## PROGRESS, SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1897

## HOW THEY CELEBRATED.

THE BEND' HAD A REAL GOOD TIME OVER THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

The Children owned the Town for a day and had a Jolly 'Time of it Even if Others Were Inconvenienced—Incidents of the Cel-ebration in the Railway Centre.

MONCTON, June 23-Moncton did itself proud, in a modest way yesterday over the Jubilee celebration, and to day the entire city is patting itself on the shoulder, and purring with satisfaction. The loyalty which had been simmering very mildly dur-ing the past three months bubbled over in the most unexpected manner, and by Monday evening it had reached such a state that not an inch of red white and blue ribbon or bunting, not a flag nor a fire cracker could be purchased for love nor even for coin of the realm. The small boy had created a corner in fire crackers, and the loyal citizen had almost rendered himself insolvent in his mad desire to gratify the fervent loyalty that burned in his breast by purchasing all the flags, chinese lanterns, and red white and blue ribbon, that he could lay his hands on. In his anxiety to do honor to the occasion, the enthusiastic citizen was not over particular in his choice of flags, quantity was more an object than quality, so he frequently employed the tricolor of France and the stars and stripes in conjunction with our own union jack, and felt pertectly happy over the combination, so long as the effect was brilliant. The fact is, the citizen of reckless. He had been getting sat upon places for his apathy about the jubi'ee, and not being in a position to "talk back," he had been teeling down-trodden, and not of much account. Consequently when the have a celebration of some kind after all, burst upon him in all its glory, it is little wonder that the reaction was too much for him and he is inclined to give himself a few airs, now that it is all over.

For some reason or other it was decided of an exclusively juvenile entertainment, grown people not being supposed to be in-terested in such a matter as the fitting celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and therefore all the plans were made with reference to the children's comfort and approval. But with a touching consideration for the feelings of those who were no longer children, grown people were not excluded from the ceremonies, but were allowed to those of riper years were permitted to peep over the fence and see the little darlings enjoying themselves. It was indeed a sight

which well repaid the spectator for any trifling inconvenience he might be suffering, as a solid mass of what looked like about five thousand youngsters, all in their best clothes and many of them very prettily dressed in the national colors, is a sight not to be witnessed every day.

The "Daily Times" gives vent to its enthusiam in these inscrutable terms-"Yesterday was a great day for the children, and the little ones will long remember Her Gracions Majesty's Jubilee. No future celebration will be complete without the presence of the children, and the Athletic Association in throwing open their grounds to the boys and girls undoubtedly contributed much to the enjoyment of the most literal "Times" mean to be sarcastic, or does the latter sentence contain a nearly out of their teens came covert threat that in future children are to the grounds of the M. A. A. A. P If variety of explosive they could purchase the latter be the case, let the M. A. A. and they amused themselves by placing look to themselves for there is a limit to these with lighted fuses under the chairs, look to themselves for there is a limit to human forbearance, and should they conan unsuspecting public it would be well for ing their way in. Ladies were frightened them to reconsider the matter while there is yet time lest haply they find themselves in that position graphically [described by the small boy, as "in the soup." Children ? Well yes, there were plenty of children and there is no doubt that they had a good time so far as the very unpleasant and threatening weather permitted them. They swarmed as doth the locust of the O'rient, and they all had on their best manners at first, a fact which slightly chastened their spirits ! The citizens never knew before that there could be such an enormous percentage ot youngsters in a town of ten thousand inhabitants, and are still included to the opinion that some of them must have been imported for the occasion for the purpose of impressthe wonderful ing strangers with rate at which our population was increasing. There were children in arms, and children in perambulators, children who could just toddle, and children who were not only able to take care of themselves, but also able and ever eager to take entire charge of their parents. There were

happy children and cross ones, trolicson ters and others who could only cry and want to go home. And there were so many tired ones, and so many sleepy and uncomfortable babies that one's heart ached for the poor little creatures who would have

been so much happier at home. "There goes one youngster who will not be able to tell many whoppers about what he saw at the Diamond Jubilee, when he grows up" said one man to another. as a weary looking father plodded by, pushing a perambulator over which the umbrella was jammed down so tightly, that it resembled a closely covered vegetable dish, and one wondered if there could really be a living baby underneath. "Have you seen my boy anywhere ?" said one anxious father to another, "no" answered the other one philosophically. "and I have'nt seen any thing of my own, though I've got three here, and a tew girls; I did look for them at first, but I gave it up after a while and now I don't expect to see them before tomorrow morning. I guess they know the way home as well as I do, so I'm just going home, myselt; and it you take my advice you'll do the same" and he suited

the action to the word. "Mister" wailed a distracted mother, to the gate keeper, ' Do you remember see ing my boy come in ?" No ma'am" answered the functionary without moving a muscle. 'I did nt notice him amongs the others but I'm sure he is in all the same. 'It I could just catch a glimpse of his face amongst them,' continued the missing boy's mother, as she gazed pensively Moncton lost his head a little, and g:ew at a row of children ranged four tiers deep against the "Bleachers" "I'm sure I'd so vigorously by tae newspapers of other know him in a minute." But somehow amongst some three thousand children the task of picking out her boy at a glance, was not so easy as it seemed.

