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RICHARDS IS HIMSELF.

THE GREAT AND ONLY ORIGINAL AND GENUINE CHARLEY.

Some of the Struggles and Triumphs, Trials and Tribulations of a St. John Barrister—What People Find to Talk About in That Connection.

Some men achieve greatness by their own endeavors. "One of the most popular and best known members of the legal profession in New Brunswick is Mr. Charles L. Richards," writes the gifted author of *Our Dominion*, whose labors *PROGRESS* has already noticed. And he is right. Mr. Richards is very well known, indeed. At the date of this writing, he is seated on a pinnacle of fame even higher than that on which his biographer placed him.

Many sad-eyed creditors know him. So do sundry and divers attorneys for men who mourn his loss. And so does the sheriff of the city and county of St. John. But the place that knew him knows him no more.

He is absent in the body, but not present with the Lord.

He has left his friends, and his friends are badly left.

That is to say:

The carpet dealer has a bill of goods, and grounds for a bill of complaint. The mattress maker has 200 good reasons for feeling sorry. Other tradesmen lift up a chorus of woe. Even the coal dealer, despite the advance, has a big bill which is stale, flat and unprofitable.

Several hundred dollars of claims, with out-parishes to hear from.

Assets—Mr. Richards' past promises to pay, and some household furniture covered by a bill of sale.

The furniture is in the hands of the sheriff. Mr. Richards is in the wild and woolly west.

The life and adventures of Charles L. Richards furnish material for an instructive chapter in contemporary history. It has its lessons for the young and old. Some of these lessons are expensive ones. They are also profitable ones—for Mr. Richards.

He was a Queen's county boy, but Kings county gave him his education. Coming to this city a poor young man, he made and lost two or three fortunes in mercantile pursuits. He also lost a vessel, which was insured. In all his relations, he enjoyed the confidence of others, more or less. His venerable and wealthy father-in-law had such faith in his integrity that he endorsed his notes to the extent of \$30,000, and died poor. Then Mr. Richards had to hustle for himself.

He was able to do it. He had the generalship of a Grant, without his taciturnity. His was the energy of a Washington, without a Washingtonian regard for veracity. These qualities eminently fitted him for the law, and to the study of the law he devoted his mind.

Business came slowly at first. Mr. Richards had been in law before as a defendant, and while a man can learn much in such a capacity, it is not always the highest qualification for one who asks people to entrust him with their property. Such cases as he did get he managed well. A man in the country districts gave him a confession of judgment. This was very good in its way, but as the man had neither goods nor chattels, lands nor tenements, the judgment did not count for much. Mr. Richards devised a way to make it valuable. Meeting the man in town he welcomed him with effusion. Finding that he wanted credit, he took him to the store of Mr. B., to whom he highly recommended him and vouched for his honesty. Mr. B. was delighted to meet a new customer, and equally delighted to send him all the goods he wanted. Hardly had the man arranged them on his shelves, when Mr. Richards swooped down upon them with an execution and satisfied the outstanding judgment with costs. The debtor with which this was done quite satisfied the public that Mr. Richards had found his vocation in the law.

Better things were in store. On the night of the 18th of August, 1884, Roderick McDonald, of Cape Breton, crossed the harbor of St. John in the ferry boat. As the boat reached the city side McDonald sought to get ashore, but fell between the boat and the floats, whereby he was badly crushed. The man was not to blame, but the city was.

So Mr. Richards perceived. Fearing that McDonald was not aware of this, Mr. Richards sought him out and informed him of the fact. The result was an action at law in which Roderick McDonald was plaintiff and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of St. John defendants. Mr. Richards, of course, was plaintiff's attorney.

The case was fought and refought. Lawyers wrangled, judges considered and juries sat and listened. In the end McDonald got a verdict for \$3,000 and \$1,400 costs. McDonald went home to Cape Breton with joy in his heart, but no cash in his pocket. When the cash did reach him his share of it amounted to \$503.23. It was accompanied by a letter from Mr. Richards stating, in effect, that he sent much more than he

really ought to send, but that he was determined to do more than justice to his client. He was scrupulous even to the odd 23 cents.

What became of the rest of the money? That is what Mr. McDonald has never found out, but with the hope of doing so he has invoked the aid of the supreme court.

