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## BELYEA IS STILL FREE.

### CURIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN AND AROUND HAMPTON.

An Extraordinary Way of Dealings With an Information Which Charges Forgery—Three Men in Custody on a Charge of Arson—More to Follow.

The liberation of Brunswick Belyea from St. John jail was effected by PROGRESS on the 7th of April. It had apparently been the hope of his persecutors, that he would have to stay in prison until they could accomplish all they desired, but his unexpected release baffled them. They had not improved the time as they might have done. They had only succeeded in robbing him of the goods in his shop, in breaking the windows of his house, and in burning down a building in the process of construction. At this juncture they found Belyea a free man, and intent on finding out the incendiaries. They decided to baffle him.

Belyea remained in St. John for a day or two, and then went to Hampton. On Monday, the 11th, a very remarkable document was issued by Justice D. Beverley Hatfield. It was a summons for Belyea to appear on the 16th to answer a charge of forgery.

The crime of forgery has ever been deemed one of the greatest known in the scope of human laws. Until comparatively recent times, the English statutes affixed the penalty of death to it. It still subjects the man convicted of it to imprisonment as a felon. In such abhorrence it is held as a menace to the commercial health, that a bank will pursue a man to the most remote quarters of the earth to secure his punishment. When a forgery is discovered the instrument issued is a warrant, and on this the offender is taken, locked up, and kept in close custody until delivered by process of law. One would as much expect to see a mere summons served on a murderer as on a forger. Yet a common summons was served on Belyea, calling on him to appear (if he chose, of course) to answer the charge of having on the 19th of November last, forged the name of one James Cameron to a joint note in favor of Wilson & McLaughlin for \$95. What purported to be a copy of such note was set forth in this hybrid process, which, it is safe to say, is unique in the records of even the Kings county magistrates courts.

Belyea dutifully appeared at the proper time and place, but as the prosecution had no evidence against him the hearing was adjourned to the 2nd of May, the alleged forger going at large on his own recognizance in the meantime. Did anybody ever hear of a supposed felon being treated with the same consideration?

The note was not produced at the trial, and so far as PROGRESS can learn, no such note is now or ever has been in existence. The only note given by Belyea to McLaughlin & Wilson was paid by Belyea's wife, who sent the money from Boston. It was not a joint note of Belyea and Cameron, and if it is in existence it is not in the hands of the prosecution. The whole affair is a bogus prosecution, in which James Cameron, a sick man, has been induced to believe certain things and to lend his name as prosecutor. Had there been a shadow of foundation for the charge, the ring would not have hesitated to imprison Belyea in jail, as any forger would be imprisoned. They dared not go to that length, for fear of an action for malicious prosecution. They contented themselves with charging the forgery, so that Belyea would be discredited in the public eye, and be handicapped in his work of obtaining redress for his past grievances.

In the meantime facts about the burning of Belyea's building, on the 6th of April, began to be known by interested parties. There were rumors that there was evidence to convict certain persons, and this week a new phase has been given to the affair by the arrest of Fred Fenwick, Edwin Elder, and Linwood Joyce as three of the incendiaries. All of these persons have been more or less in connection with Justice T. A. Peters's friend Scribner, the man who had the protection of the law in selling rum, while Belyea was hounded at every step. Fenwick kept the stable in the rear of Scribner's hotel. He left Hampton when matters began to look warm last week, and was arrested at Mrs. Perry's road-house, near St. John. Chief Clark and others had been on the look-out for him, in consequence of a telegram received from Constable McLeod, of Sussex. Elder ran Scribner's bar for a time, while Joyce is a lad who did various odd jobs around the premises. It is within the possibilities that other arrests will be made before PROGRESS reaches its readers.

The gentlemen charged with arson were not merely summoned, as Belyea was, but were collared and taken before stipendiary magistrate Wallace, at Sussex. Thomas A. Peters is the stipendiary at Hampton, but it is unnecessary to explain why they were not taken before him. Constable McLeod was in earnest. How far any of the men charged are

guilty is not, of course, for PROGRESS to say. The evidence will speak for itself. In the meantime there is consternation in the "Hampton ring."

### THE MAYOR AND RODNEY WHARF.

Some Things His Worship Would Do Well to Think Over Again.

The council will not be called upon at once to decide on the merits of Sand Point as a site for harbor improvements. The time named in the notice already given has expired and another notice is required of 30 days. This will give the new members a chance to look carefully into the claims of the two sites, and to decide simply on the merits.

In the speech in which Mayor Peters so positively declared himself in favor of Rodney wharf first, last and for all time, his worship made a point that was the improvements to be made where he wanted them, the city would have the work on its own property. This idea would have more force as regards Rodney wharf if the property were not, as it is, yielding a revenue now, and if there were no damages to be paid Mr. Wilson and others. Besides, as a matter of fact, the city does own the land now under lease at Sand Point. As to the future, it is probable that Sand Point will give all the accommodation which can be wanted for the next century or so, and beyond that neither the mayor nor the people need worry. Posterity can look out for itself.

Another of the arguments is that vessels should lie in a slip because there is danger from freshets, spring tides, etc., when they are moored lengthways on the harbor front. This is in the nature of a libel on the port, for as everybody knows vessels lie lengthways with perfect safety, as they have for the last hundred years. The harbor is what its name implies, and to give the impression that a vessel of any size is only safe behind a breakwater cannot tend to raise the port in the estimation of those who read that such arguments are advanced. Besides, if anybody will look at a plan of the harbor he will see that Rodney and other slips are not at right angles, as one would infer from the mayor's words, but lie at such an angle with the current that it must be felt. With Rodney wharf extended 250 feet beyond its present line, as proposed, the argument as to the protection from currents, etc., would be shown to be of little weight.

The channel that a steamer has to take to reach a berth at Rodney wharf is not on the west side, nor in the middle, but on the east side. Following the channel on the east side to a point north of the ferry slip, the steamer then shapes a course across to Rodney wharf. It is along this course, to secure a depth of 27 feet to the head of Rodney slip, that some \$200,000 would be required for dredging. The tenders which named the largest figures were prepared with the knowledge that there was rock as well as mud to be removed, as was established by Mr. Perley years ago when it was proposed to bridge the harbor.

The comparison as to the cost between Rodney wharf and Sand Point has already been given, and is so largely in favor of the latter that no business man ought to hesitate as to which is the better investment. When a good site can be secured and the improvements made at less than one-half the sum required at Rodney wharf, it seems singular that the latter should have an advocate at the council board.

Unfortunately, the name of Leary entered into the matter, though Mr. Leary has washed his hands of St. John and its works. PROGRESS did not favor his plan, and would not favor it now, but the fact that he owns land at Sand Point seems no reason why all the advantages of that site should be ignored and the citizens be asked to pay twice as much at Rodney wharf.

The mayor's strong point was that Rodnev wharf site was preferable because the city owned property there. In almost the same breath he asserted that if the city owned all the land that was required at Sand Point, he would still be in favor of Rodney wharf. That is to say, while the main thing he contends for is that the improvements should be on city property, still his prejudice is so strong that even were all these conditions fulfilled at Sand Point, he would be against that site. Nobody can doubt that his worship's mind is fully made up on this subject.

### A Larger Hall This Time.

The Snowflake Minstrels had an entertainment in Reform Club hall not long ago and made a grand success of it. The audience was delighted, and everyone present wanted to see them again, and in a larger hall. They will have an opportunity of doing so Friday, April 29, for the snowflakes have decided to give a performance in the Institute. The company is a good one, composed of well known city boys, two or three stages younger than the A. A. club minstrels. Nevertheless they give a good show.

## OPENED A NEW ACCOUNT.

### AND POSSIBLY HAVE TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF.

The Old Aldermen Retire to Make Room for Their Successors—His Worship the Mayor Treats Them to the Londest Speech of the Season—A Good Start.

Easter brought a new council for the city of St. John. When the board assembled on Tuesday, his worship the mayor had for each member, new and old, an elegant white rose, symbolical of the sweetness and purity which should mark the actions of the civic parliament for the next year.

The old board retired gracefully. Those who were not to be of the new council made valedictory addresses, and it gives PROGRESS pleasure to compliment Ald. Allen on making the best of the lot. He spoke clearly and temperately on the topics he touched, and those who heard him could not but regret that he had been unable to foresee the mistake of a course which rendered his retirement advisable. Ald. Blackadar candidly admitted that he had not retired because his business required his attention, while Ald. Tufts spoke with evident regret of his own defeat. He announced that he would be ready to serve the next time that he was wanted. Ald. Baskin, the veteran of the board stood up for the rights of Carleton to the last, and intimated that in his opinion either a free ferry or a dropping out of the union was the manifest destiny of the west side in the future. Alds. Likely and Lockhart were the other valedictorians.

If the average citizen were asked to guess the number of constables in St. John, he would be likely to underestimate them. No less than eighteen, in addition to the high constable marched in and took their oaths of office.

The event of the day was the mayor's speech, to which full reference is made elsewhere. It was well delivered, and on most points, well conceived. Some of the aldermen who dine in the middle of the day thought it was a trifle long, as it took an hour and a half, but they listened to it with hungry interest. Ald. Lewis was the only man who protested, when the sarcasm of the mayor was levelled at his theory of reducing the taxes by cutting down the salaries, but the mayor was right in his opinion. PROGRESS has steadily held that the leakage is not in salaries but in the desire to spend money without a consideration of the fact that there must be a day of reckoning. The mayor made no threats, but he intimated that he intended to have order in the council, and if the aldermen insisted on fighting they would have to make use of the ante room. He also explained, what a good many did not know, that if he should leave the chair at any time and remain in the room, business would be at a dead lock until he saw fit to return. This caution may save some unpleasantness in the future. If the members want to have things their own way they will have to tie his worship in the chair before they begin.

There was not so much fun as had been anticipated in the election of the committees. As intimated by PROGRESS last week, Ald. Blizard retired from the race early, but Ald. John A. Chesley had his hopes until he saw that Ald. McLaughlin had a sure thing of it. Then he withdrew and Ald. McLaughlin was elected without opposition.

A little breeze came up by the rather unfair deal which proposed to put Ald. Baxter on both the public works and safety boards, to the exclusion of Ald. Davis from either. The protest of the latter was taken up by others, and an amicable understanding was reached by which he went on the safety board, while Ald. Baxter took the public works.

Carleton will manage the ferries again this year, Ald. Smith having been chosen as chairman of the committee. Ald. Barnes, as a matter of course, remains at the head of the lands committee.

The mayor compliments the council on its composition, but he is of opinion that eight of the members could be spared and the other eighteen would do the work without missing them. Nobody doubts this. Probably every alderman would vote for it if he was sure he was to be one of the eighteen.

### A Big Congregation But No Collection.

Things got a little mixed in St. Andrew's church last Sunday evening and as a result no collection was taken up, much to the consternation of some of the elders. Dr. Pope was the minister, and conducted the service somewhat different than usual. There was no interval for the collection, and after the benediction was pronounced, an elder made an effort to get the plates passed around before the congregation left the church. The organist, however, didn't notice the omission and began playing the voluntary. The congregation seemed to take this as a suggestion to leave, and did so; and the elders saw one of the largest congregations of the year pass out, and missed an equally large collection.

## HE READ DIME NOVELS.

### The Experiences of a Youth Who Found Life in a Drug Store Monotonous.

Fourteen-year-old Frank Wilson works in Moore's drug store, on Brussels street. When he is not working he reads dime novels. The hero of one of his latest stories was Fred Wetmore. Fred was evidently a dandy in the estimation of young Wilson, for after reading his exploits, work in the drug store seemed monotonous.

Wilson decided to seek a more exciting occupation. Just what that occupation was he did not seem to know, but running away from home, as usual, struck him as the way to find it.

Sunday, after eating his Easter eggs, he began to think of his new career. A younger brother was broached on the subject of going to Halifax, but home was good enough for him, and Frank kept the rest of his plans to himself. Monday morning early he proceeded to put them into operation.

He opened the drug store as usual and left for home to get his breakfast. At this point his career as a dime novel hero began. Instead of going home he went to the depot and boarded the train for Halifax. In about an hour another part of the plot began to develop. Mr. Moore wondered where his junior clerk was, and sent to his home after him. Of course he wasn't there. Being a hero, how could he be?

Then everybody began to make enquiries. The younger brother remembered what Frank had told him the day before! In the language of the dime novel and ex-chief Marshall, that was "a clue." Mr. Wilson acted upon it.

He telegraphed all trains east and west, to look out for a boy about Frank's size, bound for nowhere in particular. The conductor on the Halifax train got the telegram at Annapolis, stepped on board the train and walked into the car where young Wilson sat dreaming of false whiskers and seven shooers.

"What is your name?" he asked the boy.

"Fred Wetmore, sir," said young Wilson promptly, adopting the name of his pet hero. So far it was easy acting out a dime novel, but the conductor's next statement staggered the run-away.