Taken altogether they were a wondersplendid fact that he really was going to fully well behaved crowd of youngsters in the afte: noon, and though the crowd was enormous, no one grudged them the space they occupied, or objected in the least to effacing themselves for thb sake of the rising generation. They sang their hymns bravely, saluted with their little flags, and

that the celebration should take the form cheered lustily, if not quite in unison, and altogether did great credit to their instructors and leaders as well as forming a pretty sight as they marched in procession Victocia Rink to receive their Jubilee medals and atterwards marched to the M. A. A. A. grounds headed by their teachers, and carrying flags and bannerettes The only matter for regret was the cold and threatening weather, and the frequent sprinkles of rain which marred the festivoccupy what space was not required by the children, and even where it was required, off wonderfully. The sports took place as advertised, and by the time they were over the sun was shining and everything looked bright.

Had the weary youngsters been kept at home in the evening, and put to bed, the chances are that their absence from the evening festivities would have "undoubtedly contrituted much to the enjoyment of the day"-by grown people, but such was not to be. The citizens had contributed the funds for the children's entertainment, and the M. A. A. A. made the mistake of throwing open their grounds to them in the evening also, while they charged an addmission to adults. And the consequence was that pandemonium reigned. The little dears were tired of being good, so they gave free reign to the old Adam that was in them, and made things unpleasant for everyone in reach. Worst of all, there Does the usually grave and was no age limit set, the term "children" being all liberally supplied with torpedos, fire crackers, "thunderbolts" and every and even in the pockets of luckless adults, who had been allowed the privelege of payalmost into convulsions, and old gentle were betrayed into using language that was far from parlimentary, while the rank and file of grown up humanity thirsted silently but fiercely for the gore of the playful kids. The grounds had been beautifully dec orated for the obcasion with artifical groves of small trees stuck into the ground, and decked with Chinese lanterns, some twenty dozen of the latter being used. And the dear little boys showed their appreciation of the trouble taken in their behalf by destroying every lantern they could reach pulling up the trees putting out the candles, taking domn the lanterns, and kicking them about the grounds, so that by the time the evening was over not one dozen could be collected for use on a future occasion.

There were some hundreds of chairs prorided for the use of ladies, and the dear little children used them instead, not to ait upon at all but to stand upon, while old people, and tired ladies who had paid their rance fee, and were entitled to some thing in raturn for their money, stood around and wondered how much longer

they could keep on their feet without faint-ing. But the children enjoyed themselves, atter all that was the only thing that really mattered; they will have pleasant memories of the jubiles celebra-tion, and as it was undertaken entirely on their account, that is the only thing that really matters.

Eugene Gigout, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, president d'honneur de la Societe Academique Musicals de France, compositeur organiste de Saint-Augustin, directeurfondateur de l'Institut d'Orgue, Paris.

fondateur de l'Institut d'Orgue, Paris. PARIS, 63, rue Jouffroy, 6th, Junuary, 1897. Madamoisselle:—The Pratte piano, of Montreal, Canada, on which I played the other day has completely charmed me. The quality of the tone and the mechanism of this instrument are remarkable and after its long journey I have been not a little astonished to find it not only in perfect or-der but also in perfect tune. These facts indicate a thorough and solid construction. Plesse convey my sincere felicitations to Mr. Pratte. (Signed) Eugene Gigout.

His Choice. It is said that Charles Wesley was some times easily annoyed, and on one occasion at a conference, he became so irritated at the prolix remarks of a speaker that he said to his brother; "Stop that man's speaking. Let us attend to business." But the offender was relating his religiou experience, and though it was at so great

experience, and though it was at so great a length, John Wesley evidently thought that no one had'a right to interfere with it. He was therefore allowed to continue, but the moment came when Charles could contain hImselt no longer. "Unless he stops,' he whispered to John, I'll leave the conference."

I'll leave the conference." By this time John was erjoying the mans simple story, and he only turned and whispered to some one sitting near: "Reach Charles 1 is hat!"

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