There were \$4,400 to the credit of the plaintiff. Of this \$1,400 was for costs and counsel fees, and considering that it was less than 50 per cent. on the amount of the verdict, it was a reasonably small allowance.

But the lawyers were not all paid with that. They had a deep interest in the \$3,000 which McDonald was supposed to get. Hon. C. N. Skinner had argued the case long and well. He got, or is supposed to have got \$800. Hon. Wm. Pugsley also did battle, but appears to have said only half as much as brother Skinner. His share was only \$400. Then brother Richards made provision for himself.

Some say that he undertook the case on the halves. Others that he was to get \$5,000. As he could not draw the latter amount from the results of the verdict, he came as near as possible to the moiety plan. He allowed McDonald \$503.23, took the rest and called the matter square. He only charged \$1,000 for his professional services, however, and credited the rest to the expense account.

McDonald wrote a letter of mild protestation. This took three cents of his newly acquired wealth, so that he had only \$503.20 left. As he has been in the hands of the lawyers ever since, the cash left at this date is probably \$000.20.

In Hilary term last, Barker & Belyea, acting for McDonald, obtained a rule nisi calling on Mr. Richards to show cause why he should not pay McDonald, some more money. This rule was returnable in April, but was postponed until June. From June it was postponed until October. It has been the impression of many that there would be no further postponement, and Mr. Richards appears to have had that impression himself.

The ways of the law are wonderful and past finding out. It is said that a "trade" had been made with Barker & Belyea, by which the money was to be paid and the matter hushed up. Either Mr. Richards has failed to come to time with the cash, or some other unforeseen event has prevented the consummation of the plan. It is now said that the matter will be heard.

And why should an attorney fear to have his bill reduced? Men have survived the ordeal in the past, and risen to be judges of the highest courts. Others who are not yet judges are embalmed in recent reports as having exercised all their energies to extort costs which no law would allow them. They survive it. Why should Mr. Richards fear?

There are certain olden laws framed before the lawyers began to run parliaments for themselves, which relate to the good conduct of the profession. There are such things as barratry, champertery and maintenance, which mean that an attorney should not entice a man to go to law, bargain for the profits of the suit, or support a man for the sake of keeping a suit alive. These are very serious things to be charged against an attorney, even in these lax and degenerate days. Mr. Richards may not have been guilty of any of them, but he has probably heard there were such things. There are other phases of professional misconduct which subject a barrister to the loss of his gown. A gown, unless it be the silk gown of a Queen's Counsel, has not much intrinsic value, but no lawyer likes to lose one. Mr. Richards may not be liable to lose his. Perhaps he has taken it to the West for safe keeping.

Mr. Richards had an auction of household effects last spring. It was a very select affair, admission being by ticket only. He retired to the seclusion of a boarding house for a week, and then rented another residence. This was furnished by his fellow-citizens. "For further particulars see small bills," and large ones as well. Some of these bills are:

Macaulay Brothers, dry goods..... \$206.50
Harold Gilbert, carpets..... 148.99
Hutchings & Co., bedding, etc..... 88.33
W. L. Busby, coals..... 76.41
J. R. Cameron, lamps..... 67.85
LeBaron Wilson, tailor..... 41.00
Henderson & Burns, stoves..... 29.90

There is another bill, but it is a bill of sale, given by Mr. Richards to George Crawford. It is for \$800 odd, and covers about everything named in the other bills. Soon after the bill of sale was given Mr. Richards started, as he alleged, for California. Some one had died there leaving a fortune of \$160,000 or so to distant relatives in St. John. These relatives selected Mr. Richards as a fit and proper person to look after their interests, secure the fortune and hand it to them. Whether he takes this contract on the halves or not is unknown. It is also unknown whether he is in California, Nebraska or Boston.

Mr. Harold Gilbert helped Mr. Richards to furnish his house, to the extent of \$148.99. Mr. Richards could have had

credit to \$150 had he desired, but he did not so Mr. Gilbert is that much better off. On Wednesday, Mr. Gilbert felt a reasonable suspicion that goods and chattels of his debtor were about to be shipped for Boston, and had them seized under the Absconding Debtor's Act. Mr. J. G. Forbes was master of the ceremonies, and since then he has been the recipient of other claims as previously stated. Some people who have bills say they will not file them, lest the public will laugh at them.

