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Police, holding the spointment at the pleasure of the government but he will not have that absolute power which he has possessed ever since he succeeded the late possessed ever since he succeeded the late Chief Marshall. The council will, sfter this, have the power to make regulations governing the actions of the police force, the chief will have the power, as any chief should have, of sppointing, suspending and dismissing men, but the office and patrol work will be regulated by the safety board under the common council. It seems there was a great deal of circussion at the meeting of the committee of the legislature

should be a member of the safety board and have a voice in the deliberations of that as well as throughout the Province. Its part of the tusiness affecting the police affairs. This however was so strongly opposed by the delegation present that it was not acopted. The effect of the regulations, briefly stated, will be, that the Chief will have to report to the safety board and accept their suggestions. Hatherto there has been an impression that the work of the office was not dir c'ed as it should be. For example, although there is a detective on the force, the duties of that office have been scattered broadcast through the force. It would be hard to explain the reason of this, but the fact remains that it is so. Certain members of the Common Council cannot understand why it is necessary to have such an in:ricate system of book keep-ing as exists. at present in the office and one of them explained that the bocks were a sort of moral character index and kept at least one officer writing a greater part of his time There are others beside the Common

Council who will not regret that the matter is settled. The members of the legitlature representing St. John and some others were pestered by letters and telegrams advising them what course to pursue. Some of them were in favor of police affairs continuing the same, while many others suggested a change. The chief

A copy of the letter the chief sent some members of the legislature representing this city is given herewith as presenting his side of the question :

Dear Sir;-Alderman Macrae before the Muncineed not say to you this is not correct, as you are

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, APRIL 29 1899.

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Tespect. King C corge said that the k oked upon the indep. King C corge said that the k oked upon the indep. endence and uprightness of officials as ensemblal t_0 the influential administration of justice as one of the best accurities to the right- aid liberties of his subjects, and as must conducive to the honor of the On the twenty third day of May next I shall have served the City or St. John as Che of Police nine years, I think I have done my duty te all men, and have main a ned my manhood and soirrespect. I am Y-urs respectfoly, W. WALKER CLARK Chief of Police.

Chief of Police.

Another bill that was promoted by the city and which was carried by in com before matters were firally acjusted. mittee majority of two, will have a far There was one suggestion that the Chief the interests of many people in St. John, passage, was due largely to the efforts of Mr. McKeown, who being acquainted with the local circumstances of the examples of the injury done to tenants in this city, worked courageously for its adoption. It appears that under the law as it was there was a doubt socut the renewable character of leases and the landlord who wished to do so could annoy his tenant and disturb na urally desire to avoid, and the result was that in many cases the advance in rent was given rather than incur the danger of the costs of a law suit. Mr. McKeown's would be no possibility in the future of disturbing the tenant and he carried his point.

> White's suggestion, was shelved.) The Board of Trade and the council seem to be opposed to one another on the assessment question. The former body, some

that it was unequal and unfair and so the remedy they sought was based upon the percentage figured out by the present taxation of the Baak of New Brunswick and the returns they made to the govern-ment of the business they did last year was found to be one seventh of one per cent. To get at the probable amount of the business it was suggested to add to-gether the demaits. Loans, and invest. would it was thought give a fairer idea than if the last day in any one month,

or any particular day in the year was named. This seemed to excite the indignation of one of the bank managers here who thought it implied an intention on their part to tamper with the accounts in order to make their business sppcar as small as possible for the purpose of taxation. But the answer to that was that there could be no doubt of the fairness of the methods suggested. Since the delegation arrived from

Fredericton some changes has been made in the bill. That authorizing the appointment of a commission to get information as to whether a new assessment law is n. cessary or not was wildrawn at the request of the city mainly owing it is understood to the way it was proposed to ap-point the commissioners.

DEATH OF WARD C. PITFIELD. A Promisent Bu-iness Man Passers Away at an Early Age.

One of the business neighbors of PROGness is no longer with us. He passed Trade for one or two years and in the do so could annoy his tenant and disturb his peace of mind by refusing to renew his lease unloss he received more such. If the tenant told him that he could not do this, some landloids were in the habit of saying that if he wi hed to con'est the matter he could go to law. That was the the tenant total and the same tenant would and when the employee of the firm of W. C. Pinfield & Co assembled for their passed away they sustained as great a sur-matter he could go to law. That was the the matter he could go to law. That was the away at seven o'clock on Thursday mornmen manhood come to his place of business duced into the city. in the early morning hours.

