquiry. Among these were Ald. McRobbie, Daniel and McLaughlau, three of the best business men on the board. The leaders on the conservative side were Alds. Shaw, Christie and McGoldrick. The first had attended a couple of meetings of the enquiry, the others had not attended any.

The radical ideas with regard to the officials did not are small research.

THE COUNCIL'S REFORM. to the people when election time again

The council could not under any circum stances have made any great change in the assessment. They can control only a portion of the general assessment. The greater part of the expenditure is fixed and they

After eight months of hard work, the enquiry committee of the common council has about completed its task and this week reached the conclusion of its labors. On Thur day next the council will receive their report and representing as it does the work of eight.

they should and he said that the question would come up some time.

There are three chief results of the enwhat. The saving would be two per cent.

Two paragraphs in one of the daily papers this week create d a good deal of talk among sporting men. One denied the other and both were about the sale of a colt by a young proprietor of a well known road house to a horseman in this circ. The among the sale of the to a horseman in this city. The owner of the colt said he had sold the animal to his friend on New Year's day and that he had the cash—\$160, in his pocket. The colt had rot been delivered but he had the money. This story was brought to the attention of the purchaser and he was amazed—he knew nothing about the transaction and laughed at it. But the other man laughed too when ceived a check for the colt and had cashed

The question that arises is, Was the colt sold? was the transaction legal? The colt has not been delivered and the alleged purchaser laughs at the idea of taking posses-

HALIFAX, Jan. 31.—There can surely be no defence for that style of journalism which prints sensational items of scanwhich prints sensational items of scan-dalous gossip, discussing the principals in stoch a way that they cannot be identified, though so much penning the words that the names of a halt dozen different couples are freely mentioned. Even if the story were true, the writer causes innocent which is saved.

A variety of opinions are now heard concerning this action. Some condemn it, claiming that there might have been a considerable reduction in salaries. Others must be extremely painful if some of what vith this writer. If such writers have not the courage to speak openly, or in a way to point age to speak openly, or in a way to point out pretty clearly the culprit attacked, better far leave it alone, that the innocent may not suffer, as they have done in this. may not suffer, as they have done in this mstance. The probability is, however, that the coal-scuttle of ashes. But just as he the stories referred to were made out of got outside of the door he slipped whole cloth.

A Clergyman Charged With Theft.

Halifax, Jan. 31—Last autumn Rev. Mr.
Hatt, a baptist minister of Queen's county,
went into Mr. Brokenshire's jewelry store
in this city to look at some rings. He was
accompanied by his brother's wife. When
the couple left the shop Brokenshire said
he missed a ring from his case. He accused them of stealing it, had a summons
issued, and they appeared in court. Acting stipendiary Wallace tried the case and
dismissed the action. Then a civil suit was
brought by Brokenshire to recover the
value of the ring—\$4. Stipendiary Fielding
ir tried this case. He decided that Rev.
Mr. Hatt was innocent of the connection with the transaction, but he
delivered judgment compelling Mrs. Hatt
to pay the value of the ring to Brokenshire.

The case will likely be appealed. Though Halifax, Jan. 31 -- Last autumn Rev. Mr. The radical ideas with regard to the officials did not prevail and until the report of the enquiry is published it would not be just to criticise the action. The report will state the duties and responsibilities of these officials and from them the public can judge their efficiency. Meantime it can only be said that if the council considered that the officials earned their salaries they did right in not cutting them down. If they think that their salaries were not earned they did wrong.

There has seemed to be a disposition this week to think that the ealary roll was the ohiefabing that the reform council was cleated to deal with. This is an error, for there were other things of equal importance. Beyond the salary question, they will have a good record which they can take

succeeded, evidence that doctors, or judges,

THE FATALCIGAR.

Barber's Assistant was Fgr ously Fooled.

There are two gentlemen of color who are the chief attraction in a barber shop in this city because of their witticisms and amusing actions. One of these gentlemen was recently presented with a cigar by a regular patron of the shop. He did not smoke it long however, for it went off. It was a case of "didn't know it was loaded."

The other knight of the lather-brush was happy, and made much sport of his companion in the gentle art. He said that he would never be caught in the same way;

he was altogether too sharp for that.

The joker laughed at the protestation of this youth, and by the nine gods he swore that he would make the scoffer explosion. The threat was treated with against whom it was directed. was

A few days later the joker came int the shop again, and handed a cigar to the young man whom be promised to fool.
But the young man was wary. There He saw through the dark scheme. He controlled his love for My Lady Nicotine

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The gentleman went out, and the assistant "kept on shaving," but he poked fun
at the other young fellow who had been
fooled on the former occasion, until it looked very much as if there were going to be "razors a-flying through the air.

shaved by the one he had tailed to fool.
He laid down the cigar—or rather the assistant who shaved him did that for him.
He left in a hurry, without the cigar.

The assistant was a happy young when he saw that the magnificent stub had been forgotten. He quickly appropriated it, and lit it, and smoked it. · He did not smoke it long, however.

There came a burst of thunder sound so a howl. The cigar was loaded.

Will Golf Be Introduced?

Now that the Scotchmen are enjoying the height of the curling season it is noteworthy to remark that there have not been wanting efforts to establish here the good British efforts to establish here the good British-game of golf. As long as twenty years ago Mr. John White commenced to look for golfing grounds around here. He did find some very good grounds once, but the rail-way men got in ahead of him and spoiled by the local government. They also will make an effort to obtain more control of the school expenditure. The report, it is stated, will suggest many things which taken in bulk would mean considerable that the does not the first day of the year examined Fort Howe, the flats and hills in and it was so in this case. He had not the rear of Portland, the vicinity of the and it was so in this case. He had not the rear of Portland, the vicinity of the the faintest recollection of the transaction. Marsh and in fact every available place.

It is not such an easy thing to get clear of taxes as it used to be. The present council are putting in force more stringent rules, and executions are more num than formerly. When they took hold they found that young men had been in arrears for five or six years and executions bad never been issued. Again, there were city employees whose taxes were not paid though they could have been obtained very easily. Now there is an end to such things. with an execution before are having that experience. Of course they can't kick, though they try to and usually have to pay

A Lesson in Domestic Economy

A prominent citizen, whose reside on Elliott Row, has a new servant girl. On out of the kindness of his heart, carried came down with great force. The ashes fell too, and got in his clothes, his whiskers, his hair and his eyes. He went into the house, and the servant girl has since been emptying ashes just where she pleases.

Which Tune is it?

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The fact that the chimes of Trinity have been wont to play an anachronistic tune at twelve o'clock at night has received attention in Progress, and it is probably on this account that the chimes have conted to play that particular tune at midnight, and have substituted another. The great trouble with the new tune, however, is that there is a difference of opinion concerning its name. Opinion is pretty well divided as to whether it is "Annie Laurie" or "The Last Rose of Summer."

A Suggestion for Mayor Robertson, Progress suggests to Mayor Robertson that he send the facts of the daring recover from drowning of the two lads in Indiantown, by Mortimer Day to the Canadian Humane Society. The act deserves recognised.