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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, DEC. 29.

THE FOOTBALL QUESTION.

The meeting of the executive of the New Brunswick football league at Moncton on Wednesday seems to have resulted in a vindication of the St. John team from the charges made by Mount Allison men. Capt. Sangord of the Mount Allison team made an apology to the St. John team, which is what any other gentleman would and should have done in like circumstances. The Mount Allison team of the last season, and the Mount Allison teams of esson that they will never forget. It is else probable that there is no one connectan honorable second place without dissention. The prime of ject of a football league play football, not to settle grievances-for there should be no grievances to settle. It knocks all the sport out of sport to row about it. When teams from different towns agree to have a game of football, it should be a pleasing omen. There should be no more event of more auspicious intercollegiate or interlocal signifiance than a game of skill and strength between different colleges and towns. But if such games cannot be played without such happenings as have taken place in the New Brunswick league, it were better that there be no football. Of course, in the interests of fair play,

a team feels justified in kicking if they feel that they have not been treated right Such was probably the idea of the Mount Allison team, but it has been repeatedly shown that there is as little sense kicking over a lost game as crying over lost milk. It should also be remembered that a referee has a much better chance of judging a point in a game than a player of either side, and if there was no reason for objecting to his being chosen as umpire, there should be no reason for disputing his decision on a close point simply player on either side judged differently. There are, of course, instances when umpires have qualified themselves as able accomplished liars, and it is expecting too much of human nature to submit to some of their decisions. It should be one of the highest aims of the teams of tootball league to back one another up in making glaringly untair umpiring an unprefitable proceeding. But nine times out of ten, the decisions of an unexperi-enced referee who gives the first decision that strikes his mind when looking at a particular play—and it is the business of relied upon as correct. And it is better to take them as correct, and charge them to profit and loss, than to make a fuss over them. Moreover football leagues should, for their mutual good, choose umpires that could in no way be prejudiced. It is far better to have a few words concerning the

There certainly cannot be a member of the Mount Allison team who would prefer a charge like that against the St. John team without thinking that he had abundant proof to back it up. It seems, how-ever, that if the reports in the St. John papers-the only versions of the proceed ngs that PROGRESS has-are correct, the Mount Allison men's proof was woefully email. Even if the Mount Allison men were thoroughly sure in their contentions, which they undoubtedly thought themselves to be, the wisdom of making them would seem doubtful. But at present the Mount

If the newspaper reports are correct, Capt. Sanford has apologized to the St. John team on behalf of the Mourt Allison team, and the St. John team has accepted

cept it, and the fact has been sufficiently and aportmanlike let the matter be ended. Until this year, the St. John and Mount n teams played together in harmony; should be no reason for their gized, and the St. John team have pted the apology, neither can con-ently refuse to play together again on of the spirit so unhappily brought forth in the darkness of this year's campaign. If the latter is the case, Mount Allison and St. John would better never play another game together. But all lovers of ort hope that there will now be no cessity for this, and that the two best engage in many more battles, in which, however, the fighting shall be confined to

IOn our first page will be found a letter concerning the football meeting from Mr. GEORGE M. BLAKNEY, which was received after this article was in type.]

COMPOSITE POEMS.

Judging from his letter in another col-umn, Mr. J. S. CLIMO seems to look upon P. JAY's composite poem in the last issue of PROGRESS as an assault upon him and Mr. Hoben, "whether for fun, derision, jealousy or envy." This is, as Mr. CLIMO, being a sensible man as well as a poet, will readily see upon a moment's reflection, an entirely erroneous idea. When an author publishes a poem, and there appear years to come, have probably learned a travesties of that poem which in no way reflect upon its character or that of its author, that person may be a little annoyalso probable that there is no one connected in any way with the Mount Allison institutions who does not regret that the Mount Allison men had not pocketed their defeat at Moncton with alacrity and taken an honorable second place without dissenant mone, but such is the fate of all bards since the world began, so a poet has, to use an expression sometimes indulged in by those of the artistic profession of Mr ·CLIMO, to "look pleasant." It is some-times one of the best proofs of a poet's popularity to be parodied, and many great poets have enjoyed travesties upon their There may be even a more complicated

and composite excuse to more complicated and composite excuse to Mr. P. Jar than we have already cited. It has recently been found by Dr. Owen, of Detroit, who left a "large and lucrative practise" to enter upon a study similar, but infinitely superior to that of IGNATIUS DONNELLY, that that essentially busy man, the late Lord FRANCIS BACON, when he wrote, in addition to his own works, the plays and poems of WILLIAM SHAKSPEARE, ROBERT GREEN, and GEORGE PEEL, CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE's stage plays, all the works of EDMUND SPENSER, BURTON'S Anatomy of Melancholy, and only Dr. Owen knows what else, that he was ingeniously constructing an ingenuous composite poem— one which is composed of lines and por-tions of lines taken in regular order from the above works which BACON wrote. This lengthy composite poem tells all the secrets of Bacon which he was atraid of telling during his life, for fear of the wrath of his

Mother, Queen ELIZABETH.

