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THE WIND SWAYS THEM

NEGLECTED CONDITION OF THE **EXHIBITION BUILDINGS.**

Instead of Being Fit to Hold Exhibits It is Doubtful if They Will Hold Together-The Windows of One Side Shattered-They Should Be Taken Care Of.

They sway with the wind! The magnificent exhibition buildings so lately the pride of the citizens are preparing to strew themselves on the barrack square, some windy night!

The above statements may be startling and may seem far fetched, but they are true. The exhibition buildings, which four years ago cost the dominion so much money and did service for the great dominion exhibition, have been suffered to rot and be destroyed by the neglect of those who had charge of them, until the fact stands out that if St. John or New Brunswick wanted to hold a provincial exhibition in this city there is no building fit for the purpose.

There is hardly a whole pane of glass in the score of windows in one end of the building. Small boys circle round the structure and see what they can carry away, what they can destroy. Every high wind that comes along shakes the walls and one of them sways backward and forward with the driven air.

Seven-eighths of St. John people were under the impression that the building was yet fit for the purposes for which it was erected, but such is not the case.

The members of the Agricultural society talk of new buildings to be erected at Moosepath. This may suit the agriculturists first-class, but it is extremely doubtful if the merchants would consent for a mo-

A VERY CHEAP FRAUD.

Joe Mitchell's Experience with the Circus -The Testimony of Honest Newspapers. Joe Mitchell, the half-breed news agent running out of the I. C. R. depot, went to see Howe's circus when it was here, and ran away with it when it left, Monday night. Mr. Mulhall, manager of the Canada News Co., went to Sussex after the show and had him sent back.

Joe, it seems, can speak any language, and thereby struck up an acquaintance with the "copper-colored lady" in the show, who he claims is half Mexican and half English, but can speak the Mexican language well. Joe became infatuated with the "copper-colored lady," and from all accounts she thought pretty much of Joe, and it was this probably that made him decide to go with the "circus," although he says he only intended going as far as Sussex. The half-breed news agent would have been a great feature for such a show, and the management fully realized this fact; so much so that they had Joe in training, and told him it would be all right when he got a fancy suit on. He says it is no Wild West exhibition at all. "All common Indians-up Quebec-Micmac; Milicete, yes-no good. I make better

show myself. Indians around here wouldn't go with them, naw. Indians say going to leave soon as they get chance-haven't been paid for five or six months-when they ask for money, manager says he's as poor as they are."

Howe's Wild West show pitched its tents on Chipman's field, Saturday morning, and gave two performances afternoon and evening. The proceedings opened, with a street parade, the chief feature of which was a number of Indians and cowboys mounted ment to carry their goods out of town to on D. Connell's watering cart horses. The exhibit them. It may not be too late to performance in the main tent consisted for he most part of acrobatic feats, and tight and slack rope walking, such as have often been given by travelling companies in the Mechanics' Institute. The rifle shooting was, however, an acceptable novelty in this section of the world. There were no horses, no ring, not even the odor of a menagerie. So much for the "10 big shows united," '100 star artists," Indians, cowboys, Mexican vacqueros, and "more novelties, acrobatic celebrities and gymnastic marvels than were ever seen with any tented exhibition.'

ON THE ST. JOHN STAGE.

AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS WILL BE SEEN THIS FALL.

Extra Efforts for the Success of the Fusiliers' Entertainment, Next Week-Mme. Janauschek to Come Next Month-"Uncle Tom's Cabin " and Other Bookings. This will be a military week.

Parades, reviews, and last, but not least, egimental theatricals will be in order.

For some time the ladies and gentlemer who appear in the appended cast have been rehearsing Jessie Brown, or the Relief of Lucknow, and the public may expect to see this military drama put on in the best style of St. John's first amateurs.

A military play, well put on, is bound to be attractive and pleasing. The com pany who have set themselves the task are bent on making it a success, and PROGRESS doubts not but it will be well worth seeing. The men of the 62nd Fusiliers will assist as Highlanders and Sepoys, and pipers and bagpipes have been engaged. Great care has been taken with the stage settings, and new scenery has been painted for the performance.