Mr. Crawford has put in an application for all the goods covered by his bill of sale, and the right of property will be tried by a sheriff's jury.

It remains to be seen what the harvest will be.

One man loses nothing. It is the landlord. The house had had a bad reputation of some kind, and in order that it might have its fair fame restored it was given to Mr. Richards rent free until the 1st of May. Selah!

WOODCOCK ARE OUT OF SEASON.

The Law Says They May Be Shot—Sportsmen Say the Law is Wrong.

"Look at this, will you?" said Joe Dalzell, with a voice of decided indignation. "This" was a woodcock, very dead and with a very dejected look. It had apparently felt dejected before it died, for the pin feathers in the wings showed that it had been shot in the moulting season.

"It is a shame to shoot them at this time of year," continued Mr. Dalzell. "The season should begin the 20th, instead of the 1st, of September. The birds are really better in the middle of August than they are now. Moulting begins the latter part of August and lasts until the middle of September. The law which allows them to be shot at that time is altogether wrong. They are not fit for eating or anything else."

"Speaking of game laws, there is a strange error of fact in one which prohibits the killing of deer on the north-side of the river St. John. As a matter of fact, there are no deer on that side, though there are moose and caribou."

"What are the prospects for shooting this season?"

"Very good, indeed. Partridge are very plenty. The season for them does not open until the 15th, but of course some men who go in search of woodcock before that time will shoot a partridge if it comes in their way. That is another reason why the open season for woodcock should not begin on the first of the month. Partridge have been getting more plentiful since the exportation of them was stopped. Before that they were sent away in August to supply the demand of the hotels in Boston and other places."

"Has the influx of American sportsmen begun yet?"

"Hardly. Mr. E. W. Davis, of Narragansett, has been here for some time, waiting for the open season for moose in Nova Scotia. His hunting ground will be at Kemp. He is a fine shot and a thorough sportsman."

Good Linen Note Paper five cents a quire at McArthur's Book Store, King Street.

THE MARITIME TOURNAMENT.

Entries for the Lawn Tennis Contests of Next Week.

The annual tournament of the St. John tennis club will begin on the grounds of the club, Tuesday and will continue Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday evening a grand ball will be given in Berryman's hall. It is expected that the contest this year will be more interesting than in any previous years. A large number of entries having been received from outside places. The list at present is as follows.

Gentlemen's singles—C. Hensley, Windsor, N. S.; Messrs. Burken, Ings, Stewart and Bartlett, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Guy Kinnear, Sussex; E. H. Turnbull, Fredericton athletic club. Capt. Brady, Halifax; H. G. Mills and G. W. Jones, St. John tennis club, with probable entries from Chatham and the C and A club.

Gentleman's doubles—T. W. Dimock and C. Hensley, Windsor; Messrs. Brecken and Ings, Charlottetown; Messrs. Stewart and Bartlett, Charlottetown; Guy Kinnear and C. Kinnear, Sussex, N. B.; H. G. Mills and G. W. Jones, St. John Tennis club; representatives from C. and A. club.

Ladies' and gentleman's doubles—H. Tilley and Miss C. F. Adams; Miss Burpee and H. G. Mills; Miss M. Smith and G. W. Jones; Miss Tiny McLaren and G. K. McLeod, with probable entries from Halifax.

As far as is now known the ladies doubles will be confined to members of the club.

They Could Not Be Found.

PROGRESS' newsboys had a picnic last Saturday. Everybody and his friends wanted papers, and in a very short time the edition was entirely sold out. The orders at the office and bookstores could not be filled. Today the edition will be increased largely, and it is to be hoped that everybody who wants a paper may get one. McCarthy, Irvine and Stanton were the prize-winners, Saturday.

EVENTS IN SOCIETY.

BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGES OF ST. JOHN AND ROTHESAY SOCIETY.

The Ball at Mrs. Fred Burpee's, Tuesday Evening and the Tennis Ball at Rothesay—Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrissey—Those Who Were Present.

The ball at Mrs. Fred Burpee's, Orange street, Tuesday evening, was a very brilliant opening of the St. John social season. It has been the society event of the week, and a very successful one at that.