Now it is likely that Mr. P. JAY thought that as the two poems which appeared in parallel columns in the Telegraph were somewhat similar in thought and diction, they might possibly have both been the work of MR. CLIMO, even as the numerous works cited above were all written by LORD BACON. When P. Jay discovered LORD BACON. When P. Jay discovered and gave to the world a poem which read the second and gave to the world a poem which read the second and gave to the world a distinct His wardful care, Hus thoughtful love. along smoothly, and conveyed a distinct meaning, he probably thought that such meaning he proposity thought that was the intention of the writer, and pre-umably imagined that he was doing the who gives its brightness? learn to Love, adore writer as well as the world a service, as did Dr. Owen in the case of FRANCIS

BACON VS. WILLIAM SHAKSPEARE et al. In short, P. JAY hardly deserves the quatrain concerning him which Mr. CLIMO publishes in this number. There is no better to have a few words concerning the choice of an umpire at the beginning of a game than to have, a good many concerning the is in a composite photograph. Mr. CLIMO is a gentleman as well as an artist and has mistaken the motives of one who certainly did not mean to detract in any degree from the public estimation of the ex-

cellence of his verse. There never was a more obliging cartoenist in this world than Mr. S. HUNTER, who furnishes the pictorial politics for Canadian syndicates. He is either liberal or conservative, just as required. In one cartoon, dasigned for the conservative press, Mr. Bowmin is depicted as the sun in all its glory, under which Canada will blossom as the rose, while in another, which appears in prominent liberal journals, he is represented have not been misrepresented, must be in such embarrassing positions, together fully as sorry as they were sure. as cannot fail to satisfy Mr. HUNTER'S pr-trons from "Her Majesty's staunch opposi-

An instance showing how necessary it is an instance snowing how necessary it is for an editor to read something of the despatch for which he is furnishing headings is given by a late copy of the Baltimore American, which heads a long cablegram with the large heading "Sir John Thompson Buried."

1892 have at length arrived. Lord Stan-LEV of Preston evidently realizes that he is being forgotten now in the time of Lord Amendeen. It is one of the things that shows the power of a persistent press, the receipt of those long-lost medals. Perhaps STANLEY was keeping them so that he would be remembered during the regime of the present incumbent of the vice-regal chair.

bably true in some cases, that the eyes of a murdered person may contain evidence sassin, the Globe says that "science is putting many obstacles in the way of crime."
If the above theory becomes well-known
to criminals, however, it may result in more murders "from behind" than have

Servia is a place which very strongly resembles the ideal Topsy-turvyland. In it at Christmas-time Santa Claus is not the giver, but the receiver. Every house is supposed to give the person selected for Santa Claus a present. The office is as much sought after as, for instance, a registrarship in other lands.

The New York Sun, in speaking of Christmas, 1894, makes the following remark concerning the people of the United States: "The festival has come in years when the material prosperity of the people has been greater, but it has never found them at a higher elevation morally."

Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Christmas present to his employes at Homestead was a considerable cut in their wages.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

The Dear Old Days. The golden pathway of the year,
Where often we have met;
Is sweet for that last parting tear
Of lingering regret.
The love that gave us holy light,

The violets from blue spring skies
Came out of lovely lands,
To bind with ever loving ites,
The warm clasp of our hands.
Though vanished now their faces are,
And many a storm-cloud stays;
Bright memories they cannot mar,
In the dear old days.

Hark love, the silver belis of time,

The New Year knocking at the door,
Brings blessings, love, to you;
Thy face from sweettimes gone celores,
Bids welcome to the true.

Down the old year to meet thes there;
My spirit foundly strays;
O love, to thee come all things fair;
y rom the dear old days.

Q sweet the lovely morn breaks in From this glad New Year's eyes; From this glad New Year's eyes;
And trusting still a crown to win,
The old year slowly dies.
And here my spirit love for thine,
In silent absence prays;
That warm o'er thee the love may shine,
Of the dear old days.
Pansy Por b, Drc. 1894.