The cast is as follows: CAST OF CHARACTERS.

The Nana Sahib, Rajah of BithoorSurgeon Thos. Walker Achmet, his Nakeel Captain J. T. Hartt Randall McGregor, Officers in H. M. service..

......Lieut. G. M. Cleveland, Mr. H. G. Mills Rev. David Blount, chaplain of the 32nd Regiment...... Mr. A. J. Glazebrook. Sweenic, a private 32nd Regiment.....

......Mr. D. C. Robertson Cassidy, a corporal 32nd Regiment.....

Jessie Brown, a Scotch girl ... Miss Sarah Nicholson Amy Campbell......Miss M. Sturdee Charlie, (her)Master L. Vroom Effie (children)Miss Gladys Campbell Alice Mrs. J. D. Shatford MaryMiss N. Snider

CAPTAINS ARE BRIBED. AN AFTERNOON'S SPORT. The Races at Moosepath Should Draw

Large Crowd. The races at Moosepath this afternoon

promise to be all they are advertised to be. There will be six races and at present every horse entered is expected to start. In the words of the bill, this is one of the most attractive programmes ever offered to the pag trons of Moosepath, and no lover of a good running race should fail to see these contests. In every other city in Canada and the United States, and in fact, the world, a

of the great events, and is attended by the multitude. In Halifax, with a programme of this kind, some 4,000 to 5,000 people

wend their way to the park, and make it a popular and exciting day. Both horses and riders appreciate a crowded stand, and if the people of St. John wish to establish such a day at Moosepath, no better opportunity can be offered to cast their vote than the afternoon above named. Every facility has been furnished for a big attendance. A train will leave the I. C. R. station at 2.30, the rear car, or if necessary, the two rear cars will be reserved for ladies and their escorts, and busses will run from the head of King street at 2 and 2.30 p.m. In order to avoid the rush at the gate, tickets will be for sale at Mr. Alfred Morrisey's, King

street, and at the I. C. R. station.

Remember the Moonlight Excursion.

LIVE AND LET LIVE.

People Who Live Off the Community and Do Their Buying Outside.

"Some people puzzle me," said a King street merchant. "They solicit you for orders, every day of the week, and get them. They invite you to look at that and buy this, and you usually comply with their THE PORT CHARGES INCREASED BY THE STEVEDORES,

Who Give from \$200 to \$250 for the Privilege of Loading a Steamer-The Shipper Has to Pay the Bribe and the Foreign Captain Gets the Money. "Who loads the tramp, Gregory or Mc

Diarmid ?"

"That all depends."

"Depends upon what ?" "Depends upon McDiarmid's figures. If he offers more than Gregory he'll get

> "That's the way of it, eh?" "Yes."

A brief but a very suggestive conversation. It was overheard by a respectable citizen, who gave it to PROGRESS word for word. A few explanations may be interesting, and when the people have read this they will have arrived at one of the reasons why the assertion is made that the port charges at St. John are so high that they interfere with the port's business.

The captains of the two Spanish steamers which were in port recently, and which gained some notoriety by contributing peach plum, red plum, Magnum bonum and \$400 each to the customs, as a penalty for smuggling, were besieged as soon as they cast anchor in the harbor by stevedores, for the privilege of loading the steamer. One stevedore offered \$230 to each steamer ; the other stevedore offered \$250 for the privilege, and the higher price gained the day and the contract.

Who pays the \$250? And who gets it? The stevedore pays it in the first instance and charges the shipper enough extra to cover the amount, which in nine cases out of ten goes to the private pocket of a foreign captain, who gets all the benefit.

So long as this system prevails, just so

PRICE THREE CENTS.

EVERYBODY LIKES PLUMS.

Mr. T. B. Hanington, Agent for Sharpe's, Is Doing a Thriving Business.