Additional interest centered in the event from the fact that the fair debutante, Miss Katie Burpee, and her mother returned but a short time ago from a lengthy European tour and chose this way to welcome their old and new friends.

No adequate idea could be conveyed in words of the taste and beauty of the decorations. Numerous flags looped here and there, an abundance of fragrant flowers, bright lanterns and lighted wax tapers made the supper room a very beautiful scene.

The toilettes and the guests! The former were handsome, more so indeed than I have ever seen in many similar assemblages, and the latter were, one would think, legion, though in reality they were not so numerous as to interfere in any degree with their thorough enjoyment.

Among those present were:

- Mr and Mrs Gane, New York.
- Mrs A A Barlett, Charlottetown.
- Mr and Mrs W M McKay.
- Mr and Mrs Shatford.
- Mr and Mrs Straton.
- Mr and Mrs Dr Alward.
- Miss Adams.
- Miss Burpee.
- Miss Naor Burpee.
- Miss Dever.
- Miss Ada Dever.
- Miss DeVeber.
- Miss Flossie DeVeber.
- The Misses Dunn.
- Miss Drury.
- Miss Nicholson.
- Miss Ida Nicholson.
- Misses McLaren.
- Miss Parks.
- Miss Smith.
- Miss Mabel Smith.
- Miss Turnbull.
- Miss Robertson.
- Miss Flossie Robertson.
- Miss Jarvis.
- Miss Minnie Jarvis.
- Miss Studee.
- Miss Sneider.
- Miss McLaughlin.
- Miss Troop.
- Miss Ellis.
- Miss Jones.
- Miss Edna Jones.
- Miss Katie Smith.
- Miss Florence McMillan.
- Miss Florence King.
- Miss Katie Warner.
- Miss Tuck.
- Miss Sieves.
- Miss Watters.
- Miss Harrison.
- Miss Hatheway.
- Miss DeForest.
- Miss Grower.
- Miss Campbell.
- Miss Jones.
- Miss Emma Jones.
- Miss Parker, New York.
- Miss Taiting, Halifax.
- Miss Bradford, Boston.
- Miss Tucker, Woodstock.
- Miss Popper, New York.
- The Misses Blair.
- Miss Manchester.
- Miss Furlong.
- Miss Temple.
- Miss Ru I.
- Mr C D Rank n, Charlottetown.
- Mr Thompson, Glasgow.
- Mr L H Walter, London.
- Mr Esson, Halifax.
- Mr A Finlay.
- Mr W Lawton.
- Mr G McLeod.
- Mr H Goddard.
- Mr E T Studee.
- Mr R R Ritchie.
- Mr Jas McMillan.
- Mr H DeForest.
- Mr Jas Keator.
- Mr F H J Ruel.
- Mr H Kinnear.
- Mr C Kinnear.
- Mr C Foster.
- Mr F W Kave.
- Mr J Warner.
- Mr K H Simonds.
- Mr F C Temple.
- Mr A W Adams.
- Mr R Gordon.
- Mr A J Glasebrook.
- Mr C E Burpee.
- Mr G W Jones.
- Mr H G Mills.
- Mr R K Jones.
- Mr H C Tilley.
- Mr L Tilley.
- Mr C P Harrison.
- Mr C G Grant.
- Mr F Barker.
- Mr E Turnbull.
- Mr Jno Miller.
- Mr Murray.
- Mr M Edwards.
- Mr P Clinch.
- Mr F McMillan.
- Mr Kirkwood.
- Mr J Vroom.
- Mr T Blair.
- Mr D R Jack.
- Mr W O Purdy.
- Mr J Purdy.
- Mr Starr.
- Mr F P Starr.
- Mr W H Thorne.
- Mr A T Thorne.
- Mr F Daniel.
- Mr T Hart.
- Mr F Hart.
- Mr B Scoville.
- Dr W White.
- Mr Wm Parks.
- Mr Leech.
- Mr G G Ruel.
- Mr C H Lee.
- Mr G W Fairweather.

A successful and pleasing departure from the regular order was the way in which supper was served. The guests found refreshments there throughout the entire evening, and the only invitation needed was their own pleasure.