He wasn't ill long enough for his absence to be much noted because his business called him often from home for days at contention was that this clause in the lesse should be made so clear that there apparently as much interested as he was pleased at the success of his neighbor, (Since this was written the bill, at Mr. was dead was saddening indeed. Health

as he was of his commercial honor months ago expressed themselves in favor and reputation the events of the past he has one brother in St. John, Oliver Pitothers suggested a change. The chief himself was not inclive and he brought all the influence of personal friends Le could command to disturb the situation. The situation the tweether is and reputation the events of the past three years have told terribly upon and when the council intimated that they could not sgree with that view the Board confidential employe shock his prosperity a sister, Mrs. Geo. McIntyre of Sassex. of Trade took the stand that they would and the efforts necessary to pay in part or oppose any smendment to the asses ment whole the interest of a special partner act until their view was adopted, so when were particular strains upon a mind sensi the bill was before the committee the can- tive to the success of his business. Then vas in the lobbies among the country mem- last year Mr. Pifield met with a severe PROGRESS in regard to an article that an-Both of the both and the both a

Another instance of this sort was the bank assessment. Last year and for some years the Bink of New Brunswick paid Semuel Hayward, able to acquire the bus-HOW BROTHERS ARE OUT. some \$8.000 into the revenues of the city, about \$2,000 more than that collected from all the rest of the branch banks here. The council telt th.t this was not right, Co. Mr. Hayward was special partner that it was unequal and unfair and so the and the business association was continued

gether the deposits, loans, and invest-ments on the last day of each month and the result divided by 12

THE LATEST DIFFICULTY THAT HAS AFFLCIED THE BUSINAS srs. John Edgecombs & Sens of Frede: icton-An Altemptat Fjectment Unsuc-cessial-The Ptary of the Difficulty as Told by a M-mber of the Family. FREDERICTON April 29 :- Another phe

in the controversy that has for years contin ue t between the Elgecombe brathers ocu red yesterday when Al'red was ordered to remove what stock he had from the building at one time known as the factory. The story of the troubly that has de stroyed the at one time well and favourably known firm of John Edgecombe and sons, carrisge makers, is a long and peculiar one. Talking with William J. the elder son the following facts were glean ad.

He came from Sackville where he had been at school, and began work in the fa been at school, and organ work it as He tory where he ocatinued till he was 22. He had no understanding as to partnership. His father had worked up the business but said to him when he, Will, decided to go west that if he would coatinue he would become a partner in the firm. He did so but no papers were prepared, and there we nothing but verbal statements. The business was very prosperous and the books of that time will show that thousands of dollars per year were made. The father was well satisfied and every

thing was smooth. Then Alfred ca home from schoel and it was agreed between the father and Will that Alfred should come in as a partner, there being again some unwritten agreement that the father should hold one half, Will one quarter and Alfred another quarter of the firm's stock.

This was also very satisfactory, Will worked as a skilled carriage builder while Altred, who was a good salesman and countant dil the offics work and looked after the books, The first trouble occurred when Will's rest'ence was burned. He had built this house himself, though it appears some of the material was owned by the firm. When the insurance came in he considered that he had a claim on all of it while Altred and the father thought otherwise. Tais was the first entering wedge of the trouble that has since become so keen, and which has destroyed the best business house of this city.

Then when Norman became a workman in the establishment another difficulty arose. Mr. Edgecombe senior, desired to place him in the firm and give him an interest in the business, but Will and Altred objected on the plea that they had worked up the business to its prosperity and they could not see the justice of dividing with Norman.

A demand was made that an explicit statement of the firm's standing should be made so that Will or Alt should know just what they owned, but Will says that he never could secure this from his father who put it off from day to day.

Norman was taken into the firm and the split grew wider. Then W.ll became still more dissatisfied and the father also got uneasy, and an attempt was made to get the business on some satisfactory basis and at last it was decided to put an injunction on.