CYPRUS GOLDE,

The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."

Go, foo,ish one, and learn Go, foo,ish one, and learn
Of nature's grandeur in the mignty hills,
The spreading plains, the gently flowing rills,
The trees upon the mountain-top and plain,
And humbly seek a knowledge there to gain,
The hand of God discern,
Who sends the Irost and cold, the early shower,
The seasons in their order, leaf and flower.

From East to West, from polar frozen sea

From East to west, from point rozen sea, Eternal frost and never ending cold, old, Lands of luxuriant foliage, gems and gold, And mountains snow-topped, grand, mad-all, all proclams the power, the majesty 'Of Gol, who was and is, shall ever be.

[From the Daily R cord]
The tever and the pleasure of Christmas presentations reached the offices of The Daily Record and PROGRESS, and, Monday afternoon, there were some agreeable surprises in store for all. On behalf of those connected with all the departments of the two newpapeas Mr. Hugh Finlay, the mechanical superintendent, presented about the property of the two newpapeas and the presented about the

of the two newpapeas Mr. Hugh Finlay, the mechanical superintenent, presented a handsome gold headed cane to Mr. E. S. Carter, with the season's greetings. After thanking them for that evidence of their good feeling Mr. Carter turned the tables upon Mr. Finlay of PROGRESS and Foreman McDonald of the Record, by presenting them with fur collar and gloves and a seal cap respectively as coming from those associated with them. Each of the employes upon both papers were remembered by the proprietors—the married men and those with families dependent upon them, with turkeys, and each of the others with some gift.

The Firm's Cift to the Institute.

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

The manager of the Keeley Institute received a very handsome Portland tancy sleigh on Monday, being a gift to the institute from Edgeombé & Sons of this city. The sleigh has a dark green body, with gold trimmings. The inside trimmings are green. This is one of the handsomeet sleighs ever built in Fredericton, and the gift is highly appreciated by the management of the institute.

All should thank God that man is not to be their judge, God help us if he were. A proud man and a man without pride are seldom

Nothing is more despicable than the waiting for the demise of a pro-pective benefaction.

It is no harm to multilate cats as they set the ex-With face against the "pain," I wish I had that face of yours, I'd ne'er know pain again.

Did you ever have neuralgia Or have to take coraine? Methinks not, little Mabel With your face against the

You cannot expect to be happy by making others

Two hearts that beat as one—The one you hold is

In the near future, women sufrage will be ac-cepted as a "matten of course," at present tight lacing is a "matter of corset" and of "course.it" will hasten the "suffer age" although the women do not suffer age to be known if at all avoidable.

"Who giveth this woman in marriage?" "I do!" said the young lady's brother Tommy, "because it is more blessed to give than receive." Tommy's a bachelor still, though not a still one.

Mr. Climo on "P. Jay."

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS.—As your interesting paper is an avowed exponent of what is fair,
you will, of course, allow me space to reply to "P.
Jay." It is scarcely worth noticing an as-umed
name, as thelpublic do not approve of that sheltering
sheld to strike at open writers, and as Mr. Höbennad myself have not been straid to affix our signatures to our productions they should have been mixing the lines of floors and clinto it reveals a solly time, as before he completed his job he must have got billed —his vision not allowing him to discover the meaning of the moon's rays on the stream reflecting the smile of her own br ght silvery beam, as—

And became a "jay" outright. "

J. S. CLIMO.

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turned from a short trip to St. John.
Mr. Fred Walker, of the Merchant's Bank of
Halifax, and Mr. Cecil Townshend, of the Halifax
Banking company, spent Christmas at their respec-

Milner.

Mr. E. T. P. Shewen of the department of public works, St. John, spent Christmas with his family.

Dr. Stewart, chaplain of the Mount Allison college, went of St. John on Wednesday, last; where the following morning he was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Jordan of that city. Dr. and Mrs.

Pacousses is for sale in Fredericton by W. T. H. Fenesty and J. H. Hawkinorne;
DEC. 26.—The Leves which was to have been held at Facraline places, Governm. at Hanse. on New Year' day, has been postponed until Tuesday Jan. may the and all other estertainments at Farraline place will be postponed until after that date, on socious of the funeral of the late Sir John Thompson, Mr. Fottinger has very kindly placed a car at the disposal of the Lieut. Governor to enable him to attend the funeral if his honor's health will permit of he undertaking the journey.
Mr. James Tibbets, Miss Tibbets, and Mr. Archie Tibbets, in company with Mrs. King Hasen, Mrs. Buraside and Miss Fannie Burnside, left by traffrou Monday for St. John to spend the Christmas holf-days and enjoy a family party at "Hazen's castle" on Christmas day, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen.
Mr. J. Fraser Gregory, of St. John, spent Christ

mins. A. G. Bair peak Chrasmas here with her mother.