"Oh, no, your name is Frank Wilson." About this time the bottom fell out of the adventure. The youngster found it easy enough to say his name was Fred Wetmore, but to deny that it was Frank Wilson was another matter. He concluded that heroes must only exist in books, and owned up.

### RAWLINGS' LOG BOOK.

He Has a Record of Eventful Experiences and Answers Koll Call.

There is trouble in the police family. The chief and Capt. Rawlings are cooling in their tender regard for each other. How it all began no one knows, but the force was paralyzed one evening to see the chief assume the roll call duty and Capt. Rawlings in the ranks answering out with the men. This is as it should be, but it differs so widely from what has been going on that the men raise their eyebrows and ask, "What's up," and "Is the chief really going to be chief?"

Sometime ago a gentleman who knows Rawlings intimately remarked that he would wager a good deal that every act of Chief Clark since he has assumed the position, that was not in keeping with the chiefship, was down in Rawlings' "log book," and would be ready for the witness stand some day.

The chief heard the remark and has satisfied himself that it is correct—so rumor says.

### When They Begin to Grumble.

If the St. John fire department cannot get to a fire in quick time, it is not for want of practice. The men will earn all they get this year, and if the alarms continue to come in as often as they have done since the first of the year, the firemen will lose on their contracts. There have been nearly as many fires since the first of January, as there were in the twelve months of last year, and the fire alarm is becoming almost as regular in its workings as the laborer's bell. But when the department is called out to put out fires that a pall of water would extinguish the men begin to grumble. Burning sawdust and grass brought the department out twice this week.

### It Should Be Worth Hearing.

Dr. J. D. Maber will lecture in aid of the Portland Serenade band. Monday evening, and has chosen for his subject "A trip to Ireland, England and France." The lecture will be illustrated with lime light views of the places described, and should prove interesting.

## IS SOCIETY SO HARD UP?

### HALIFAX FAILS TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PRETTIEST OF BAZAARS.

Nothing More Charitable Than the Display Could Have Been Imagined, Yet Hardly Anybody Was There—A Description of What People Missed.

HALIFAX, April 21.—The rainbow fair was opened here tonight, and closed without the fashionable world being the wiser or happier through its having taken place. It was one of the most attractive bazaars ever held in this city, and was one of the most poorly patronized. Whether society is hard up, or whether it cannot appreciate the beautiful may be the query of a good many folks, but whatever was the reason, the fair was as great a failure in respect to attendance as it was a success in the completeness of its details. It had been advertised, but in Halifax such affairs are less dependent on advertising than on talk. Talk makes or mars everything of this description, and this bazaar seems to have been talked of in an exceedingly small circle.

The decorations were fine. A huge rainbow of tissue paper was suspended from the ceiling of the concert room in the institute, and under it, also in a bow, were arranged the tables in their proper sequence of color: violet, dark blue, pale blue, green, yellow, orange and red draping each in succession, the ladies behind each table wearing the same hues of nature.

The arrangements in every way were perfect. The refreshments could not have been better, the needle work was lovely, the flowers well worth buying, the home-made sweets delicious. Much that was good was to be had, but there was scarcely a buyer.

Taken all in all, a prettier sight, better wares, and more charming dresses could not have been imagined, and yet the public passed it by.

I add a list of the ladies interested. The yellow dresses and the pale blue were the prettiest, the violet the least successful.

Violet.—Miss Fairbanks, Mrs. Lepine, Miss Jones.

Dark Blue.—Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Gregor, Mrs. Cabot.

Pale Blue.—Mrs. Arthur Wiswell, Mrs. Stubbing.

Green.—Miss Wier, Miss Hensley, Mrs. Bowman.

Yellow.—Mrs. Borden, Mrs. Hamilton.

Orange.—Miss Blanche Wiswell, Miss E. Anderson.

Red.—Mrs. Hesselein, Mrs. Croydon, Misses Forbes Bannister and Redmond.

By the time that Halifax has another rainbow fair, it is to be hoped society will rise—or come down, which?—to the emergency.

### GONE TO THE OLD COUNTRY.

### A City Landlady Decamps with Her Auction Sale Proceeds.

It is not uncommon for a business man with too little credit—or too much—and too many debts, to make up his mind that the easiest way out of his difficulties is to get out of the country on the quiet, leaving his friends to wonder whether he will ever return. These little escapades have been varied within the past few days by a woman joining the unexpected exodus and leaving her friends to mourn her departure. To say that she kept a boarding house is to tell her name, almost. For some time it has been known that she was going out of the boarding house business and out of the country. Her supply people became somewhat anxious and began to press their claims for a settlement. She saw that something would have to be done to satisfy them temporarily, and so she told them that they would all be paid in proportion to her ability. She advertised her goods for sale and the auctioneer took possession. When he had gone, the landlady of the house, with the assistance of friends, succeeded in taking her trunks away unobserved. She also took away the proceeds of the auction sale, the amount being variously stated between \$800 and \$2,000.

This sudden move took the breath away of all her old boarders, many of whom, however, openly express their satisfaction, knowing as they do, how their landlady had left her in the lurch. Some time ago PROGRESS received an amusing letter bearing on this fact, which, since it was anonymous, was not printed. But there is no doubt that there was much money lost through decamping and defaulting boarders.

Nevertheless it is a great shock to find a woman adopting "shoot the moon" tactics.

### Increasing Their Connections.

The Western counties railway has made a change in the running of the road that will be a greater convenience than ever to travellers. Trains will connect at Yarmouth with steamers Yarmouth and Boston for Boston every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and from Boston every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

## ARE YOU MOVING THIS YEAR?

### If So Send Your Present and Future Address to "Progress" This Week.

As PROGRESS likes to keep the track of its friends, and as those friends are pretty numerous in St. John, it has a word to say to those who have moved or intend to move from one house to another this year. If all such will send PROGRESS a brief memorandum, the names will be published for general information. A list has already been secured, but it is desirable that it should be as complete as possible, and that above all things it should be accurate.

Every city reader of PROGRESS who is moving or who has friends who are moving will confer a favor by sending a brief memorandum as near as possible in the following form:

McCorkindale, John, from — Princess to — Charlotte.

This when published will inform the friends of Mr. and Mrs. McCorkindale, of Princess street, that they will be found at a certain number on Charlotte street for the next twelve months. It is desirable that in every case the form should be followed as closely as possible, and the correct numbers given.

In order to guard against any attempt to play hoaxes, it is requested that the name of the person sending the information should accompany the item, in confidence.

Everybody who moves should send a memorandum, and no harm will be done if everybody's friend sends a memorandum to the same effect. The system of PROGRESS is such that there is no possibility of names being duplicated in print, and it is better that several should send the same information rather than that all should assume that it has been sent.

The value of such a list to the public is so apparent that PROGRESS is confident it will have the hearty co-operation of all its friends in the work.

The list will appear on the issue of May 7th, by which time nearly everybody will be settled down and ready to receive calls and congratulations. The information should be sent as soon as possible, in order that it may be properly compiled.

Send along the names, with your own names as a guarantee of good faith, and begin to send them at once, if you please.

## ALD. CONNOR'S MOVE

### Secures Ald. Knox's Recognition and Sustains His Reputation for Diplomacy.

When a new council is sworn in the first work of any importance is the appointing of the departmental committees for the year. The board of public works has always been considered the most important of the three and by some understanding it has been understood that when one alderman of the ward was appointed upon it, his colleague should sit upon the treasury and safety committees.

The department "slates" presented to the new council for approval differed in this respect for the name of the senior representative for Dukes, Ald. Blizard, appeared upon both public works and treasury boards while that of his colleague, a new member, Mr. Knox was honored with only one of the minor committees.

There is not much going on which Ald. Connor does not see, and when the "slate" was brought up for approval he arose and in his own original and seductive fashion entered a telling protest against the departure from usage. He enlarged upon the importance of the new members getting an intimate acquaintance with civic affairs and concluded by the rather unexpected but generous proposition that Ald. Knox should take his place upon the treasury bench. The amendment, for it was put in that shape, carried, and now Duke's is represented by both representatives in the financial board. It is not probable that the city will lose, for Mr. Knox is a keen business man and economical enough to suit good citizens.

But since Ald. Connor may be in a degree considered as the leader of a strong opposition at the board, his move must be regarded as a successful bit of diplomacy.

By the way, the ranks of those in favor of Sand Point as against Rodney wharf have been greatly strengthened in the recent elections—his worship to the contrary, notwithstanding. PROGRESS understands that Ald. Jack and Knox are strongly in favor of the more economical site, while the changes of opinion in the West and North Ends are decidedly in the same direction.

## The Objectionable Features Went.

The same faults in Wednesday evening's operatic performance, noted by PROGRESS today on the third page which is printed Thursday afternoon, must have struck the management in the same light, for Thursday evening's rendition of the *Three Black Cloaks* was short of the features so objectionable in the *Masoch* and the opera was a decided success—save the caterwauling duet. The dance was also more satisfactory, or rather, the lights were,

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PAID OUT FOR A CHURCH.

ITEMS WHICH GO TO MAKE UP THE DEBIT AND CREDIT.

The Salary List is the Chief Expense—Other Outgoings—Where the Revenue Comes From—Some of it is in Uncurrent Money.

The published accounts of one of the city churches for the last year show a cash balance of 40 cents on hand. This is left after paying all running expenses, which amount to \$5,908.05, out of which should be deducted \$300 for interest on debentures, so that it really cost only about \$5,600 to run the church on ordinary expenses.

As this church is a well known one, its accounts may be of interest to those who have no idea what church expenses amount to and how they are made up. Some people, who are not churchgoers, never give the matter any thought, while others imagine that the figures, in the average city churches, are a long way from what they really are. Of course, there are cheaply run and dearly run churches—some clergymen work for less than they ought to have while others are paid fully as much as, in a commercial sense, they are worth. Then, too, some churches have paid singers, while others depend on those who are members of the congregation and sing for the love of the work. The salary list is, of course, the largest item on the running expense.

In the accounts in question, this list amounts to over \$4,000. The rector gets \$2,400, the organist and sexton \$500 each, while \$161 is divided among four paid singers, the odd number in the amount being due to the fact that some of the singers remained only a portion of the year. The vestry clerk gets \$200, while the organ blower, assistant sexton, etc., get the rest. An item of \$10 to another clergyman means that he took two services for which he received \$5 each.

Light coat \$233, and coal and wood \$393, while printing, stationery and music figure up to \$178. Other expenses made up the total. An item of 62 cents discount on uncurrent money, implies that some of the flock work off bills that are not bankable when they give in secret.

Where does the cash come from to meet the expenses?

The largest item of receipts is from pew rents, and amounts to over \$2,000. The next largest is from subscriptions to the sustentation fund, amounting to \$1,700. Then come the collections, which are something over \$1,500. In addition to these sources of revenue this church has an income from ground rents, which makes up the total of \$5,908.

Churches fluctuate in their receipts, as do business houses. Last year the revenue of the church in question was \$300 less than it was the year before. The pew rents fell off \$84, the subscriptions \$142, the collections \$61, and the rents \$12. This year the tide may set the other way, and there may be an increase.

FIGHTING FIRE IN JAPAN.

Plenty of Pluck and Enthusiasm Displayed, but No Common Sense.

Of the many enemies in nature the Japanese have to fear, including earthquakes and typhoons, plagues and volcanic eruptions, fire is the most dreaded. Against it they are ever on the watch and guard, and yet they suffer more and often from its ravages than from any other cause. Most of the buildings throughout all the country, with some exceptions in cities like Tokio, are built of wood, or of bamboo and paper, and thatched with dried grass, or shingled, are exceedingly light and inflammable, and offer great opportunity for the outbreak of fire and no protection whatever against it. Very frequently whole villages and towns are swept away and completely destroyed by fire in a single day.

To such an extent is fire dreaded that the Japanese have many superstitions on the subject, and all kinds of signs are watched for anxiously and heeded carefully. When the cock crows loudly in the morning it is a sign of fire. If the dog climbs up on the roof of the house, it is an unfailing sign that an easy feat, it is an unfailing sign that the fire will break out soon. If a weasel cries out once fire will break out. To avert these signs, or omens, a person must pour out three dippers of water on the ground, holding the dippers in the left hand. A peculiar kind of grass grows on many Japanese houses, known as hindoe, and it is a matter of firm belief that if that is pulled up the house will take fire.

In Tokio and other cities, and in fact in all towns of any size, are tall watch towers where a man is constantly on the lookout to discover the first signs of fire. The towers in Tokio have been erected in localities short distances apart. They were instituted there as far back as 1625. They are simply immense ladders, often of great height, with a bell at the top and a place for the watchman to stand or sit. By a code of taps on the bell the watchman can indicate the part of the city in which a fire breaks out. When an alarm is sounded from one tower to announce the location and progress of the fire. The system is very like our own fire bell system. Fire watchmen patrol the streets, carrying a lantern in the left hand and in the right an iron staff with a bunch of rings at the top. As the watchman goes along he thumps the ground and calls out "Look out for fire!"