"Plums are always the favorite preserve," said Mr. T. B. Hanington to a representative of PROGRESS, a few days ago. "Everybody wants to make sure of them, no matter how all the other fruit goes. Just as soon as we announce them in the papers the orders flock in."

Sharpe's plums are always sought after. The name has become familiar everywhere, and the excellence of the fruit alone seems to have been the cause of its coming into favor.

About the last of next week there will be a busy scene at Mr. F. W. Sharpe's great orchard, at Woodstock, when the "picking" will begin. Mr. Sharpe is an enthusiast in his business, and grows plums of all kinds that cannot be excelled anywhere. In his orchard there are about 3,000 plum trees. Sharpe's green gage plum has long been favorably known, but Mooer's Arctic, a large purple and very rich plum, has of late years been much sought after, as it is a great plum for preserving. Besides these there are the a number of other varieties.

There will be an average crop this year, of fine quality. The small crop of last year seems to have made buyers cautious, for Mr. T. B. Hanington, who is the general agent for Sharpe's plums, has already received large advance orders from all parts of the province.

Plums have never before been shipped to the United States, but this year Mr. Hanington has already received orders for over 1,000 boxes from Portland and Boston.

Smoke "Crescent" Cigars.

WHAT MEN WILL WEAR.

day of this kind is looked forward to as one the job."

have the old buildings looked after and repaired. They were left, it is said, in charge of the city and surely were worth taking care of.

Pretty Strong Language.

If Rev. W. J. Sparling of Kingston, Ont, had decided to accept the earnest call which came to him from St. John, Centenary church would have had an exceedingly plain-spoken pastor. In the course of a sermon preached to the 'Prentice Boys last Sunday, he said :

A large sum of money had been handed to the Jesuits in the Province of Quebec to enable them to carry on their work. The most of this money came out of the pockets of the Protestants, because they are the largest property holders in the province. This money, given to a people who had stood over all civil governments with drawn daggers, comes from the pockets of those whose blood the Jesuits would shed if they had liberty to do so. The speaker was afraid of the party politic business. Here in the province of Ontario, where Roman Catholics have only one vote in six, both parties, Grit and Conservative, are out of breath trying to catch the votes of the Romish people. Premier Mowat, who is a great defender of Protestantism, is just as anxious for the Roman Catholic votes as any Conservative ever was. This was not right. He did not think that one party was more to blame in this matter than another. Both were tarred with the same stick. There is not the toss of a copper between them.

Another Place to "Shop" At.

Ladies and the public generally will be interested in the announcement that Messrs. Barnes & Murray, two young and enterprising gentlemen who have been in the dry goods business in this city for some years with the London House, are about starting an establishment of their own at one and the members of the new firm are of that stamp who meet success half way. Friday, September 7th, will see the opening of the new store, the stock for which is daily arriving. Particular attention will be paid to fancy goods and the ladies may look for the introduction of some new ideas in this department. PROGRESS wishes the new firm that success which follows energetic and honest effort.

They Were Sold.

Two commercial men from St. John were taken in at Trenton, Quebec, a few days ago. They had an hour to spare and noting two handsome young ladies pass, followed idly in their path. A few yards distant the objects of their admiration boarded a small excursion steamer and the St. John men followed. The vessel moved from the Leaf. wharf and then the boys learned that a deaf

Had the management taken the public into their confidence and only announced what they were prepared to perform they would at least have obtained credit for honest dealing .- St. John Sun.

Howe's circus was here Thursday, and was a very cheap affair, in no way deserving the name or character which they advertised. The manager has been known here before as a professional gambler. The nutshell game was started soon after they reached the grounds; the marshal detected their game, compelled them to disgorge and prevented so far as possible any further proceedings on that line .- Woodstock Press.

See "Jessie Brown," at the Institute.

Who Won't Have a Telephone?