It was a young gathering, but few of those who have assumed the cares of marriage and home being present. Dancing was, therefore, the keenest enjoyment of the evening.

Mrs. Burpee was a charming hostess. She wore a beautiful dress of white moire and black lace with silver trimmings. Miss Katie Burpee looked very attractive in an elegant white dress, with pearl edgings. She carried a very handsome bouquet.

The closing of the season of the Rothesay Lawn Tennis club by a ball, on Thursday evening, was a brilliant affair, and the arrangements, as regards the decorations, reception, music and supper, were perfect. It was considered desirable to hold the ball in the present unoccupied dwelling known as "The Nest," which was kindly loaned for the occasion, and the efficient and energetic ladies' committee on decorations proceeded to transform the somewhat uninviting interior of a vacant cottage into a beautiful ball-room. Flowers, vines and evergreens were used in abundance, as were also Chinese lanterns and fancy lamps.

A number of the guests from St. John spent the night with friends at Rothesay. Others drove out and returned to the city about 2 a. m. All were delighted to extend a cordial greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, who have returned from their bridal tour.

The following is a list of the ladies and gentlemen present:

- Mr and Mrs Stephen S Hall.
- Mr and Mrs James F Robertson.
- Mr and Mrs John McMillan.
- Mr and Mrs C H Fairweather.
- Mr and Mrs David D Robertson.
- Mr and Mrs Robert Thomson.
- Mr and Mrs J Morris Robinson.
- Mr and Mrs Alfred Morrissey.
- Mr and Mrs W Malcolm McKay.
- Mr and Mrs Gilmor Brown, Fredericton.
- Mr Hodgins, Ottawa.
- Mr Parks.
- Mr George G Gilbert.
- Mr John H Thomson.
- Mr Wm Pugsley.
- Mr Hazen.
- Mr Stephen Thomas Hall.
- Miss Frances Isabel Grower.
- The Misses Hall.
- The Misses Hazen.
- The Misses Gilbert.
- Miss Harrison.
- Miss Jones, Rothesay.
- Miss Katie Jones.
- Miss Hammond.
- Miss Nina Keator.
- Miss Minnie Jarvis.
- Miss Florence McMillan.
- Miss Annie Puddington.
- The Misses Parks.
- Miss Annie Parks, St. John.
- Miss Parker, New York.
- Miss Janet Rankine.
- Miss Ethel Smith.
- Miss Katie Smith.
- Miss Turnbull.
- Miss Troop.
- Miss Thomson.
- The Misses Warner.
- Miss Gessie Cruikshank.
- Miss Coffey.
- Miss Fanny Domville.
- Miss Annie DeForest.
- The Misses Fowler.
- The Misses Fraser.
- Miss Margaret Lee Fairweather.
- Miss Carrie Fairweather.
- The Misses Gibbs, Toronto.
- Mr Will R Avery.
- Mr Alex G Baxter.
- Mr Fred Daniel.
- Mr Harry DeForest.
- Mr Andrew Finlay.
- Mr Walter C Fairweather.
- Mr Harry Fairweather.
- Mr Fowler.
- Mr A C Fairweather.
- Mr Robert H Gordon.
- Mr Harry Gilbert.
- Mr George Gilbert.
- Mr Walter Gilbert.
- Mr Harry Godard.
- Mr Henry Hall.
- Mr Chas Harrison.
- Mr Herbert Hall.
- Mr John P Hegan.
- Mr Robert F Hazen.
- Mr Arthur Hazen.
- Mr Hugh Hazen.
- Mr Keltie Jones.
- Mr James Keator.
- Mr Willis Keator.
- Mr James McMillan.
- Mr Lockhart.
- Mr W G Lawton.
- Mr John Miller.
- Mr Thos Murray.
- Mr McNab, London.
- Mr Harry F Puddington.
- Mr Herbert Ruel.
- Mr Robert R Ritchie.
- Mr Robert Rankine.
- Mr Frank Starr.
- Mr Ernest Turnbull.
- Mr W H Thorne.
- Dr Walter W White.
- Mr Chas Troop.
- Capt Fred Wedderburn.

Great Opportunities for Purchasers.