In Temple Bar a writer gives an interesting description of how Japanese firemen fought a fire in the town where he was sojourning. He turned out as the guest of the fire brigade. The brigade was equipped with only three hand engines, "squirts," and it had the assistance of a hook and ladder company. The officers' horses were kept ready for a call. When the alarm was heard from one of the fire look-outs the man at the station tower hammered loudly on his bell, the men turned out, the officers hustled into their uniforms, jumped on their horses, and ordered things for a start. The captain armed himself with a huge whip of horsehair, a kind of substitute for a baton of authority, and the lieutenant waved a long spear from which hung a horse-tail, the standard of the

brigade. The brigade harnessed itself to the engines and the procession started, officers first and visitors bringing up the rear.

When the brigade reached the fire hall a dozen houses had been gutted, and others were going up like paper lanterns. Hundreds of people were rushing wildly around, trying to save their household goods, and there was the usual panic, only greatly intensified because the danger was great and need to every inhabitant. The engines had lots of water, but they did little good. The hook and ladder company worked like monkeys, swinging about from beam to beam, and climbing over the burning houses with the greatest pluck. They worked, well, too, but worked only at the burning houses, and, like the men with the engines, they could hardly get from house to house as fast as the fire. There was unbounded enthusiasm and pluck, but no common sense. The captain and lieutenant waved their horse-tails and shouted, but they knew nothing of fighting a fire. The writer says one American engine company would have put out the fire, or stopped its progress in an hour. Dozens and dozens of houses were burned like paper.

The visitors could stand it no longer, and they suggested to the captain that he turn the work of the hook and ladder company on a group of untouched houses in the direct path of the fire, and try to make a gap that the fire could not cross. The captain looked on with amazement and ordered them back. But after a few more houses had gone up he took their advice. The people were agast at the brigade's leaving the fire and tearing down untouched houses, and there were strong protests. But a number of the houses were torn down and the course of the fire was stopped.

Napoleon's Ambiguous Phrase.

At one time before the Franco-Prussian war when Napoleon III. was a visitor at London, amateur theatricals were arranged for his entertainment. A Mr. Brown, who took a principal part in the entertainment, prided himself on his knowledge of French. During the evening he was one of the cast in a French comedieta, and immediately after that played the part of an Englishman who spoke broken French. During the latter sketch Napoleon III. laughed frequently, and when Mr. Brown was presented to the Emperor at the close of the evening he was complimented in his ambiguous manner: "You our bad French was as good as your good French all the me to congratulate you." Naturally Mr. Brown retired a little mystified.

THE TYPEWRITER SUPREMACY.

Professor S. B. Mathews Says the "Yost" is Superior to All Others.

It looks very much as if the Yost typewriter machine was forging ahead of all the other inventions in this line. The fact that its rivals are older is rather against them, since the latest inventions in all machines are usually the best and most improved. In this case, this is more probably the case since the same man who invented the Remington and Caligraph is also the inventor of the Yost, and he has named this latter machine after himself.

The "New Yost" is in great demand in these provinces, and although the agency has been but a short time in the hands of Mr. Ira Cornwall such firms as Manchester, Robertson & Allison, J. & A. McMillan, Barker & Belyea, The Board of Trade, etc., are already using them, and are more than pleased with the excellency of their work.

One of the ablest religious newspapers in the United States seeking for information for its readers asks Professor S. B. Mathews to write an article on the merits of the several machines seeking public favor. The professor was instructed to write without partiality, and his article shows every evidence that he did so. The newspaper was the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* of Chicago. Here are some of the things Prof. Mathews says:—

"Of all the type-bar machines I find myself most attracted by the Yost, the third attempt of its gifted inventor. The Yost type-bar machine is a centre, like all others, but with important differences. The bars consist of two parallel strips of steel; each bar is made in three pieces, moving upon three points, two of which are unmovable fulcrums. The alignment is perfect and permanent, the type coming in its contact with the paper through a steel mortise, so shaped as to permit the letter a latitude in coming, but bringing it down to perfect alignment before reaching the paper. Should this mortise become worn it can be renewed for 50 cents. The Yost prints directly from the face of the type, the type being inked from a pad again, which the types rest their faces while not in use. The print is clear and much less sensible to inequalities of touch than other type-bar machines, and gives a better copy. Printing from the face of the type gives greater power of manifesting than other machines have, since the ribbon cuts about two thicknesses of paper. The Yost types are steel and are interchangeable. A broken letter can be replaced in a few seconds by the operator himself, at an expense of five cents. If one desires to do so, he could entirely rearrange the keyboard and the letters in a few hours, making it to correspond to any other machine on which he might be an expert. This is an advantage over all other instruments. It enables the Yost people to furnish their machines with the Caligraph arrangement of the small letters for the accommodation of operators already schooled in that system. Moreover, the self-inking device keeps the type clean, and saves from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a year in cost of ribbons. The work of this machine is the sharpest and most satisfactory I have seen, although opposing agents do not think so. It has made its way in business circles by this quality. As to speed, durability, and ease of operation, it is fully equal to the best and, in my opinion, superior. I happen to know where operators have changed from the others to it, and after a fortnight's use have re-acquired their old speed and found the new instrument much pleasanter in operation."

What could be clearer, plainer and more to the point than this? The Yost's rivals can say nothing too bad about it, but their statements only amuse those who are acquainted with the machine. No machine in the market can equal the "New Yost."

A Plant and Flower Food.

So many ladies have flowers and so few know how to cultivate them in or out of the house. To make this easier and to dispense of a new product, Floral Life is the name of the Provincial Fertilizer company who advertise a new food for plants and flowers. It is put up in convenient sized cans, sells reasonably and is, no doubt, all that it is represented to be. Floral Life should become popular.

The I. C. R.'s New Map.

One of the latest advertisements issued by the I. C. R. is a large map of the road and its connections. It is well gotten up, and would adorn a wall in any office.

HOW TO TELL GOOD WHISKEY.

The Chief Analyst of the Canadian Government Informs the People.

A 43-page pamphlet recently issued by the Inland Revenue department, under the title of "Bulletin No. 27," furnishes information concerning the quality of liquors of such an interesting and valuable character as to make it an excellent guide book for importers, retailers and consumers; and one that should be in the hands of all who desire to know the names of reliable distillers and dealers, and the way to tell high-class liquors from inferior grades. The information contained in the pamphlet is very full, and is presented in a manner that reflects credit on the Laboratory branch of the Inland Revenue department.

On page 41, referring to Scotch Whiskies, the Analyst says:—"These whiskies claim, I believe, to be produced by distillation of malted grain, or a mixture of malted and unmalted grain, in pot-stills. They are characterized when new by the very large amount of so-called "emphyreumatic oils" which they contain. The new or raw spirit, being quite unfit for use, is aged in wooden vessels, and in the course of time, through the changes which take place, the oils are oxidized or otherwise converted into products which give the characteristic bouquet or flavor to these whiskies."

Page 33 says:—"Any volatile oils present in a liquor are carried over with the vapor of alcohol, and are therefore found in the alcoholic distillate. Such oils are, as a rule, insoluble in water and rarely insoluble in very dilute alcohol. In consequence of this when water is added to the distillate, so that its volume is double that of the liquor distilled, the oils are largely thrown out of solution, and the emulsion so produced becomes decidedly opalescent. In genuine Scotch Whiskey such oils are necessarily present. Grain spirit (alcohol) is free from these oils and gives no opalescence on dilution with water. As rye whiskey is generally made from such spirit we find no opalescence on diluting the distillate from this liquor. Six samples of artificial liquors were produced in the laboratory from patent still spirit and essences. None of the distillates from them gave any opalescence on diluting with water. It is not unlikely where the opalescence is very slight the liquor is essentially an imitation article, to which a proportion of genuine liquor has been added. Since in every case in which a high degree of certainty exists as to the origin of a pot-still liquor a very decided opalescence has been found."

On page 34 of the report of the government analyst, in reference to furfural reaction, quotes M. L. Lindet—Bull. de la Societe Chimique de Paris, tome V, p. 20, as follows:—"The presence of furfural in liquor is believed to be due to the charring of portions of the malt (or other material used) during process of distillation." Continuing the analyst says:—"In patent stills, where steam heat only is used, this charring of the contents of the still does not take place, and in the spirit produced furfural is not found. The ageing of the spirit which causes changes in the nature of most of the secondary constituents of spirits, does not apparently affect the furfural, which is present as largely in old as in new pot-still whiskies. (The analyst quotes the foregoing from the evidence of A. H. Allen before the select committee on spirits appointed by the British House of Commons 1891.)

The report furnishes on page 21 a list of the Scotch Whiskies analyzed, with the following results:—

Table with columns: Name, Opalescence on Diluting Distillate, Furfural Reaction. Includes Mackie & Co., J. B. Sheriff, Bullough, Lyle & Co., etc.

Several other brands, shipped by blenders and distillers, whose names do not appear, not having been given the inspectors, are not included in this list. These, however, appear in the report in connection with the vendors' names, and are all ranked as more or less inferior to the highest grade above mentioned.

So that, according to the official report of the laboratory branch of the Inland Revenue department, the highest recognized authority in the Dominion of Canada, MACKIE & Co.'s Scotch stands conspicuously at the head of the whiskey list.—Advt.

Something Women Will Appreciate.

Barbours Prize Needlework series is the name of a neat little book that will be of interest to ladies. It contains illustrations of a number of prize designs in lace making, embroidery, and needlework, and tells how to make them. It is published by the Barbours Brothers Company.

House Cleaners Want

Crystal Ammonia, Pearline, Lessive Phenix, Borax, Ammonia Soap, Brooms, Brushes, Pails, Tubs, Elastic Starch, Cream Starch, Cellulose Starch, and Coleman's No. 1, and a lot of other things to be found at 32 Charlotte street, from J. S. Armstrong & Bro.

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SHOW CASES. NICKEL PLATED, best, best made, when you can buy a "Victor" Typewriter for \$15. This is the only one without one. Sole Agents, L. C. Williams, Commission Merchants, 83 Prince Wm. Street, St. John, N. B.

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WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS CAN MAKE MONEY. Selling our "Combined Lines Marker and Card Printer," a sample of 25 cents. ROBERTSON'S PATENT STAMP WORKS, St. John, N. B.

AGENTS WANTED to sell White Enamelled Office and Store Signs. Easy to put up. Acknowledged the Best Sign on Earth. ROBERTSON'S STAMP WORKS.

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NEW GOODS; WORSTED COATINGS. English Tweeds, Light Overcoatings, Flans, Checked and Striped Trouserings. Prices—Suits from \$14.00; Pants from \$4.00; Overcoats from \$13.00. A. GILMOUR, Tailor.

SMALL TOWNS LIKE BUCTOUCHE, Hopewell, Salisbury, Marville, Chipman, Harvey, Vanceboro, Upper Woodstock, Frezouche Lake, Carleton, Fort Fairfield, Waymouth and scores of other places should have a boy willing to make money. He can do it easily by selling Progress. Splendid profit and little work. Address for information, Circular Department Progress, St. John, N. B.

FIVE LINES. IN THIS COLUMN cost 25 cents per line for one insertion—\$1 for one month. If you have anything to sell that any person wants, you cannot do better than say so here.

FRIENDS OF PROGRESS who know of bright honest boys who would not object to making some money for themselves, or keeping their homes in such towns and villages in the Maritime provinces where Progress is not for sale at present, can learn of the terms of their advancement by the Progress "Circulation Department," St. John, N. B.

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EVERY ONE IN NEED OF INFORMATION on the subject of advertising will find it profitable to obtain a copy of "Book for Advertisers," 268 pages, price 10 cents. Mailed, postage paid, on receipt of price. Contains a careful compilation from the American Newspaper Directory of all the papers and magazines in the United States, with a rating of every one, and a good deal of information about rates and other matters pertaining to the business of advertising.—Address HOWELL'S ADVERTISING BUREAU, 10 Spruce street, N. Y.

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BOARDING. A FEW PERMANENT or transient Boarders can be accommodated with large and pleasant rooms, in that very centrally located house, 75 Sydney street. Mrs. McINNIS.

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THE above Steamer will make three trips a week during the season, leaving HARBOR MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY mornings, at 4 o'clock; returning from Lunenburg the same days, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, stopping at the usual landings.

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EMERSON & FISHER, 75 to 79 Prince Wm. Street.

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For Hotel and Family use, Fine Electro Plated Table Ware. T. McAVITY & SONS, - St. John, N. B.