The Late Ward C. Pitfield.

not know the meaning of the word failure He was also president of the Board of chair of that important body he displayed Mr. Pi field was a conservative in poli-

tics and an active one at that. Connected with the organization and local leadership of the party, he was listened to with much attention in the councils of its associations. man and cordial merchant who always was He was also a Forester and a member of

St. George's society. Fourteen or filteen years sgo he married Miss Doig, a Brooklyn lady, who with and strength, vigor and energy were in-deed his and no one on the street would vive him. He lived in a handsome resihave thought for a moment that his dence on Germain street, and his pride in tenure of life was short. But jealous his home and his family was natural. His father was Samuel Pitfield of sussex, and

That King's County Alus floure. Councillor Thomas Gulilland of King's County was in town this week and saw

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need not say to ytu this is not correct, as you are conversant with police business. We have juics and regulations for the government of the Force ap-proved of by the Common Council. I was re-quested to make and compile rules and regulations for (the D-pariment of Felce by the Common the Board of Trade sent in a bill to the latter part of February that he had Common Council empowering the city to not had the same health since and get such information as was necessary for his apprarance bore out his statement. dusted to make and compile rules and negations for (the D) partment of Pelce by the Common Council teven or eight years so. I did so, expend-ing considerable time, thought and search and gave the sonstruction of a new assessment law, but the council did not see their way clear to accept it without adding the presmble that it was desirable to get such inform-ation regarding the value of property in St. John; as was needed or not. Then if the people wanted a new act a bll could be the anomalies of the common council. The side would take it up and a new council lose sight of the sond section of a new assessment law, but the council did not see their way clear to accept it without adding the presmble that it was desirable to get such inform-ation regarding the value of property in St. John; as was needed or not. Then if the people wanted a new act a bll could be prepared to that end. One of the membérs of the delegation pointed out to considerable changes, dring som thing with the old efficient and the gree entings. Alderman Millidge saking questions and taking note of the considerable changes and taking the present difference and taking the considerable changes and taking not con the sons and take the present difference and take the sons and taking the present and take the sons and take the sonson take the sons and take the the sons and Two weeks ago today Mr. Pitfield wws the construction of a new assessment law, compelled to leave his business and go home. He had been complaining of illness for some weeks, but the indomnitable energy that was so characteristic of him kept him at his warehouse until he could new act was needed or not. Then if the remain no longer. His physicians appeared to be unable to say what was the nature of his illness, save that it was nervous inmembers of the delegation pointed out rome of the anomalies of the present act. For example there are about twenty six Mr. Patfield did not keep his room up to Wednesday when his illness assumed a more John and last year only six of these paid serious form. He pessed a very bad night

I will will give you one of the orders issued to the force June Soth 1100." Officers will not talk, deb to or discuss religion or polities in the police station."

both many starting with the Magistration. We had so of me tings, Alderman Millidge aking queitions and taking notes of the proceedings of each meetings. Alter all this time and troutleit cange out that Alderman Millidge aking queitions and taking notes of had troutleit cange out that Alderman Millidge aking potes of the second and troutleit cange out that Alderman Millidge aking queitions and this result he botter dropped out of it, and I did not hear anything more of it. I have a copy of the rules and any the second of the commes common common which are now in mass. I have a copy of the rules of approv-ed rules by the commes common common which are now in mass. I have a copy of the rules of the request of the Commes Council and advice of the request of the Commes Council and advice of the masy of the commes formed a divice of the request of the commes formed a divice of the mass of second of the companies, anounting is the case of fire insurance to \$100 and agency and in life \$.0. This mass opposed keenly by a delegation from this city an the proposition was made by the fire insurance companies to pay \$75 Thing right.

chairman of the alms house committee and there is no doubt he speaks with authority of matters in connection with it. He says the impression left by the article

that the house was badly managed is not correct. It was true that four of the inmates had died since the first of the year but they were old people, ill when they went there and not expected to live long. That they were not well used is ridiculous and the fact that the keeper in charge is well known and respected is sufficient guarantee of that. Councillor Gulilland is naturally jealous of the reputation of King's County alms house because it was only re cently that the people consented to abolish the old slavery plan of sale of the poor by public auction and there are still many who are opposed to the new order of things. PROGRESS publishes his correction with

A New Home in the West

pleasure.

city editor of the Sun and his wife and state. family start for their new home in Montana last Saturday. Mr. Berry has been

This was done and the factory stopped for

About this time a paper arranging the business was drawa up by a legal adviser, and Will says he signed it without really knowing what it contained. It was read once to him but he did not realize what osition he was going to put himself in till later.

Previous to this Mr. Van Buskirk was taken into the office as clerk and bcok-keeper, and Will claims that from that time he knew nothing of the way the firm's work was being done nor how it was going. As lorg as the old gentleman lived, Will claims the business was satisfactory, but, soon the books came entirely into the hands of Alt. and Van Buskirk, and from that time, Will says, he knew nothing about how affairs were going.

Matters went from bad to worse and the old gentleman took ill. There was no understanding up till that time, and when Very many friends saw James Berry the he went to bed things were in a chaotic

One eventful evening Fred, Will, Alf,