Messrs. C. E. Burnham & Sons are clearing out their present stock of parlor suits to make room for fall goods. In order to do this in a very short time they have reduced the prices on all the hair cloth and plush parlor suits on hand. Their advertisement in this issue gives the regular and the reduced prices, and a perusal of them will repay *PROGRESS'* readers.

Fine Weather for the Races.

The races at Moosepath are being run while *PROGRESS* is being printed. The weather is fine. The track should be in a fair condition and the attendance large.

THE TRAINING OF NURSES.

It Will Be Fully Provided For, at the General Public Hospital.

The plans of the General Public Hospital commission for the establishment of a school for training nurses in connection with the hospital are about completed and it is expected that the lectures will begin the first of next month.

A few of the commission's plans have already been given in *PROGRESS*. The principal objects in establishing the school are to improve the class of nurses at present to be had and to enable the commission to furnish competent, trained nurses to persons in the city who wish to hire them at a moment's notice.

Besides the regular staff, four in number, at present in the hospital, there will be two additional nurses who will not be remunerated save the instruction they will receive. The entire unpaid staff will not exceed ten. Eight will visit the institution on alternate days and work for practical experience. All candidates will have to undergo one month's trial, and if it is found that they are likely to prove competent for the work, they will be required to sign an agreement to go through a two years' course of instruction.

The commission will not receive applications from persons under 20 years of age, thinking they would not be competent to assume the responsible duties of the vocation. Great discrimination is also being used in selecting candidates for admission. Only ladies of intelligence and education will be admitted. In fact the class will be partly made up of ladies who want experience in nursing for charitable purposes. During the two years there will be casual examinations and at the expiration of the term a final examination. If the candidate passes she will receive a diploma.

The lectures will be given about once a fortnight by members of the hospital medical staff and others, the subjects being on the care and nourishment of patients.

The whole four nurses will be under the direction of Dr. Emery, the resident physician and the matron, Miss Purdy, who is herself a trained nurse, holding a diploma of the Boston city hospital.

The instructions the class will receive will be to a large extent as follows:

1. The dressing of burns, sores and wounds; the preparation and application of fomentations and poultices, of cups and leeches and minor dressings.
2. The administration of enemata and use of other catheter.
3. Massage.
5. The care of patient's room; changing sheets while a patient is in bed; ventilation.
5. The management of helpless patients; arranging their clothing; giving them baths in bed and preventing bed sores.
6. Bandaging; making bandages and rollers; lining splints.
7. Certain emergencies and how to treat them.
8. The preparation, making and serving of nutritious and appetizing food.

They will also be taught to observe accurately the state of the secretions, expectorations, pulse, skin, appetite, temperature, sleep, eruptions, effect of diet or of stimulants or medicines, and instructed in the management of convalescents.

A large number of applications has been received, the best of which will be considered.

The "Fog" Club Ahead.

There was base ball, Wednesday, on the grounds of the "Fog" club. No admittance was charged, yet the audience was not large—probably every base ball crank in town knows he can play better ball than any of the nines, which were composed as follows:

"Fog" Club.	Position.	North Winds.
DeForest.....	1b	Gass
B. Bell.....	2b	Watson
McCorkery.....	3b	Moody
W. Cameron.....	c	M. Finn
W. Damer.....	f	E. March
H. Jones.....	l	A. Clarke
A. Gregory.....	r	A. Gregory
H. Watson.....	p	Jos. Wilson
Ritchie.....		A. Hunter
Umpire—S. Barker.		

Three innings were played, when an unfortunate mishap to the North Winds' right fielder stopped the game. Score: "Fog" club, 8; North Winds, 1.

Taking in the Exhibition.

Among the maritime visitors to the Toronto exhibition are Messrs. Harold Gilbert, of this city, and Alfred Edgecombe, of Fredericton. Both of these gentlemen are under the impression that it is to their interest, as well as their customers', that they should get a comprehensive glimpse of the best products of upper Canadian manufacturers. Mr. Edgecombe is the representative of one of the largest manufacturing concerns in maritime Canada, and the upper province men won't be able to give him many, if any, pointers. A wholesale purchaser can always learn something at an exhibition, and Mr. Gilbert will get the information if any one does.

Best makes of pianos and organs for sale or to hire, at BELL'S, 25 King street.