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The most magnificent wheel ever made. WEIGHT 35 LBS. Enamelled Dark Chrome and Beautifully Striped. Price, 28 in. Wheel \$135. Price, with Duplex Pneumatic Tires, \$155. The first one to receive notice of these wheels was Mr. A. P. Patterson, Captain St. John Bicycle Club, Mr. P. will lead the parade with his Pneumatic Singer at the Y.M.C.A. Sports on the 25th. Go to the sports and see the wheel, it will be worth the price of admission alone, you have the sports thrown.

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R. E. ARMSTRONG, Publisher, St. Andrews, N. B.

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The large patronage received is the strongest evidence that the purchasing public appreciate our efforts. We will still continue to endeavor to please our patrons.

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MUSICAL THEATRE

The performances of the Gilt Opera Company have been so fully described elsewhere, that I need not make more than a few remarks about them.

The two voices which please me most are Miss Taylor's soprano and Mr. McCree's tenor; while the chorus is very far indeed. Some disappointment was expressed at the failure of the company to bring their own orchestra; but our friend, Morton Harrison, has proved himself more than equal to the occasion.

The Easter music at the various churches has been on the whole very good. At the Stone Church on Good Friday evening a special service, illustrative of our Lord's passion, was well rendered.

At St. Paul's church on Easter afternoon a special children's service with carols, assisted by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra, was held and passed off most successfully.

The Musical Club's monthly meeting at Mrs. Patton's residence, Elliott Row, on Tuesday last, when the programme consisted of works by Italian composers and Chopin.

On Monday the New York Symphony orchestra, under Mr. Walter Damrosch, gave a splendid concert in Music Hall. The orchestral numbers on the programme were full of interest and were played with excellent taste and spirit.

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The opera offers splendid opportunities to display every weakness of a company. The music possesses little catchiness or swing and both soloists and chorus have no chance to show what they can do.

Both the tenor Mr. Macreey and Miss Gilman created a favorable impression. Miss Calhoun received the welcome of a former acquaintance. The work of Messrs. Hitchcock and Donnelly was greatly marred by atrocious and ill-timed punning, which reminded one much of the variety stage and the music halls.

After listening to the apologetic performance of the Masoch Wednesday evening and the intrusion of all the dime museum vulgarism and slang upon the dialogue, I am thoroughly inclined to unsay any favorable mention of the preceding paragraphs.

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At the Hollis street theatre, Mrs. Leslie Carter, she of divorce court fame, and celebrated for her gold red hair, has given us *Miss Letty*, the latest New York musical success. The piece is very bright, the music catchy and sparkling, and Mrs. Carter plays very well.

An old St. John favorite, Dominic Murray, is playing the lead in *Master and Man* at the Grand Opera House. The play is one of the most popular of the stage, and is a strong drawing card here.

The Columbia has just closed a very successful short season of the bright comedy, *Jane*, and it has been followed by the brilliant light comedy, *Gloriana*, which made one of the hits of the season in New York, and would not have left that city had it not been for prior arrangements to appear here which could not be changed.

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Circumstances compelled me to go to Chelsea one evening last week and I dropped in to the theatre and saw a performance of *Hande et Jan* by the company that has had the piece since its first production three years since. The leading part is now played by a St. John lady who is rapidly coming to the front as an emotional actress, and who in all probability will go out with this company next season.

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MAYOR PETERS MAKES A SPEECH.

His worship the mayor has, in his own way, partly carried out the suggestion made to him by PROGRESS a month or two ago. That suggestion was that prior to the expiration of his term he should give the citizens an account of his stewardship, review his course, and tell them in what position the affairs of the city were. At the organization of the new council, on Tuesday, he spoke for about an hour and a half, dealing with various matters and voicing his own opinions in a clear and positive way.

The speech, as whole, was a good one, and while PROGRESS does not agree with all his worship's views, it gives him credit for speaking clearly and to the point. His advocacy of the idea, originally advanced by PROGRESS, that the council should be reduced and a portion at least be elected by the citizens at large, is likely to hasten a condition of things that every taxpayer would be glad to see. Altogether, there is much in his worship's remarks that will be found worthy of careful consideration.

His worship took this opportunity of advertising the Rodney wharf "scheme," as he admitted it was designated. He took very strong ground in the matter, but the arguments advanced in favor of the site must be weighed in connection with the reasons already given why the Sand Point site should be selected. The very weakest part of the mayor's argument was that because sixteen members of the council voted for the scheme, "the consensus of opinion was very strong in favor of Rodney wharf." That does not mean anything. Does the mayor remember the "consensus" in favor of Mr. JAMES D. LEARY's scheme when that gentleman first came to the front? The mayor is as well aware as anybody that the same Mr. LEARY not now the owner of land at Sand Point the "consensus" would be in favor of that site. Does anybody doubt that at least three members of the board are opposed simply through Learyphobia, apart from the merits of the case. The mayor finds it convenient to base a theory of public opinion on a vote of the council, but he forgets that the council came within an ace of refusing the grant for exhibition purposes last year, and it was only by his casting vote that what he considers a most important measure was carried. Then, too, he found the council opposed to a civic census, which he also considered of vital importance. His worship evidently does not think the votes of the council represent public opinion unless they are in the line of his policy. In these two notable instances the council failed to do what was admittedly in the best interests of the citizens. Why should the body be considered any more infallible in its attempt to have the Rodney wharf site selected for harbor improvements? His worship is not consistent in his opinion of the council's wisdom.

The highway to Indian town was constructed under the terms of the union act. Whether it has been necessary to expend on it \$92,000 is another matter. The original estimate was \$60,000, so that there has been an increase of more than 50 per cent. if the larger expenditure has been justified it is apparent that those who made the original estimates knew very little about the matter. His worship now thinks that some of the other streets should have immediate attention, though when it comes to the matter of sewers he claims that we must proceed slowly, not hoping to get everything in a year or twenty years.

It is doubtless a satisfaction for his worship to drive strangers around the city, and point out to them the beauty of our highways, but the question is whether, with the limited means at command, other things should not have prior attention. A good looking mayor naturally wants a good looking city, but there

are things to be done which are even of more importance than smooth highways, even though they make very little show.

The mayor seeks by comparison to show that the St. John assessment rate of \$1.47 on the \$100 is very moderate as compared with the rate of many cities of Canada and United States. To quote the figures of these cities is only a superficial way of looking at the matter. The question is, are we getting for our \$1.47 the same proportion of value that is given for the rates of taxation on the cities named? While PROGRESS cannot attempt to go into detail, it asks those of its readers who are familiar with the cities in the list, to consider what advantages their citizens enjoy as compared with what we enjoy. The rate of Boston is \$1.26. His worship says that the figure is low because Boston has completed a great deal of the kind of work that we have yet to do. This is only partially true. Boston, especially in the annexed districts, is continually undertaking heavy and expensive works, and must continue to do so for years to come. It is also true of Boston that the man with merely an income of less than \$2,000 pays only a poll tax of \$2 a year. In St. John a man with \$1,000 income pays \$16.70. Does the working man get the worth of his taxes from the city? In the same way, other instances could be quoted from his worship's list. It should also be borne in mind that while the taxes in American cities cover everything, they by no means do so here. The most important thing about our assessment, however, is not that it is \$1.47, but that it has grown to that figure by a steady increase year after year, and that the indications are the increase will continue for some years to come. The question is, where will it end?

The plan outlined by PROGRESS two or three years ago, of reducing the number of aldermen and electing from the city at large has been carefully considered by his worship, and he offers a scheme which is worthy of careful attention. He proposes to reduce the number to eighteen, elect half from the city at large, and have each half elected in alternate years. The move is in the right direction.

Taken as a whole, the mayor's speech does him credit. It is clear and outspoken, and it is by all odds the best inaugural delivered by any mayor in recent years. While PROGRESS does not agree with all his worship's views, it is glad that he has thought fit to follow, in his own way, its suggestions as to his reviewing the work of his term in office. It still holds, however, that the time for such a review is toward the end of an old term rather than at the beginning of a new one. He should define his position and explain his acts before he asks the people to re-elect him.

It is a pity that the mayor thought fit, at the close of his speech, to sneer at the principle that the office should seek the man, rather than the man the office. The idea that every man should be encouraged to offer because he wants the position is not the correct one. There must be behind his ambition some public feeling that he is fit for what he seeks. It was so in his worship's case in the first instance, and the permitting him to enter upon a second term unopposed was another expression that the people wanted him. His worship may think he owes his position to his own enterprise in seeking it, but he should remember that his name was brought forward by others because of the attention he had given to civic matters in the past. He was really pushed to the front, whether he wants to think so or not, and so should every mayor be. The office is the gift of the people. They should choose their man, and no man who has a true sense of dignity will pose as a beggar for the office until he is assured that a reasonable number of the electors are anxious to see him there.

"ASTRA" AND HER CRITICS. During the last few weeks, several anonymous letters have appeared in the Times, attacking the lady who is well known to every reader of PROGRESS as "Astra." It is not the practice of this or any other paper to take up the cudgels for any correspondent in such case, and for that reason PROGRESS has stood aloof, leaving "Astra" to reply or treat the matter as beneath notice. It may be said in this connection that every writer of note on the staff has at one time or another been the subject of personal attack in some form on account of matter which has been published, and that in such case the rule has always been the same—the quarrel of the individual is not to be made the quarrel of the paper. The case of "Astra" was therefore, at the outset, on a plane with that of all previous cases, but as the attacks on her have been unusually malicious and unmerited, it is but right that PROGRESS should now refer to them.

The letters in the Times, so far as PROGRESS has read them, have appeared to be the work of some cowardly blackguard who was wholly beneath notice. Though bearing female signatures, PROGRESS has every reason to believe that no woman had anything to do with their composition. It cannot believe that any female who would be tolerated in any society other than that of Vulcan street, could lend herself to such a disreputable piece of work. The act is that of some low-bred fellow, regarding whom any mere words would be as much wasted as on a cur that barks at humanity from the concealment of its kennel. The wonder is not that the malice of a sneaking nature could produce letters attacking a lady, but that a paper in the province could be found to publish these letters. It may be safely assumed that the Times is the only one paper which would lend itself to such a dirty piece of work.

The correspondent who has been the subject of the attack needs no vindication from PROGRESS. Those who have the pleasure of her acquaintance know her to be a lady who adorns the refined circles in which she moves among her social equals. As a writer, she has afforded pleasure and instruction to the thousands who read PROGRESS in every part of the world. The department which she conducts is the most difficult in the paper to keep up week after week, dealing as it does with all kinds of topics and answering the promiscuous queries of hundreds of curious people. "Astra," over that and other signatures, has always been a most valued correspondent, and has had a standing offer to take a position on the office staff. That offer is still open, and it rests with her to accept it at any time she may see her way clear to do so.

PROGRESS feels that it does no more than its duty in vindicating its correspondent in this instance, and in expressing its full appreciation of her valuable work. Where she has dealt with so many subjects, and has not hesitated to hold up local frauds for their true value, it is not surprising that she should excite the ill-will and envy of one or two of the morally deformed in a community. It is to be hoped she will realize that no harm can possibly come to her high reputation by the cowardly attacks of the meanest parrot in Canada—the ill-printed and worse edited Moncton Times.

LOOK BEYOND THE MONEY. A correspondent in Nova Scotia asks PROGRESS this question: Could you not publish, for the benefit of your bachelor subscribers, the names of young ladies of good financial standing in the different towns? This is a joke, or intended to be one. It is only too true, however, that there is such a list in existence there would be no lack of men who would be willing to take "pointers" from it to guide them in their search for wives. This is a practical age, and the question of whether a girl has or has not money, present or prospective, is apt to largely influence some people in their choice. No one can pretend that wealth and true love are antagonistic to each other, but when the former is a sine qua non, in a young man's eyes, the chances are very small that the latter ever enters into the question. It has always been so, and is likely to be. This, age is no more mercenary than past ages have been, and human nature will be the same when these generations have passed away. When the motive in seeking a wife is wealth first and love, if possible, afterwards, it is hardly to be hoped that a marriage will have the best results. If love exists as the first condition, then wealth may be made to greatly increase the happiness of the pair. Love and poverty are not usually in that harmony which poets have sung about.

In the same line, the girl who accepts a man who is rich, because he is rich, makes the mistake of a lifetime, if he have not qualities for which she could love him were he poor. She sells herself, and sells herself cheap. In some cases the world realizes it. In others, the household skeleton is hidden from prying eyes, but it is there in no less fearful reality. PROGRESS recommends its correspondent to take another view of what makes a woman desirable as a helpmate. The financial standing should never be the main motive in a young man's quest for a wife.

The city of Chicago, regarding the government of which some information is given elsewhere in this issue, has solved the problem in regard to enforcing the law for the regulation of saloons. It gives the mayor the control of the police force, and when the right kind of a man is in office, the rest of the operation is simple enough. He has the power of dismissal of every man from the chief down. The promise that he would discharge any policeman upon whose post a drink was sold after hours, has had the effect of making each man remember that eternal vigilance is the price of position. Such a system would work in St. John. It cannot be doubted that the police are fully aware of bars where the law is violated every night of the year, but they do not make it their business to interfere. They consider that they are not bound to search out such places, and there is no risk in their not reporting them. There is too much official indolence here, as PROGRESS showed a few months ago in an account of the Saturday night scenes in some of the most prominent bars in the city.

