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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MAY 19.

A WORD WITH YOU, GENTLEMEN.

A word with you, Mayor CHESLEY, and with you, Chief of Police RAWLINGS.

You, Mayor CHESLEY, as chief magistrate of the city of Portland, are supposed to guard and elevate her name, watch her interests and maintain her position among Canadian towns.

These things promised, gentlemen, what have you to say to the charge that at least two score of rum shops are open in the city of Portland every Sunday?

Can you, Capt. Rawlings, urge any defense of the fact that, last Sunday, on Bridge road, liquor was sold openly in thronged bar-rooms?

These are pertinent questions, Capt. RAWLINGS, to which PROGRESS and law-abiding citizens demand an answer.

For the reputation of Portland, Mayor CHESLEY, for the credit of your native city, for the sake of the men and women you represent, for the name of the community, exercise your authority and stamp out this disgrace.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

On the 13th of June next the 14th General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada will be opened in Halifax.

The Presbyterian church was the first of the religious bodies of the dominion to hold a meeting of her supreme court in the West; and in this she is consistent with her relations to that part of the country for the past 20 years.

The general assembly is the supreme court in the Presbyterian church, the source of legislation on doctrinal or constitutional questions, and, therefore, the ultimate court of appeal in the church.

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first assembly has been productive of great good. The power of any thoroughly united body must be much greater than the aggregate force of the parts of which it is composed.

The assembly, therefore, as being in its very existence the seal and embodiment of such a union is an object of especial interest; and those who have watched the various meetings of this body during its history have noticed with much satisfaction how the bundle at first bound together in an organic union by legislation, has become one by the vigorous growth which is covering the old lines more and more deeply year by year.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF MAY. We have the advantage of New Englanders in respect of out-door sports. Our season opens May 24: theirs, on Fast day, which may mean the first of April or the last.

When our ball players, our cricketers, our bicyclers, all our athletes, tell us, as they do now, that they are prepared to sustain their reputation, we may well be satisfied with the outlook. To sustain the reputation of St. John, means to vanquish everything within reaching distance.

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that the pious heart of deacon MARCH is glad!

Unfortunately, however, Mr. MARCH has thus far neglected to regulate the manner in which these gifts of Providence shall be dispensed: and rain and sun, lacking the guiding hand of the Board of School Trustees, are liable to go astray.

The rain removes the chalk-marks from the blackboards—but it removes the blackboards as well. The sun heats half the building—but it happens to be the half that is directly over the boiler.

GET RID OF THE FOSSILS. Is it not about time that the government filled that vacant chair in the New Brunswick university senate? When Dr. McFarlane went to the United States he vacated it by his resignation.

PLANT NEW FORESTS. In the current number of the New York Lumber Trade Journal, Mr. EDWARD JACK writes entertainingly of Scottish forests, drawing special attention to the subject of forest preservation and planting.

Progress was the first St. John paper to call attention to the fact that it was illegal for Mr. JOHN A. CHESLEY, of Portland, to be chief magistrate of that city and a union commissioner.

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Then Mary raised up other lambs. But not to send to school. For do not get it in your head That Mary was a fool.

Then Mary thought the matter o'er. And formed a plan so nice. If fathers had no lambs to shear She'd get a better price.

Her uncle had a blooded dog. Protection was his name. And he would rather worry lambs Than any other game.

So Mary teased her Uncle Sam To give the dog to her. Till finally he did consent To let her have the cur.

And now the children of the poor. Attend no Sunday school. Because they can't afford the clothes Made up of Mary's wool.

But Mary rides in a barouche. With diamonds in her hair. And rumor says she soon will be A city millionaire.

from the fact that the information contained in them has never been given to the public, should subscribe for PROGRESS at once and have the paper sent regularly to their address.

If the bill presented in the militia report for drugs bought and used by the Fredericton Infantry school is a true indicator of the health of the men, there must be a small army hospital in the Celestial city.

We congratulate the Telegraph upon the altered and cheerful tone of its editorial column this week. It would not be modest in us to attribute the change to our advice of last week, but whatever the cause there is nothing wrong with the effect.

Representative HOPKINS of Illinois is urging upon congress a bill providing that no convict serving a sentence for violation of federal statutes shall be required to work more than eight hours daily and that he shall be paid, semi-monthly, wages equal to those paid to the same class of free labor in the immediate locality.

We print elsewhere a handsome portrait and biography of Rev. GEORGE BRUCE, B. A., pastor of St. David's church. This is the first of a series which will appear in PROGRESS and include the prominent clergymen of our city and province.

It is stated that the salaries of the liquidators of the Central bank, of Ontario, have been fixed at \$300 a month each! If our chief justice acts upon this liberal precedent we congratulate you, liquidators McLELLAN, McLEOD and TAYLOR, and we sympathize with you who were unfortunate enough to be on the depositors list.

The customs officers in Montreal wake up every three months and seize some hundreds of thousands worth of goods, which have been undervalued or introduced contrary to the revenue laws.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of PATRICK McKEOWN, found dead on Union street early Sunday morning, was, "death from exposure and the visitation of God."

It was always very easy to laugh down Mrs. PENGILLY'S statements, but people who are officially interested in the Provincial Lunatic asylum will note that that is no PENGILLY story which is printed on our first page today.

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NORTHERN LIGHTS.

Why is it that there are merchants in this city who will saddle their brains and go galloping all over the United States and South America in search of reciprocity, when they can find undiscovered lots of it right here in St. John!

I wonder if the lumber kings in Gloucester county imagine that Longfellow addressed the last line of his Psalm of Life to the poor woodsman. Men who go into the woods upon the understanding that they are to be paid half in goods and half in cash, and who, when they emerge from the forest in the spring, receive, instead of cash, notes payable the last of July, must "learn to labor and to wait."

P. S.—The Labor commission was evidently travelling on tickets that were not good to "stop over" at Bathurst.

Very few house owners know when to paint their houses and fewer still know how to do it, but the lady who attained my ideal of a housewife in this respect was she who a few days ago invited in her neighbors to decide upon the color of a spring coat for her house, stating as her reason for consulting their tastes in the matter that they saw more of the exterior than she.

I clip the following from an American paper: An Iroquois Indian boy was lately committed to a New York asylum for boys because he spent all his time in the streets hunting cats and dogs, and his mother wanted him civilized.

The New York authorities could not have made a bigger mistake. That little injun should not have been sent to an asylum; he should have been apprenticed to a sausage factory; and he would have been a valuable adjunct. What an excellent outside man he would make! But it is just possible that the New York asylum makes its own sausages.

I offered a cigar to a gentleman a few days ago who declined it with the remark, "I don't smoke." It occurred to me that had he been more careful in the use of his English he would have said "I can't smoke."

There are members of the human family so constituted physically that they could not take three puffs at even a mild cigar without yielding to *mal de tabac*. Yet these same individuals will pose as anti-tobacco reformers, and impress the world as well as they can as to the great amount of self-denial that they undergo for the sake of their fellow beings.

Then Mary heard the politicians talk Of syndicate and pool. Till avarice seized her very soul And changed it into wool.

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