The St. John Telephone company has had the greatest kind of success since it started its subscribers list. At least twothirds of the subscribers for the present telephone have put their names down on the new list and scores of others who never had a telephone are indulging in the necessary luxury at the rate of \$20 a year. Endless difficulties will be solved by the introduction of the \$15 per annum telephone in residences. The conveniences cannot be overestimated and PROGRESS has an idea that the introduction of the cheap 'phone will be as great a boon to the gentle por-17 Charlotte street. The stand is a good tion of the population as the lessening of telegraph rates will be to business men and the newspapers.

So Do We.

PROGRESS, of St. John, has rapidly grown in public favor, and more than deserves all that has been said in its favor. It gives a class of reading that provincialists have hitherto wanted, and found the counterpart throughout the states. The editorials have a snap and fearlessness that must be commended by honest readers, and which the St. John dailies seem afraid to adopt. PROGRESS hunts out nuisances, frauds and abuses, and nails them up to the public view-treating rich and poor alike. It has been consistent, successful and enjoyable, and the Maple Leaf hopes it may continue to progress .- Albert Maple

How It All Came A

Soldiers, Highlanders, Sepoys, Hindoos, Ladies and children, etc.

Strange as it may appear, the American drama did not give up the ghost when the Micawber club dissolved, nor did travelling companies then conclude that St. John had been engulted by a convulsion of nature. The new Institute management-that is to say, the Institute itself-has been quietly at work during the last few weeks, and the following attractions have already been booked for the near future :

Sept. 6-Pat Maloney's Comedy com-

Sept. 10-12 (with matinee)-Mme. Janauschek.

Oct. 15-Peck & Fursman's new Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Oct. 29-Minstrels.

These are all excellent companies, superior to the generality of travelling troupes. One of the four stars will be recognized as a lady to whom St. John cannot possibly give too warm a welcome, for Mme. Janauschek undeniably stands very near the head of the profession. The other troupes are not so well known as hers, but the verdict of the press warrants the statement that all will give satisfaction.

With new scenery and accessories, with the house thoroughly renovated and the management in the hands of gentlemen, the Institute will deserve a liberal patronage this winter.

CRICKET AND CRICKETERS.

The Wanderers-St. John Match-A Maritime Team for Upper Canada.

The Wanderers, of Halifax, and St. John cricketers are batting for victory while PROGRESS is being printed. Play began Thursday, and by evening St. John had entered upon its second inning 14 behind the visitors. It was not a great lead, and the prospects yesterday morning were for a close match. The features of the day were Henry's batting, he making 45, more than half of the Haligonians' score. Comber and Bland played careful ball, and together made 21 runs.

The Halifax boys have as much love for the Irish cricketers as St. John people have. The preparations in Scotia's capital for the reception of the old country sports were farther advanced than they were in St. John and the disappointment was of course greater. The Irishmen need not have been afraid of their guaranty in either St. John or Halifax and should have abided by the arrangements of their Canadian agent, G. G. Lindsay, of Toronto.

A maritime team of cricketers is spoken of to make a tour of Upper Canada next year. It is a splendid idea, and should be

request; in fact, you buy more than you want, just to oblige them; but if you expect any custom in return, you get sorely

left. Why, a man came to me yesterday, and learning the price of that article there, said he could get it \$1 cheaper in Boston. I looked at him in surprise. 'But, my dear sir, what about freight and duty ?' 'Oh,' said he, 'I would smuggle it through in my trunk.' I had nothing more to say for a minute, but I managed before he went out to inform him that it instead of buying at his store, everybody smuggled his goods through in small lots from Boston, that his trade wouldn't be

much. And he evidently came to the same conclusion, for he bought the article. Bu you'll meet the same kind of men every day If they can get goods outside of the city

they will do so before patronizing our trade. It seems natural to them. They forget that we are all living off one another, practically speaking, and that every dollar's worth bought outside lessens some man's trade and makes him poorer. I believe in reciprocity in trade-in that reciprocity which leads the man you patronize to come to you and buy his goods if he can get them at the same prices as your competitor sells

for. Live and let live."