In the latest development of the reformatory question—the procuring of the old penitentiary buildings by the personal efforts of Lady TILLEY, it should not be forgotten that the friends of the reformatory have labored long and hard to secure what she has obtained. It seems a pity that Lady TILLEY did not realize

earlier that she had an influence which the leading citizens of St. John did not have, and that she did not co-operate with them in their earnest and laudable efforts.

The czar of Russia officially declares that the famine in his dominions is over, but that is no more an evidence of fact than have been some of the official declarations as to the prosperity of Canada under this or that policy. Hard times and hunger are not much affected by the statements from head quarters, in any country.

POEMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS."

An Easter Hymn.

There is a land, a pleasant land, Where Christ has gone before, Where the redeemed, a chosen band, With praises loud and measure grand, Unceasingly adore.

Jesus who did for us alone, And saved our sin away, There sits on His exalted throne, To claim that homage all His own, On this bright Easter day.

May love to Him our thoughts express, As daily now we strive, To cling more firmly to His cross, To count all earthly gain but loss, And closer to Him live.

That when before His face we stand, We may His pardon gain, And find a place at His right hand, Amid that bright and chosen band, Free from all earthly stain.

Mr. Miles and His Work.

When anybody who admires good pictures visits the studio of Mr. John C. Miles, in the Pugsley building, he is likely to come away with the regret that he cannot purchase the greater part of those he sees on the easels and around the walls. The collection is not so large as it is choice, for Mr. Miles finds that the public have learned to appreciate his work, and the sale of it is only a question of means to purchase. The oils, such as the Scovill homestead, views on the Nepisiguit, Restigouche and in the harbor of St. John, etc., are all good specimens of painstaking effort which has been crowned with success. The black-and-whites are so well known to everybody that it is hardly necessary to mention them. In this class of work Mr. Miles easily distances every competitor in this corner of the world. He is now giving his attention to portraits in oil from sittings, and will soon be in a position to exhibit some specimens of what his brush can do in this line. The beauty of a good oil painting from life is beyond comparison with that of any other class of portrait. Some well known citizens are among those who will shortly be immortalized on canvas by Mr. Miles.

Sir Walter Scott's Friends.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: In your issue of last week I saw a paragraph copied from the Scottish American, stating "that the queen was the only person living who had spoken to Sir Walter Scott. Now, I beg leave to contradict the statement. My mother, who is still alive, knew Sir Walter quite well when she was a child, he being a friend of her father's family. When we consider that Sir Walter Scott practised law in the city of Edinburgh for some time, it seems almost incredible to suppose that he should be known only to two, whose ages are not so great that others a good deal older might not still be alive who knew him, especially when we remember that he was a most genial man, and very fond of children. I have taken the trouble to write this, as the thought came to me that if all history has been made in the same hasty manner there must be very little recorded of past events worth believing.

HELEN L. GALT, Fredericton, April 19.

Thank You For This.

The Ramblers cycle club have issued to members a card bearing the club colors and giving a detailed list of the afternoon club meets from May 7th, when the season begins, to October 29th, when it ends. Dates are also given of holiday runs. The events are printed between the spokes of an ordinary bicycle and are very prettily done. Besides these and the officers' names, there is on the last page a code of club run signals. The card is a handsome piece of workmanship done by PROGRESS, and is being distributed to members, together with a silver badge and a copy of bye-laws, on payment of dues.—Halifax Herald, April 20th.

The Dark Side of City Life.

Two small boys had a fight at the head of Paddock street last night. Aid. Barnes separated them.—Sun. A little girl named Mason was knocked down by a team as she was crossing Mill street yesterday afternoon. She was badly frightened, but not much hurt.

A life and drum band, with headquarters on Union street, paraded through several streets last evening playing some lively airs, and of course they attracted much attention.—Telegraph.

Livery men would do well to find out who they are before they let horses to small boys. A citizen complains that a young lad recently drove a horse on the sidewalk of some of the principal streets.—Id.

Between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, the awning over the windows of Wilson's butcher shop on Brussels street, caught fire. The blaze was smothered before much damage was done.—Telegraph.

As Dr. McAlpine was driving along Charlotte street last night the wheel of his carriage caught in the car track, which frightened his horse, causing it to plunge and kick. No damage was done.—Telegraph.

They Object to the Water.

Complaints are made by several parties that irreligious persons are allowed to take charge of the hose nozzles at fire, and that they abuse the power in their hands by directing the stream on a person engaged in protecting their property.—Newcastle Advocate.

LET'S HAVE A YACHT RACE.

Editor Stewart Talks About It and Makes a Suggestion.

That daring yachtsman, Editor Stewart of the Chatham World, still persists in his statement that a sail around the Nova Scotia coast in a small yacht would not be a difficult feat. This is what he has to say:— "PROGRESS says that our statement that the St. John yacht, British Queen, could sail to Halifax, 'has provoked some amusing comment.' It must have been by smooth-water and fair-weather sailors. There are at least two hundred boatmen in St. John, who would, any two or three of them, sail the yacht around. The first day's run, with a leading or following wind, would take them to Briar Island, and the rest of the trip would be short stages from port to port. An open boat, very little larger than the British Queen, sailed from Gaspe to New York not long ago, with Lecturer Armstrong on board, and he kept his dates as regularly as if he had been railroading or steamboating. Even smaller boats have crossed the Atlantic ocean. The 'amused comments,' therefore, were not made by men who know very much about yachting. PROGRESS says that 'several new boats are being built. Mr. Fowler has one, Mr. Thomson proposes to have something that will make the others look about them, to say nothing of Mr. Troop's new boat, or that of Elijah Ross.' St. John is evidently wide awake on the yachting question at last, and the prospects of an interprovincial race are good. One of the larger boats will, no doubt, be the champion. It would not be wise to send a smaller boat than the largest of the Halifax fleet. Size more than pays for itself in a yacht race, even with the time allowance against it, and St. John should not send a boat under 26 ft. load line to race against Yola and Lenore, the former being 26 ft. and the latter 27 ft. 1 inch. We hope PROGRESS will pound away at this matter. It has been successful in all its undertakings, it has the ear of both St. John and Halifax, and it can secure an interprovincial yacht race if it undertakes the task."

Remarkable Training of the Eye.

The capacity of the human eye for special training is even greater than that of the hand. A young lady, employed in one of the clipping bureaus in New York city can see certain names and subjects at a glance at the page of a newspaper. They are the names and subjects she is paid to look up through hundreds of newspapers every day. What the ordinary reader would have to read column after column to find—and then might miss—the one at which secures the merest casual glance at the sheet as soon as it is spread out before her.

"They stand right out," said she, laughingly, "just as if they were printed in bold black type and all the rest was small print. I couldn't help seeing them if I wanted to. When I begin to look up a new matter and drop an old one it bothers me a little—the latter by being in my mental way all the time and the former to be hunted; but in a few days one disappears and the other appears in some mysterious way, I can't tell how. I used to think bank cashiers and tellers were a remarkable set of people, but I know find that the eye is much quicker than the hand and is susceptible to a higher training."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Tommy Acted as He Would at Home.

A certain small Tom was going out to luncheon by invitation. His mother was anxious he should behave well, but wisely recalling that simplicity is the essence of all true politeness, gave him but one caution. "Act, Tom, as if you were at home; take what you want with a 'Yes, please,' and decline anything with a 'No, thank you,' be as honest as at our own table," trusting that with his confidence established the continual home sojourn of precept and example would bear its fruit.

At night Tom reported results. "I guess I did all right, mother," he said, "though I got a laugh on me once."

"What was that?" inquired his mother. "Well, we had baked apples, and when it came my turn to be served Mrs. E. said: 'And now, Tom, which apple do you want?'"

"You told her, of course," interpolated his mother, as he boy hesitated a little. "You know I have often explained that it is good manners to give a choice when one is asked."

"Yes, mother, I told her, and that was the laugh. I said: 'The one I want is gone.'"—New York Times.

PERSISTENT AND PERSONAL.

Mr. F. W. Green, agent of the Confederation Life Insurance company, for the Maritime Provinces, was in town this week. He found PROGRESS among many others he called upon. Mr. Green is a Toronto man who has made a success of insurance in the Maritime Provinces for himself and his company.

Get Your Feather Beds Ready.

Mr. John Frodsham has resumed his spring and summer business of renovating and cleaning feather beds. Those who have tried his process have always found it very satisfactory. He can be found at the old stand on Waterloo street.

WHAT A LANDLORD THINKS.

Different Classes of Tenants and of House Owners as Well.

"I read your stories on house hunting experiences," said a landlord to PROGRESS this week, "and while there is much that I can endorse from the landlord's point of view, there is a great deal more I could add if I were so disposed. It would not do, for I would have to illustrate by anecdotes that would be altogether too pointed. Everybody would know who I meant, and, besides, as long as I have houses to let, I do not want to get the reputation of a man who is always finding out something bad about his tenants. To my mind, however, the landlord is the one who deserves sympathy. He generally tries to do what is right, but you have no idea what kind of people are found in a mixed army of tenants."

"The easiest people to get along with are those who have always been used to living decently. The trouble is from those who have not been used to much and look for everything. The more you do for them, the more they want you to do. I suppose everybody who has travelled, has noticed that the most exacting patrons at hotels are of the shoddy class, while the least likely to complain are people of position. It is the same way with people who rent houses. I never have complaints from people who amount to anything. I try to do what is right, and they know it. The snobs, as I may call them, are the people who keep up a continual running to me about this thing or that, from the 1st of May in one year to the 30th of April in another."

"So far as my observation goes, there will not be an extra amount of moving this year. St. John has a good class of houses, as a rule, and people are more contented than they used to be when things were less convenient. A good many people have to move unless there is an absolute necessity, and the more landlords try to have their houses complete, the fewer notices to quit will they get from tenants. That has been my experience, however, but I do know of some landlords who always expect a general turn over on the first of May. If you would see the houses they have you would not wonder at this. The have an idea that it is better to make money by keeping poor accommodations and having people dissatisfied, than by going to a little outlay in the first instance in order to get and retain a better class of tenants. Those are my ideas on the subject. I am not ashamed of my houses, nor of the people who rent them."

The Home Physician.

There are some books besides the bible that are needed in every house, and the Practical Home Physician is one of them. This is an illustrated work of over 1,300 pages which treats of all the diseases that human flesh is heir to, and suggesting modes of treatment. It is a book of going to a little outlay in the first instance in order to get and retain a better class of tenants. Those are my ideas on the subject. I am not ashamed of my houses, nor of the people who rent them."

The Practical Home Physician stands alone as the standard family medical book. It is written, prescriptions and text, in plain English, so that everyone may readily understand it. It is the only family medical book written by a number of the leading doctors of the world, each one being a specialist in the department of which he treats, and all of them professors in the leading medical colleges. Over one million copies of the old edition are in use; and so great has been its popularity, that over seventy-five thousand copies have been exported to Australia, and ten thousand to South Africa. It has been translated into Spanish and scores of thousands sold in that language. Owing to the great popularity of this book, and knowing also that a million homes are still in want of it, and being determined to furnish the latest and best in every respect, with the most recent discoveries in medicine, we some time since decided to revise the work with that end in view. The first edition was the work of four doctors of the highest standing, and to assist in the revision, three other noted specialists, have been employed; so there can be no doubt that the work has been completely and thoroughly done. The revised edition brings everything up to date and completes all portions which were found wanting, or needing correction in the old.

The Song in the Air.

There's snow in the quiet valleys And over each silent hill; Unrobed are the scenes of summer— The brook in its bed is still. But from under the soft white cover Outspreads the sun-kiss'd plain Unrises a tender melody And the note of a glad refrain.

And above in the blue comes whirling The flight of swift winged bird— The light that are idly straying— Not are humming the song they're heard From the bird and the whirling flowers That the sleeping worldling hear! "Come forth from your long, long dream— For the spring, sweet spring, is near!" —Kate A. Bradley, in Boston Leader.

SPRINGHILL.

[PROGRESS is on sale at J. S. McDonald's book store.]

APRIL 20.—Quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen went to Parrboro this week to sing at a concert there. An excursion train left here at 10 a. m. and arrived in Parrboro a little after 8. After a most enjoyable evening the party returned to town, between 12 and 1 o'clock. The 93rd. band on board the journey with most delightful music. Mrs. Eason, of Halifax, is in town, visiting her sisters, Mrs. Dr. Byers and Rev. Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Daniel Ferguson is creating a new bridge on the upper part of Main street. I understand it will be quite an ornament to that part of the town. Mrs. Capt. Croyer, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Robt. Redpath, left Thursday for Advoca.