Miss Maggie Larceiles, of St. John, is here for the holidays visiting her nucle, Mr. A. S. Murray,

Miss Sayre, of the Kindergarten, has gone to Chatham to spend the holidays with friends 126sb.

Mesers. Stirling and Tupper are home from Mc.

Gill University for the vacation.

Mr. Wilbert Mowatt, of Montreal, is here the guest of his friend, Mr. Tupper.

Mrs. Alex Loggie, of Chatham, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nelson Campbell.

Miss Cora Reed is here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Colter.

Mr. J. Ferguson.

The Richibucto Amateur Dramatic society

day for a trip to Boston. Mr. John Black returned from a three weeks' visit to St. John on Monday.

to Sr. John on Montay.

A wedding which was announced to take place buring the holiday season has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. A. Loggie spent Christmas at his home in

ANAGANOR.

PROGRESS is for sale in North Sydney at the store of Messrs. Copdand & Co. 1.

DEC. 20.—Mrs. Satherland gave a very chjoyable card party and dance on Thursday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs W. H. Archibuld, Mr. of his undertaking the journey.

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on Christmas day, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas
Hasen.

Mr. J. Traser Gregory, of St. John, spent Christmas at his old home here.
Miss Butherland, of Houlton, Me., is spending the
holidays with Mrs. John Spurden.

Miss Sutherland, of Houlton, Me., is spending the
holidays with Mrs. John Spurden.
Miss Grace Forter has returned home from Woodstock and will remain home for the winter.

The many friends of Miss Rainsford are pleased
to welcome her home from Botton for a few weeks.
Miss Persa and Miss Botherland, of Houlton, Me., is spending the
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to welcome her home from Botton for a few weeks.
Miss Persa and Miss Rowan, of St. John, are
spending their vacation with friends in the city.
The many friends of Mrs. A. F. Street are sorry
to know that she is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Geosip, of the l'cople's Bank, leaves or Friday for Halifax. He will be much misseed by his
numerous friends in Nor.h Sydney.

Invitations are out for a large dance at Mrs.
Purves' on Friday evening.

A fockey match between the United banks and
resulted in victory for the latter, I goal to O. The
mother.

Miss Maggie Larceiles, of St. John, is here for
Gossip, Capt.) Boak, MacKay, L. Robertson, F.

A hockey match between the United banks and resulted in victory for the latter, I goal to 9. The following composed the teams. United Banks—Gossip, (Capt.) Boak, MacKay, L. Robertson, P. Robertson, Dayleen, Cann. Telegraph Operators—Ross, (Capt.) Earle, Moffatt, Brotohle, Guno, Daly, McDonald.

Saving Money.

That doesn't mean buying anything, just because the price is low. Cheapness means honest value, as to clothes, fit, J. E. Colter.

Mr. Geo. A. Riecker, of St. John, and bride are
the guests of Mrs. Harry Dean Creed.
Miss Gregory. who bas been visiting friends in
Minnespolis, has returned east and is at present
with riends in Montreal.

Miss Nan Thompson is home from Sackville, for
the Christmas bolidays.

Master Brecken, of Prince Edward Island, is visiting his uncle, Dr. Brecken.

Miss Boyt, of St. John, is the guest of Miss Carmen. sulject. When we say "cheap" we mean another saving—we buy for cash and save there—all this means the best thing in cloth s and the least possible cost. Don't you want to buy right?

GILMOUR, Tailor.

WHAT AILED THE FIRE?

the credit of my recovery is due to Seigel's Syrup. If you think fit you are at liberty to publish the facts in my case. Yours truly (Signed), JOSEPH SMITH, Rectory Street, Epworth, via Doncaster, Dec. Sird, 1892."

Mr. Sharp, the chemist named by Mr. Smith, remembers the latter's illness, and can vouch for the accuracy of his statement. After having read our friend's plan and clear-headed letter we need hardly ask again why he had no relish tor his meals. The reason is the stomach, afflicted with indigestion, and dyspepsia, sore, torpid and inflamed, was in no condition to handlifood. The more it received the worse, off it was, it was like our fire under the choked chimney—the more coals the more smoke and smudge. So the oppress-

befo