Go to Shediac, with the City Cornet band

The Blame on the Right Parties.

Messrs. C. D. Smith, W. H. Blatchford and S. G. Kelly, representing the employes men's consent to the contribution-ten times which would have been gladly given for the purpose-instead of informing them

of the deduction at the time the paymaster was making his rounds. authority, that the statement that "one of

employe was correct, but the fact that the men's contributions to the expenses incurred during his illness were not deducted from their pay until after his death gave rise to their story that they paid for the funeral expenses and another got credit

Smoke "Mungo" Cigars.

for it.

long will the port of St. John labor under the charge of heavy port charges, which do it a great deal of harm by compelling shippers to load their deals at other ports. A leading wharf owner said yesterday

"We have our own people to blame in thi matter. In the case of every large foreign vessel which comes into port it merely resolves itself into this, Who can give the captain the highest bribe? Captains are not fools and they soon learn that money is to be made in this way at our port. The result is they hang out for the highest bidder and he gets the job and the bribe comes out of the shipper's pocket. Stevedoring must be a very profitable business when the boss can afford to give such amounts for the privilege of loading one vessel."

THE LIBEL SUITS DROPPED.

The Stewart Concern Fails to Deposit \$3,500 in the U. S. Court.

Robert A. Stewart has dropped his libel suits against the American papers ! It was a wise course.

The average American newspaper in libel suit is like a bull dog in a fight : it never lets go until its victim is worried to death.

It has puzzled many people in the states to know why Stewart should bring suits against American papers and leave Canadian publications in these quarters alone. It is not hard to account for his course A New York or Boston daily is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars as a rule and damages in the event of success would be tolerably secure. Again, the Stewart firm would stand a poor show with a Canadian Saturday. They said the statements in the jury. As it is, the probability of the libel article were correct, but as they might lead suits being brought to trial awakened the newspapers and agents have secured for them such a mass of information that the history of the Stewarts and their transactions only remains to be written. Much of the information was gained in St. John, and had the Stewarts put up their \$3,500 costs deposit in the U.S. court, would have been interesting reading.

But the stage is empty. The star actors in the Maritime bank drama have disappeared, probably for ever, from St. John. PROGRESS has learned, upon reliable It would be well if all had gone and none remained to remind the duped of their im. the firm" paid the funeral expenses of the prudent folly or prey in future upon another gullible bank manager.

Excursion to Shediac.

The City Cornet band hold their annual excursion, this year. to Shediac, in connection with Rev. A. Ouellet's picnic. The band's excursions are more popular every year, and Rev. A. Ouellet's congregation nice choice of goods had better give us a

A Talk with James S. May & Son on Fall Fashions.

There are few people who do not, either in spring or fall, have to submit to that agreeable-or otherwise-interview with their tailor, and decide upon what kind of an external appearance they will present for the next few months.

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The time is about at hand when such duties begin to weigh upon the minds of men, and the merchant tailors take advantage of their distress and endeavor, as far as they can, to relieve them. New goods and plenty of them, pretty patterns and plenty to choose from, make such tasks easy. Messrs. James S. May & Son showed a representative of PROGRESS a very large consignment of new goods received by them this week, and gave some interesting facts bearing on the prevalent fashions.

"Our fall stock," said Mr. May, "is earlier than usual this year, for various reasons. We want to catch all the American trade we can-for you know that our neighbors can get the finer grades of goods much cheaper here than at home-and we want to avoid the great rush incident to late stock and everybody wanting their suits at the same time. Those who intend to call upon us this season have a large and unculled stock to select from now, they can suit themselves better, give us more time and get their suits promptly, while, if they postpone giving their order for another month, they will, ten chances to one, have to wait until others are pleased.