The school examinations took place last week, and were well attended. The exercises were most interesting and the singing in Miss Le. Est's Primary department particularly so.

Mr. Perrin, of Cape Breton, mother of Mr. L. A. Ferris, is in town, on route to New York, to visit a daughter there.

The Steel Battalion band are arranging for a concert to be given about the 1st of May. MANS.

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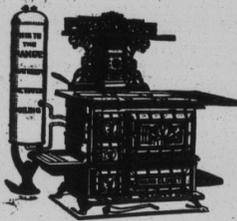
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**St. John-South End.**  
Miss Alice Tuck entertained a number of her young friends yesterday at an afternoon "at home" from 5 o'clock till 7, at her father's residence, Elliot Row, which was a very pleasant gathering. Refreshments were served during the afternoon.  
Mr. C. W. Hope Grant has returned home from a pleasant trip to Halifax.  
The Musical club met on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Patton, Elliot Row, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.  
Mrs. MacLaughlin arrived from Montreal last week and is visiting her son Mr. W. A. MacLaughlin, Brittain street.  
Mrs. Twining, Halifax, who has been visiting Mrs. Spurr has returned home.  
The death of Mr. R. D. McArthur occurred on Saturday last at his residence, German street, after a long and trying illness of cancer of the throat. Mr. McArthur was a well known druggist and has been in business since 1845. He was in his 67th year. His death is much regretted by a very large circle of friends and business associates.  
Mr. James Harding is visiting New York.  
The many friends in St. John of Mr. and Mrs. Blackberry congratulate them upon the birth of a daughter at Bermuda on Easter day.  
Miss Trice, of Sussex, spent this week in St. John, the guest of Mrs. J. de Wolf Spurr, German street.  
Mrs. Ira Corwell is visiting Montreal.  
Miss Alice King left for Bathurst, this week, to spend a few weeks.  
Mrs. A. Moore, of Halifax, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Hazen, Chipman place.  
Mr. Herbert Moore, of the Bank of Montreal, left for Moncton the first of the week, where he has been ordered to the branch of the bank there, on relief duty.  
Mrs. Drury and family have returned from a few weeks visit to Kingston, Ont. Her two grand-children accompanied her to St. John to remain during Mrs. Porter's absence in England.  
Mr. Barton Gandy returned on Thursday from a trip to England. He has been absent about six weeks.  
Miss Wilson, of Scotland, is the guest of Mrs. L. McLaren, Charlotte street.  
Mr. S. Ford, of St. John, spent this week in the city, the guest of Dr. G. Walker.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Turnbull returned on Wednesday from a trip to the States.  
Mrs. Watters and family left, last night, for West Point, near Boston, where they will reside. Their many friends in this city will regret their departure from their evening home in their new home. Sister Elizabeth, of the "Order of the Holy Name," Malvern, England, arrived in St. John on Monday last, and is staying at the Mission house, Paradise Row.  
At the convocations to be given by St. George's society on Monday evening, it is intended to have an impromptu dance after the musical programme is finished.  
The final meeting of one of the whist clubs was held at the residence of Judge and Mrs. King, Orange street, on Tuesday evening, and not last week, as I erroneously stated. It was, of course, of much interest to the members, as the winners of the prizes had to be decided upon after the play of that evening was finished. The winners of the first prizes were Mrs. G. C. Coster and Mr. Graham, the former receiving a very elegant silver lamp, the latter, a silver pocket book. The two booby prizes were presented to Mrs. Murray MacLean, consisting of a box of whist, and to Mr. James Mowat, a cup and saucer.  
Mr. Murray MacLean spent this week in Halifax, on Wednesday evening a quiet wedding took place at Robtson's when Dr. Charles McMurdo of the United States army was witnessed by the daughter of Mr. S. B. Hall were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Lloyd in the Methodist church, and was witnessed by a large number of the friends of the bride, a large party driving out from the church to the residence. The bride and groom left the same evening for Montreal where they will spend a short time before taking up their residence in the States. Minneapolis being their future home. The bride was the daughter of Mr. S. B. Hall, of the Church of England Institute held their annual sale at St. John's church school room on Thursday afternoon and evening. The display of fancy work was very fine and nearly all sold at a good price. The tables were well patronized by members of the different churches. The tables were tastefully adorned with cut flowers.

Dr. and Mrs. Inches left for England on the 16th. They expect to be absent about six weeks and will visit Perthshire, Edinburgh, and London, U. B.  
Miss Lattaway and Miss A. De La Haye took passage in the steamer *Furber* from Halifax last Saturday.  
Mr. Alexander Wilson of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Montreal, spent the Easter vacation among his old friends in St. John.  
Mr. J. H. Thomson has returned from his recent visit to the United States, but his wife who went with him, will remain some time longer.  
Mr. G. E. Robertson, M. P., Charlottetown, and Mr. G. E. Kaulbach, Lunenburg, spent Good Friday in this city.  
Rev. A. J. McFarland has returned from his trip to Pittsburg, Pa.  
Miss Marian Clinch left for New York on Monday morning, and will spend a month with friends there.  
Miss Alice Grant is here the guest of the Misses Christie, Willington Row.  
Mr. E. A. Smith (of Harding & Smith) has had a very pretty residence built in English style. He will shortly remove to spend the summer months.  
The ladies of St. Paul's (Valley) Needlework society held a pleasant business meeting at the residence of Mrs. F. Hanington, Charlotte street, on Monday evening.  
Miss Machin the lady principal of the Church school, Windsor, N. B., arrived here last week and is staying with Mrs. G. Sidney Smith, Dorchester street.  
Miss Charlotte Smith, Miss Isabel Christie and Miss Gertrude Hamington, who are all pupils of Miss Machin, are here for their Easter holidays.  
Mr. W. L. Pichard, of Halifax, and Mr. Smith, M.P. for Fontenac, Ont., were in town this week.  
Mr. D. Carleton Clinch left last Saturday for Waterboro, Maine.  
Mr. Leonard and Lady Tilley spent Good Friday in St. John.  
Dr. Borden, M. P. and Mrs. Borden were here lately on road to Quebec.  
Mr. Samuel Gardner has been visiting St. Andrews.  
Mr. Arch McKinnon, contractor, of Cape Breton, is here located at the Clifton House.  
Miss Alice King left on Monday afternoon for Bathurst, where she intends to remain for about two months.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dickson returned this week from Montreal.  
Mr. J. C. Robertson has also returned home.  
Rev. W. H. Daniels, formerly pastor of Zion church, but now of Lucknow, India, is here, the guest of Mrs. Thomas Jordan, Paradise row, but will shortly leave for Omaha, where he will represent the great East Indian branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at a convention to be held there.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Palmer left Liverpool on the 18th inst. for New York.  
The Coadjutor Bishop and Mrs. Kingdon came down to St. John on Wednesday.  
Mr. C. Herbert McLean, of the Bank of Montreal, has been temporarily transferred to Moncton.  
Dr. J. O. Y. Earle, of the Range, Queen's county, has been re-tying his old home and friends in St. John, and all are pleased to see him looking so well.  
Mr. F. W. Murray is confined to his residence with an attack of pneumonia.  
Auditor General Beck, Rev. J. Roy Campbell, of Dorchester, the Misses Wilkins, St. Charles, and W. T. Haey, of Fredericton, are in town this week.  
The old friends of Mrs. Scovell (see Miss Du Verne) are glad to see her in St. John. She is stopping at Miss Ballou's, German street.  
An early wedding took place at St. Mary's church on Wednesday at six a.m. when Mr. J. A. Fowler of the Hotel Stanley was married to Miss Emma A. Watson, daughter of Mr. Nicholas Watson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. G. Raymond, the bridegroom being Miss Annie Fowler, sister of the groom, and a younger sister of the bride. Mr. H. Bell acted as groomsmen. The happy couple left for Halifax, where they will spend the honeymoon.  
Another wedding took place the same evening at the Congregational church, when Mr. Thomas Bell was united in marriage to Miss Jennie V. Moore, daughter of the late Mr. E. E. Moore. Many handsome presents were received, among them an elegant marble clock from Mr. Bell's fellow employees. Mr. and Mrs. Bell left for the United States, where they will visit several cities before returning to St. John.  
The ball given at the students assembly room on Easter Monday night by La Tour Division, Brother-

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Discussion reigns in society, in feminine society, on the subject of the ladies' ball. There are three distinct parties all very earnest, and all anxious for different things. The smallest of these opposing camps does not want a ball at all, and with good sense and dignity on its side cannot see any need for such a function. Another division would like to limit the subscribers to say twenty ladies, each of whom would give twenty or twenty-five dollars to the fund, and thus be able to give a very good dance, for which they would receive some credit, and return with propriety some of the hospitality they have respectively been shown. This would be an excellent idea for such ladies who do not occupy houses sufficiently large to warrant their giving a ball in them, and so has its supporters, but the largest portion of society clings to the original proposal of gathering together many ladies as possible, married or single, who will each be expected to contribute six dollars in addition to a substantial donation to the supper table. The objection to this plan is that the credit divided between society hostesses will be rather indistinct, and a large number of guests who must necessarily be invited by the multitude of subscribers will make too great a crowd for comfort in the Maplewood ball room, and it will be finally arranged to no extent to say, a meeting was held last week, when every one will receive circulars on the subject and obtain will return over another bold idea which did not materialize.

It is not often that three bishops make a passage in one steamer, but when Dr. Courtenay came from England last week he had the congenial society of two other magnates of the church on the voyage. The clergy in general seem to have a predilection for going to sea during Lent. Certainly if mortification of the flesh is in the view, the representatives of the church if they happen to have a tendency to sea-sickness, obtain their object with thoroughness and speed. Also, it deprives fasting of its terrors. Champagne and a dry biscuit are ample diet whereas on land they would approach starvation. Bishop Courtenay looks wonderfully well, and has it to be hoped made a complete recovery. In spite of the fatigue of the voyage, he preached on Sunday evening at St. Luke's cathedral to a large congregation which had gathered to welcome him. Mrs. Courtenay remained in England, where the Rev. W. B. King goes very soon on a short holiday.

This is the time for moving and house-furnishing, and those that are not selling are buying. The "about-to-be-married" buy the heavy furniture, and are busy furnishing their houses. Two medical gentlemen are the most prominent agents in these. One is refurnishing the house in which he lives in the most gorgeous style, and the other has a house on Pleasant street, opposite the old Denison property and which is being done up from top to bottom. Mr. J. A. G. is a candidate to be elected an easy place in which to furnish a house because it is without doubt the "city of sales" every day there is an auction and the best of things may be picked up very cheaply. Capt. and Mrs. Ganssen, who are giving up their home in Morris street, will go to Bedford for the summer.

The Hon. Charles and Mrs. Alexander will probably spend the summer in Halifax with their children, and will take a house at the Albert Hotel. Mr. John A. Moore has taken Hilton cottage, and Mr. A. E. Jones, as previously reported, and Mrs. Jones, I understand, having resigned in favor of the Oak. Mrs. and Miss Morrow have returned to Birchem for the summer. Miss Morrow's marriage has been fixed for the first of June, but she will return to Birchem after her wedding journey, and remain there until Major Bay is ordered away. Mr. and Mrs. John Wylie are expected in a week or two from England, where they have been staying with their daughter, Mrs. Dixon. Mrs. Macfarlane, whose husband died so suddenly and sadly last week, has given up her home and will take rooms with Mrs. Isaac Wylie until her affairs are settled. Miss Roberts, who has spent the winter at Fernwood, will spend most of the summer months at Hillside hall. Surg. on Captain and Mrs. Fowler will spend the summer at McNab's Island, Surg. on Major Dorman remaining in Halifax. Colonel and Mrs. Rolph are expected from Bermuda in the next boat. Mrs. Rolph's health is said to be much improved. The first arrival of the season among the men of war on this station is the *Patagonia*, which is commanded by Capt. Riddell, who is so well known here. She will however only make a very short stay in Halifax.

The Wanderers have hit on an enormous amount for their dramatic performances in May. Mr. Carie whose ability in the theatrical way is well known, and who possesses also a very great talent for anything comic, will be heard in "Lara-ra Boom Boom" which can easily be introduced in its own merit. Here is a draw, you like, and added to an excellent cast it should be a very successful attraction of large dimensions.

On Tuesday Mrs. Norman Lee gave a small tea, and on Wednesday Mrs. Wallace Graham was at home in her pretty house on South Park street. The afternoon was the guest of honor, and the great many people came and went during the afternoon. Many ladies will be much disappointed on account of the races not going to take place. It has been the custom for many years for society to order her new gowns, so as to have it in time for the local Assort. But now some of the gowns have been ordered, and the occasion exists not for the wearing of them. It is to be hoped that Sir John Ross or the new Admiral will give a large garden party about this time, so as to let these disappointed ones have a chance to show off their new gowns. Two dresses particularly have been ordered, one a white corduroy, and another a lawn-ward, with a black back coat. Both of these were to have astonished the community at the fashions.

There is more than the usual amount of excitement over the civic elections which take place next week, owing to the fact that a different class will be represented. And if three of the would-be aldermen are elected, we will see three society ladies representing the city, a thing unheard of for many years. One perhaps, if things go on, we will have the civic authorities taking their proper place in society and the representatives of the city in social affairs. There is no doubt that the mayor ought to be the head of the city and that the mayors ought to be the head of the city-terminus—but how often do we even hear the name of the mayors mentioned at all almost never. It is to be hoped these candidates will be elected, as an encouragement to other aspirants after civic honors. Then the day may not be far off when the council will be council and the feminine part of it will be the dictators in the world of fun and fashion. How much better it would be if such a state of things could be brought about, and how much desired by all. Then let us hope that the idea will not be nipped in the bud of its birth next week.

Capt. Boileau is the third victim to scarlet fever among the R. A. and B. E., and I am sorry to hear that his case has been of a more severe kind than that of either Capt. Molony or Mr. Elliott, both of whom are on a long way to recovery. A revolution is most imminent in the fashion of dresses. A dress which has come out from England to one of the brilliant elect of next month has sleeves with merely the remnant of a puff on the shoulder, but quite enormous at the elbow. What is the woman inclined to do? For the new sleeve will add quite six inches to the apparent width of the figure at the waist. Then let us hope that the idea will not be nipped in the bud of its birth next week.

The season of Mayflower parties has arrived, and on Monday there was a small one across the N. W. Arm, which did not obtain very much in the way of flowers. Indeed they are scarce as yet, the season having been so dry and alternately hot and cold.

On Wednesday a second walking party got up by two young and energetic ladies, was the principal thing going. The party went by train to Hockingham, and walked from there to Bedford where they had tea at Morrison's and returned by the five o'clock train. It was intended at first to have dined at the Bedford and to have returned to town by one of the evening trains, but this arrangement was altered at the last moment.

Quite a whirl of dissipation came in with Easter week in the way of public amusements. Miss Jones

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Mills at the Academy has had but fair attendance owing to the many other attractions. The principal Mary's ball on Monday and Tuesday, and the Rainhow fair at the Church of England Institute on Wednesday and Thursday. The great feature of the former entertainment was the first appearance of Miss May Phelan, whose charming dancing made her a favorite at once. She is very graceful in all her movements and gave quite a wonderful performance for an amateur.

The ladies who were in charge of the Rainhow fair certainly seem to have made a success of it. The idea of having Zeta Benson give a parlor entertainment on the second evening was capital, and drew even better than the first.

TRURO, N. S. [Progress is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fubler's, and at D. H. Smith & Co.]

Hon. Senator, Mrs. and Miss McKay returned last week from Ottawa. Mr. Will McKay is home from college at Windsor. Mr. Edward Anand is enjoying his Easter vacation among home friends. Miss Maud Archibald is spending Easter among home friends.

Miss Emma Snook, of the Church college, Windsor, is home for a few days. Mrs. J. B. Calkin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Carson in Pictou. Mrs. Alvin Craig is here from Pictou, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Campbell, Tatamagouche, is a guest of her son Mr. George B. Campbell, Halifax Road, Sun. Mrs. Lawrence, of the young ladies college, Halifax, is spending the Easter holidays among relatives here. Dr. Harley Jacques, superintendent of Victoria general hospital, Halifax, was in town over Sunday.

Mr. N. E. Biglow, is home from New York, delighting home friends with the light of his charming presence. Messrs. W. Strain and Geo. Lyde of the Halifax Banking Co., Halifax, were in town over Sunday. Mr. Stein's many friends here are always delighted to hear from him. Mr. Stein is now either in the head office, Halifax.

Mr. A. S. Murphy, the popular proprietor of the Hotel Stanley, left for Wallace yesterday, where he figures as one of the principals in a most interesting event—his marriage with Miss Alta E. Flinn, daughter of the late Thomas Flinn, of Wallace. Mr. F. W. Dimock spent Sunday among Truro friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yuill and family and Mr. H. C. C. Yuill drove to Great Village last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. G. and Mr. L. E. Gourley have been in Halifax for a day or two this week on business. Mr. G. A. Martens, accountant, and the Hon. Nova Scotia, Kentville, returned home on Monday, after a short stay among Truro friends.

Master Neville Cumming, eldest son of Rev. Thos. Cumming, was the successful academy student who was awarded the gold medal, donated by Dr. Langille. Master Cumming was also the recipient of the Moore's gold volume of "Modern Poets."

Rev. E. B. Moore, of Halifax, will occupy his former pulpit in the Methodist church here on Sunday.

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The floral contributions were very nicely arranged, but would certainly have been more effective if those in front of the church had not been backed themselves up in front of the choir, who acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" was especially arranged by Mr. F. W. Robb, and was grandly rendered. The solo by Wood, who never sang better, and Mr. H. J. Wood, were very excellent. The choir, in their composition and were rendered in a most acceptable manner. The solo by Mr. F. W. Robb, who never sang better, and Mr. H. J. Wood, were very excellent. The choir, in their composition and were rendered in a most acceptable manner.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Curry have also arrived from a trip to Bermuda. Mr. Curry's health has improved in Mr. Curry's health the land of illies must be a proper rest for invalids. Mr. D.M. Foy has returned from a visit to friends in New Brunswick. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. G. have gone to St. John's for an effort to get the subject of his evening's discourse that grand hymn of praise by Jackson was very appropriately sung at the close of the service, and the fine bass voice of Mr. H. Hillcock was never heard to better effect than in vined all listeners that their organs were fully occupied in the right place. It was very pleasing to hear familiar tones of Mr. Wood's fine tenor voice again, and I hope that he may yet contribute to be a permanent member of the choir.

Mrs. C. O. Topper returned home last week after a lengthy visit to Yarmouth and other western towns. Mr. Walter More, who was home for Easter, returned to Halifax on Sunday. I hear that Mr. Geo. Hillcock has secured a pretty cottage in town and intends moving his family here the first of next month. Miss Flora Nelson of Truro, who is attending school in New York, spent the Easter holidays in town, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. S. Chapman, Church street.

Mr. Amos Purdy returned the latter part of the week from New York, accompanied by Mrs. Purdy, who seems much improved by the trip. Mrs. Dunlop has gone to River Hill for a few days. Mrs. Theresa Hay, of Dorchester, spent the past week with Mrs. W. Douglas, Victoria street. Quite a number of Mr. W. Sleep's most intimate friends gathered on Saturday evening to the evening's train for Chicago, where he expects to be a fortnight, visiting Montreal and Ottawa. Miss Edna Moffat gave a very social and pleasant afternoon tea on Monday evening. The guests present were: Miss H. Miles, Misses Purdy, Bell, Christie, Page, and Miss Kitchin, Miss Seaborn (Sackville), Miss Rice (Bear River), and Miss Gater. Mr. Harold Main spent Sunday with friends in Truro.

Mrs. Tilden left on Monday to visit her home at Niagara. Senator Dickie returned from Ottawa the middle of last week in order to accompany Mrs. Dickie to visit her daughter and other friends in London where she is absent until summer. I wish this estimate of her enjoyment of her voyage and a senator returned to Amherst for Easter, and left for Ottawa again on the first of the week. The "at home" by the maids this evening bids fair to be a very delightful time, as the entertainment furnished is of the highest order, and the refreshments are of the most beautiful decorated for the occasion.

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AMHERST. The Easter season has scarcely opened to the extent I hoped for, but musically we are above any preceding year. Our soloists are in constant demand, although, owing to the trying severity of our climate upon the throat at this time of year, they are rarely heard at their very best. The music on Easter Sunday in the various churches was fully up to the average, as far as I could ascertain, excepting that of the Baptist congregation, whose choir recently have chosen a most unpropitious season for abridgment. My attention was divided between the best organs, I was therefore greatly disappointed to find Prof. Max Sterne unavailably absent from his post in St. Stephen church, although his place was ably filled by Mr. E. W. Robb, who conducted the choir in a bright and inspiring manner. The floral decorations were very beautiful and rare. The services were very beautiful and rare. The services were very beautiful and rare. The services were very beautiful and rare.

The floral contributions were very nicely arranged, but would certainly have been more effective if those in front of the church had not been backed themselves up in front of the choir, who acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" was especially arranged by Mr. F. W. Robb, and was grandly rendered. The solo by Wood, who never sang better, and Mr. H. J. Wood, were very excellent. The choir, in their composition and were rendered in a most acceptable manner. The solo by Mr. F. W. Robb, who never sang better, and Mr. H. J. Wood, were very excellent. The choir, in their composition and were rendered in a most acceptable manner.

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Mrs. C. O. Topper returned home last week after a lengthy visit to Yarmouth and other western towns. Mr. Walter More, who was home for Easter, returned to Halifax on Sunday. I hear that Mr. Geo. Hillcock has secured a pretty cottage in town and intends moving his family here the first of next month. Miss Flora Nelson of Truro, who is attending school in New York, spent the Easter holidays in town, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. S. Chapman, Church street.

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MONMOUTH.

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APRIL 20.—The masculine portion of Monmouth's population is in a state of tremulous excitement this week, the reason for which will be apparent as soon as I explain that the society ladies of our city have taken advantage of the unusual privilege this year afforded them, and are entertaining their male friends at a leap year ball, which will take place tomorrow evening in the spacious parlors of the Royal Hotel! It is any wonder that each masculine heart beats higher with expectation, and most threatens to burst through the fragile bonds of its own new spring waistcoat? There is a mysterious and delightful uncertainty as to the etiquette to be observed on this auspicious occasion which is truly thrilling, but there is one most important point, on which there is the most reassuring and certain certainty—none of us will have anything to pay! We are to be entertained, and we hope to be made much of, and to be able to pay the bill for the entertainment, and all that will be expected of us, is to look our best, and enjoy ourselves to the utmost. The only thing to be afraid of, is that the very novelty of the thing will be too much for us, and lead to over-excitement with a feeling of constraint. I believe the weighty question of which sex is expected to invite the other to dance is still a mooted one, as the ladies have declined to afford any information on the subject until the time for decided action has arrived, but what a delicious sensation it would be to be asked to dance in a corner, while a group of their girls clustered around you with programmes in their hands, and beseeching you to dance with them almost too good to be true, but time will decide, and set all these futile heart harangues at naught.

The two holidays passed very quietly, it would hardly be strange if they had not. I suppose, considering they were both of a religious nature, good Friday was observed in most of the churches, and the Easter services and decorations were in full of their usual standard. Nearly all of the churches were beautifully decorated with flowers, St. Bernard's especially, the decorations of which are always the special care of Mr. Hugh Hamilton, and to those who know the Hamiltons and who are enthusiastically he has devoted the best energies of his artistic nature to the service of his church for years past, it is scarcely necessary to say anything more.

The Central Methodist church and St. George's church of England came next in the order of taste- ful decorations. St. George's having beautiful altar decorations of Easter and calla lilies in the form of a large cross, and also bouquets presented by a member of the congregation. The special music was well sung and greatly appreciated. Tonight the church talked of entertainment in aid of the organ fund of St. George's church, to take place on Monday, and to be a brilliant success. Sixteen of Monmouth's fair- est maidens are to participate in the drawing of prizes, and members of the parish that will assist, so the tickets should flow into the coffers of the organ committee in a golden stream.

There were the usual number of visitors in town during the holidays, and the number of citizens spending their holidays out of town, so the population maintained its accustomed balance. Amongst the former I was glad to see Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ryan, now of St. John, who spent Easter with Mrs. Ryan's mother, Mrs. William Weston. They were warmly welcomed by their numerous friends.

Miss Jean Bruce and Miss Alice McEwen, of Monmouth Ladies' academy, spent their holidays at their respective homes in Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hewson spent Easter Sunday at Mrs. Hewson's home in Dorchester.

Mr. A. E. Wilkinson, of the I. C. R., spent Friday and Saturday at his home in Newcastle.

Mr. Arthur Boyd, of the Bank of Montreal, spent Easter at his home in St. John.

Mr. W. F. Hunt, of the bank of Nova Scotia, who is lecturing at the Chatham branch, spent Sunday in town.

The many friends of Mr. F. W. B. Moore, of the bank of Montreal, will be sorry to hear that he has been obliged to apply for sick leave again on account of trouble with his eye. It will be absent for about a month.

Mr. G. H. Baugster returned last Wednesday from his orange grove at Citra, Florida, where he has been visiting the last few weeks.

Mr. George McQueen, of the Commercial Union, was glad to welcome her back to town last week. Mrs. McQueen was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lafuzey, of Summerside, spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. George McQueen.

Mr. J. F. Hill, city editor of the Transcript, spent Easter at his home in St. John.

Mr. C. F. Hamilton, who spent the Easter holidays in town visiting his son, Mr. L. Stubbins, of the bank of Montreal.