"The new patterns this fall are numerous and pretty. In tweed suiting, stripes and ducks in variegated colors prevail. Loud patterns are going out. No man wants a suit so pronounced that he can be pointed out half a mile away. Wide stripes are the favorites in good pantaloons, and check patterns are small and few. The finest West of England goods are worth from \$8 to \$14 for pants, but they are good value. The leading lines in cheap pantaloons are worth all the way from \$4 to \$6, while the nedium-priced goods cost from \$8 to \$8.50.

"We are showing some nice Canadian patterns, imitation of Irish tweeds for suitings. They are cheaper than other goods, and many people like them just as well. There are a good many kinds of overcoatings, in fancy Elysien and beavers, and meltons are going to be much worn. We have them in all the leading colors, in different shades. Any person who wants a are noted for the excellent way in which call at once. Procrastination steals the best patterns." The Institute and the Micawber Club. The Micawber club, or the individuals who composed that defunct organization, and the Mechanics' Institute will appear in the October county court. The Mechanics' Institute has been sued by the first-named parties and among the items of the bill is one for \$25, for the use of the act drop for two nights' performance of Lalla Rookh. This case has a good deal of interest for the public, from the fact that an old and honored institution is the defendant in the suit, but it can be made much more interesting if the origin and composition of the Micawber club are inquired into.

of James Harris & Co., called at PROGRESS' office, Thursday afternoon, in reference to an article entitled "The Men Paid for Them," which appeared in this paper last some persons to think that the deduction from their pay was made with the knowledge of the representative of the firm, Mr. Robertson, they wished to state that the "bosses" were alone to blame in the mat ter, as they should first have asked the

and dumb asylum from Belleville was on board the steamer and the only persons on board who could talk or hear were the captain and deck hands. Instead of selling they got sold.

Every Little Helps.

The poet Phillips is said to have entered in German. They spoke their minds freely, and the subject of the talk was the clergyinto competition with the old man who asks man. They did not praise him, but as they pedestrians for the price of the ferry-fare. had no idea that he could guess the import Phillips' scheme is to enter stores and of their words they had no fear of his wrath. offices around town with an addressed letter When they had exhausted the subject they in his hand and ask for 3 cents or a stamp paused. It was the clergyman's turn, and to mail it. In the majority of cases a stamp is put on the corner of the envelope he improved it by giving them his opinion for him. Mr. Phillips returns thanks for of them in German as plain as they had the kindness, leaves the office, pulls off the used. Then he left the table and has since stamp and repeats the operation next door. | left the house.-The Gripsack.

One of the boarders at a St. John hotel was a clergyman. Another was a foreign gentleman of musical tastes. The two were not warm friends, but ate at the same table. The f. g. had some foreign friends to dinner with him one day. They talked

carried out. There is lots of good material to compose an eleven which should bring victory back from Ontario and Quebec. If the Wanderers and St. John and other clubs make up their minds to send the team, let it be composed of the best available men, and the result will not be in doubt.

Every Man to His Business.

"Humph," said an old man from the country, who stood at the head of King street, Wednesday; "these city people don't seem to know nothin' about gardenup the business now ?" ing at all. Look where they've got a gate post in the middle of the walk." And he ton will try me, I guess." pointed in the direction of King square.

picnics given by them are conducted. Their

The Board of Trade is on a Vacation. method of serving dinner on the grounds The shipyard at Clifton, Kings county, will startle some who have neve-attended where so many vessels have been built and a picnic other than those run from St. launched, is now a strawberry field. The John. Numerous attractions have been provided, and it is thought that the picnic lesson'is obivious. No longer is sole dependence placed upon the shipyard. The will be the largest and best ever held in farm has taken its place and is proving an the province.

excellent and profitable substitute.

Moonlight on the River. The moonlight excursion, to be held Boston Will Try Him. Base ball player-"I've been released. Monday evening by the Young Men's Christian Association, promises to be a most en-They said I couldn't play ball a little bit." His friend-"Well, I suppose you'll give joyable affair. The splendid steamer David Weston will take the excursion up Baseball player-"No ! not quite. Bos- river, and music will be furnished by the Artillery band.