Mr. A. C. Newell, of Springfield, Kings county, accompanied by Mrs. Cresswell and their two little daughters, spent Easter in town. Mrs. Cresswell's father, Mr. George Taylor, of the I. C. R., spent Easter at his home in St. John.

Mr. Herbert Arnold, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, left town on Thursday for Sussex, to take charge of the branch there for the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. C. Knowles of St. John, spent Easter with Mrs. Knowles' sister Mrs. J. S. Marne of Alma street.

Miss Lillian Burt and Miss Lillian Nicholson of the Victoria school, spent Easter holidays at their respective homes in Fredericton. Miss Burt's Monmouth friends will regret to hear that she has been obliged to stop her studies until the end of the term, on account of ill health, and will look forward to seeing her next fall again in September blooming with renewed health.

A memorial service was held in the Mission Hall at Sunny Brae last Sunday evening in memory of Miss Laura Humphrey, who died last month in Bermuda, and who, like her mother, was a native of the land on which the hall is built. It was largely attended.

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Mr. G. S. McCord took a flying trip to Amherst on Friday. I believe that Mr. McCord is attracted by something more than business in that busy town as his trips are quite frequent.

Mr. W. McQueen, M. P., paid a visit on last Tuesday.

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One of our most popular young men, Mr. Aubrey Smith, of the Mercantile Bank of Halifax, has been promoted and left on Friday evening for his new station in Lunenburg, N. S. Mr. Smith's departure will be felt by all his friends. A large crowd assembled at the depot to see him off, and amid cheering and waving of handkerchiefs the train moved slowly on. Sad were the faces of the young maidens as they turned away from the station and their loved ones. Mr. Smith was entertained at an oyster supper at the Metropolitan chop house by his young gentlemen friends before his departure.

DOUGHERTY.

[Progress is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's store.]

April 20.—Easter is over, and though nearly three weeks later than last year, the day did not seem very much warmer. Of course the usual number of light dresses and spring hats and bonnets made their appearance. I don't know when or where the custom of wearing something new upon Easter day took root, but it seems to me a very pleasant one. Winter garments take on a tired and seem to take a well earned rest. Next comes the cleaning, that *habe sois* of coarse muslin and flannel, but, alas! there is no exception in land of coat dust, so we must needs grin and bear it.

The social at Rocky, of Monday evening, was a most unqualified success. Several societies were given by the "orchestra," and soloists Mrs. McCreath, Miss Maude Hamilton, Miss Lulu Ebb, Mr. Edmund Foster, and Master Albert Palmer, a very young member of our musical society, rendered a violin solo in a charming manner. There were several other selections, and bagatelle eleven o'clock, when coffee and light refreshments were handed round. A very successful feature of the occasion was the collection, which amounted to about thirty-five dollars, to go into the general church war fund. After the social proper had concluded with God Save the Queen, the younger guests indulged in dancing for an hour or two, and so brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Mrs. Hickman and Mr. Wilson were too well known to St. John's "Dorchester" "bitter days" to need any more of my humble pen, but certainly their kindly efforts were rewarded in the pleasure of their guests this time, as of old.

We have had a large number of visitors during the past week, and they are still here, but a good many "have dispersed and wandered." Mrs. C. W. Hamilton and her two children returned to Monmouth yesterday. Mr. Hamilton is nearly recovered from a rather trying attack of neuralgia.

Mr. Birchall, of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and the Misses Birchall spent Monday in town. They were very cordially welcomed by the accom- modations of our palatial hotel, and will probably return very soon. It is pleasant to say the idea of building the new hotel is about extinguished. Another night has been laid to rest.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Brown of Monmouth, and their little daughter spent Easter at Maplehurst with Mrs. Brown's parents.

Miss Sadie Foster and Miss Maud Hamilton came from Windsor on Wednesday and will return either on Thursday or Friday.

Miss Nettie Palmer and Miss Lottie Wallace came from Sackville on Thursday and went back yesterday.

Miss Felt is at home again after a long visit in Monmouth.

Mrs. J. A. McQueen's many friends are delighted to know that she will visit in Dorchester until the end of the term, and that she will be in town on Monday, that snatcher of our youth and beauty.

Rev. Mr. Campbell left by last night's train for Wheeling, Va., where he was summoned by the death of his mother, Mrs. Campbell, of Wheeling, Her Dorchester friends will join in hoping it may not be serious.

Miss Lay is visiting Mrs. Douglas in Amherst. Mrs. Angus McQueen has been spending a few days in Dorchester.

Rev. Cecil Wiggins was here on Monday to attend the social.

Mr. Roy Campbell, of St. John, spent Sunday at his home, remaining until Tuesday.

It might be supposed that Rev. Chas. Henderson, who has been visiting in town for a few days, would have taken of their hospitality, among whom were the Misses Flowering, Miss Hagarty, Miss Frost, Mr. Bruce, Mr. LeB Black, Mr. Sam Flowering, Mr. John Frost and others.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitaker, of St. John, have been making a short visit to our peaceful little town, but they are now, they deserve credit for a few days' rest.

Mr. H. C. Hamilton was in town for Easter, and I think that I have my list of visitors for the week.

Mrs. Maud and Master Lionel Hamilton went to Monmouth this morning, and I believe are going up for the entertainment in the opera house tonight.

ANDOVER.

APRIL 19.—Rev. H. Estabrooks has returned from a long visit to his home in Sackville.

Miss Barton and Miss Mary Watson spent Sunday at Grand Falls.

Mr. H. C. Henderson spent his Easter holidays in Woodstock.

Mr. Wm. Wallace, of Wolfville, N. S., spent Sunday here, the guest of Rev. Chas. Henderson.

Conversations to Dr. and Mrs. Wiley the arrival of a little stranger, a young son.

SUSSEX.

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April 20.—The holidays have come and gone and with them the well-known faces of several visitors who had made the most of this opportunity to visit their friends and relatives.

Easter day was not as fine as some of the days we have had this spring, but it was the enough to delight the fair possessors of new bonnets and dresses.

The Easter decorations in some of the churches were very beautiful. The Methodist church, as usual, showed the good taste of its workers, but the pains were much enhanced by the profusion of calla lilies, geraniums, fuchsias and other plants with which it was decorated. The most beautiful thing among these decorations was the memorial cross presented by Mrs. C. S. Medley, of St. John, in memory of her husband and her late son-in-law.

There was another attractive feature, and was mostly taken from the Kingston Deacons' Choral Union music. The antem, "He is Risen today," was well rendered, the solo being taken by Mrs. F. W. Arnold.

The decorations and music of the Methodist church were also heard, very beautiful and elaborate.

Horseback riding seems about the most popular amusement at present, and this is just the time of year most fitted for this delightful exercise.

Miss Merton is visiting friends in St. John, and several new recruits, especially two or three young ladies who will doubtless soon make acquaintance with the saddle.

We are looking forward to the ball to be given by the Methodist church on Friday evening. This will be the great society event of this week, and will no doubt be most enjoyable as the host and hostess are packing no paltry fare.

The social at Rocky, of Monday evening, and day or two in town.

Dr. R. T. Robertson and Miss Grace Robertson spent Tuesday in St. John.

Mr. Will McIntyre of St. John, spent Friday with his wife and children at the home of Mrs. J. W. Brown, who had been visiting her mother Mrs. Graham, was suddenly called to St. John by the sad news that her husband had met with a painful accident.

Mr. C. E. Haven spent Thursday in St. John. Mr. E. Philips of St. John, was in town on Wednesday.

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FREDERICTON.

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APRIL 20th.—A very pretty Easter wedding took place to-day at the residence of Mr. Wm. Fowler, when his daughter, Miss Annie, was united in mar- riage to Mr. E. Bayard Fisher, son of Mr. C. H. B. Fisher. The house had been beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. The bride, who looked beautiful, wore a handsome gown of white cord silk with embroidered ribbon trim- mings and bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of roses. She was attended by her cousin Miss Ethel Hatt, who wore a beautiful gown of yellow silk with gold and silver over- yellow silk. The groom was supported by his brother Mr. Walter Fisher. The groom's best man was Mr. E. Bayard Fisher, son of Mr. C. H. B. Fisher. The house had been beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. The bride, who looked beautiful, wore a handsome gown of white cord silk with embroidered ribbon trim- mings and bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of roses. She was attended by her cousin Miss Ethel Hatt, who wore a beautiful gown of yellow silk with gold and silver over- yellow silk. The groom was supported by his brother Mr. Walter Fisher. The groom's best man was Mr. E. Bayard Fisher, son of Mr. C. H. B. Fisher.

Among the bridal presents were an elegant pair of white cord silk with embroidered ribbon trim- mings and a handsome silver service, the gift of the groom's aunt. The happy couple left in their four o'clock train for Toronto and will spend their honeymoon in that city.

Conversations to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Brown on the arrival of a son.

Miss Myra Hatt is visiting friends in St. John. Miss Myra Hatt is visiting friends in St. John. Miss Myra Hatt is visiting friends in St. John.

Mr. Herbert McLean, of St. John, spent a few days in town, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Brown.

Mr. Carr Allen has returned from a visit to St. John, where he was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Brown.

After a hour visit to Wainfleet, Mr. Isaac Long has returned home to Fredericton and purchased "Park cottage" where he will in future reside.

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Major Gordon returned home from Halifax to spend Easter with his family.

Mr. C. J. Saxe of Richibucto, was at the Barker house last week.

Dr. F. M. Brown and family will shortly remove to British Columbia where the former proposes practicing his profession.

Mr. Sandford of St. John, spent Good Friday in Fredericton.

Miss Rosell Street left on Saturday morning for St. John, where she will be much missed by her friends in the Celestial city.

Mr. F. Drummond Henderson, who has been taking a special course at the Military School, returned to Halifax on Monday.

Mr. Herbert McLean, of St. John, spent a few days in the city last week.

Mr. Fred Temple of St. John, spent Good Friday in Fredericton.

Capt. and Mrs. Geo. Maunsel, who have been visiting Col. and Mrs. Maunsel, have returned to their home "Fern Hill."

Whelpy, Waterloo road.

Judge Hamilton, of Dorchester, spent a few days in town, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Brown.

Miss Emma Crookshank and Miss Taber went to St. John to attend the wedding of Mrs. Adams, week before last.

Mr. Lee Street arrived home from McGill uni- versity on Saturday last.

Miss Hamlin Crookshank leaves shortly for Ham- ton, where she intends making a long stay.

Blossie, Walker, Road, Seaside and Ritchie left for St. John last Thursday to spend their Easter vaca- tion.

Mr. H. H. Hagerman, of the U. N. B. went to Fredericton on Friday to spend his vacation.

Mr. Watson left on Friday for his home in Victoria.

Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley spent a few days in St. John last week.

There was a meeting of the young ladies of the Hospital aid society, at Mrs. Gregory's, Georges street, on Wednesday afternoon, to arrange an entertainment for the summer.

Miss Nan Maunsel has returned from her long visit to her parents.

A confirmation service was held in the cathedral on Saturday last. The Bishop-Coadjutor conducted the service, and quite a large number were confirmed.

Minchin Gordon left on Wednesday morn- ing for St. John, to make a short visit before re- turning to her home in Bathurst.

Mr. Watson left on Monday for St. John, to visit Mrs. H. H. Hagerman before going to the North.

Miss Amy V. Carman, of St. John, is visiting friends in Fredericton.

Miss Myra Hatt spent a few days in St. John this week.

Miss Alice Tippet leaves on Monday for Boston.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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APRIL 20.—Mrs. A. F. Lindow gave a delightful party to a number of friends on Tuesday evening.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Manford Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woolcock, Mrs. Enoch Burpee, Mrs. A. McCluskey, Misses McWhirly, Miss Nettie Eastman, Mrs. Rose Brittain, Mrs. Barryman, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Rose McDonald, Miss Smith, Miss Yaswant, Miss Jennie Moore, Miss Stella Robinson, Miss Nellie McKeown, Miss Jessie Finkle, Miss Emma Hawthorne, Mr. Robert Wetmore, Mr. Ed Yeod, Mr. Arthur McKenzie, Mr. Fred Murchie, Mr. Frank McKeown, Mr. W. M. Richardson, Mr. Willie Hawthorne, Mr. Howard Hurdie, Mr. Robert Graham, Mr. A. McDonald, Mr. Smith, Mr. Charles Vanstone, Mr. Nelson Hanson, Mr. Frank Grimmer.

Miss Minnie Fraser is spending the Easter holi- days at her home in Grand Massey.

Dr. W. W. McCormack, of St. John, was in town last week.

Mr. W. F. Todd returned from Boston on Friday.

Mr. G. H. Clerk is visiting his friend, Miss Millie Weddell at Fredericton.

Mr. C. W. Young has returned from Boston.

Mr. H. F. Todd left for Boston on Saturday.

Mr. Jesse F. Dastan is visiting her

