

PROGRESS.

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CIRCULATION, 5,000.

NO TIME FOR TRIFLING.

Scarlet fever is still scourging the city. Some time ago Progress raised its voice in protest against the inefficiency of the means taken to prevent the spread of the contagion. It did good.

Progress was denounced by some as an alarmist. People said that it did wrong to create a panic where there was really but slight danger.

Despite all that has been said and done, scarlet fever is still prevalent. Where the board of health and the doctors have felt free to use stringent measures, it has decreased.

It has now made its way to the homes of people who are supposed to comply with the quarantine regulations, and are trusted to do so without rigid inspection.

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In a city with the sanitary conditions of St. John, there seems no reason why a contagion of this nature should be allowed to continue its death dealing progress for such a length of time.

The people, the doctors and the board of health have their several and clear duties to perform. Unless they perform them the disease will linger and become in time epidemic.

ONE THING NEEDED.

There was a time, and not so very long ago, when, fruitlessly looking for indications of intellectual growth, thoughtful men shook hopeless heads as they inquired of each other, "Why have not we a Canadian literature?"

The outlook is distinctly hopeful. Our poets, novelists, essayists, are doing work that commands the respectful attention of the best thinkers of other lands.

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PAY—OR WALK.

The esteemed Telegraph allows itself to become indignant over the pitiable predicament in which the Intercolonial railway places clergymen who wish to travel for half-fare.

The Gazette is six months old today. It is a vigorous, healthy infant.

The Moncton Times and Transcript are having a fight on the subject of socialism. The argument is chiefly notable for the dense and absolute ignorance of the subject shown by both contestants.

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defrauded ones should strike. Public opinion would sustain them in that case. It will not approve their levying upon third parties to make good the deficiency.

We repeat that a clergyman has no right to pose as a mendicant and beg for half-fare tickets. To do so is to insult his congregation, to lower his profession and to degrade his manhood.

Pay for your railway rides, gentlemen, —or walk!

YOU OUGHT TO BE.

The New York Press, a daily paper that finds it possible to interest 100,000 regular subscribers without turning itself into an American edition of the Newgate calendar, has not done them the least of many good services in calling their attention to the subject of life insurance.

With few exceptions, every wealthy man in the United States is a liberal patron of the great insurance companies, and the Press had no difficulty in getting scores of the princes of finance to state their good opinion of a policy in a sound concern, considered as an investment.

That is the right point of view from which to regard it. Life insurance as a means of protection is worth paying for, but to think of it as nothing more than a protection is to take a short-sighted observation.

It is every man's duty to provide for the future comfort of those whom he may leave behind him. It should be his pleasure to entrust a portion of his savings to the great corporations which can not only promise him absolute security, but can give him a share in the fabulous profits that are bound to accrue in the handling of millions.

A bank book is a nice thing to have, but a policy of insurance is a still more desirable possession. It earns its cost in the freedom from anxiety that it confers. It pays a good deal more than 4 per cent. in lengthened and strengthened life. It never deceives and seldom disappoints.

Are you insured?

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We gladly welcome to our columns, this week, a new contributor, Rev. ARTHUR JOHN LOCKHART, otherwise known to the reading public as "Paster Felix."

There is quite sufficient reason for the effort that is now making to remove the capital of Maine from Augusta to Portland. The latter city is not unknown to fame.

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The editor of the Sun makes a grave mistake when, in studying the old files of the Telegraph, he confines his attention to the editorials. He should reprint the locals also and give his readers some news.

We may be allowed to insinuate to Mr. STERLING of the Sun, that, if he is very good during the next month, probably St. VALENTINE will bring him a column or so of advertisements for his special edition.

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WEIGHTY WORDS

Canada's Daughters!

The Enormous Regular Sales of Thousands of Boxes of



For all Waters.

For all Waters.

Is the best proof that the public know and appreciate its MAGICAL CLEANSING PROPERTIES and THOROUGH STERILIZING VALUE. Being of FULL WEIGHT, it is a boon to RICH and POOR ALIKE.

A lady writes: "I find it saves time and material, as the clothes require less rubbing, no boiling, and wash a much purer color than with ordinary Soap. I recommend it to every housewife."

Every bar weighs 16 oz. Cannot injure the most delicate fabric.

SOLD BY ALL GROCERS. WM. LOGAN, - - - Sole Manufacturer.



WHAT LADY hasn't some cosy room in her house which is different from every other, which is her joy—her pride: made so by the skilful painter and his artistic designs and color blending.

A. G. STAPLES, Plain and Decorative Painter.

Shop, 175 CHARLOTTE STREET; Residence, 141 BRITAIN STREET.

All descriptions of House, Sign and Decorative Painting. A special feature is made of Decorative Paper Hanging, Tinting and Frescoing in either Oil or Water Colors.

THE INTER-PROVINCIAL CIRCUIT.

Entries Should Not be Restricted, Nor Should There be a Free-for-All.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 21.—The communication of "Shamus" in your issue of the 19th inst., is timely and to the point.

The dates of trotting meetings in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick last season did clash, and the result was detrimental to success.

A circuit to include Nova Scotia and New Brunswick tracks would no doubt prove highly successful, if properly managed. I would not, however, limit the entries to horses owned in the two provinces.

I am entirely in accord with "Shamus" idea of making the purses larger, as the large purses draw the horses and the horses draw the crowd, and the crowd pays the gate money—the only return to be depended upon by the track management to meet its expenses.

If any meeting is to be held toward establishing a circuit in the two provinces, it would be well to arrange to have that meeting as early as possible, as a meeting of the New Brunswick circuit committee of last year is to be held in St. Stephen in March next, by arrangement made at the meeting of delegates from the different tracks held in Fredericton last season.

From last year's experience in New Brunswick it would not seem advisable to allow a horse to trot through the circuit in the same class, but limit him to two meetings in succession, and then put him in a class according to the record he may have made.

Preparing for the Spring Trade. Mr. F. E. Holman returned from New York this week, and expects to be busy from this time forward fitting up, occupying and selling to all paper from his new store, in the Colonial Bookstore building, corner of King and Germain streets.

Mr. F. R. Butcher has out his new signs, and expects 27,000 rolls of paper in stock, shortly.

Messrs. Sheraton and Selridge, who have been in the establishment of Emerson & Fisher for a number of years, will open a new stove and kitchen furnishing store in the stand now occupied by Bardsly Bros., King street. The site is a good one, and the new firm will do its share of the trade.

Perry & Co. will begin a grand sale in a few days, which will probably last for some weeks. This is preparatory to a change of premises. The St. John headquarters will

required of known integrity, who are well posted in the rules, and who are fearless in their application. It is hard to get such men to go into the stand, still some way must be found by which they can be induced to take the position.

HORSEMAN.

"BILDAD" ON BUTTER.

His Able Address Before the Farmers' Convention.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: I do not know why I should be called upon to make a speech. (Hear, hear.) Why I should be called upon to make a speech I do not understand. (Applause.) I certainly did not expect I would be called upon to make a speech when I came into this hall.

Why, I am—called upon—to call upon myself to speak upon this subject I am at a loss to understand. I assure you when I entered the door I had no expectation of being called upon to address you. (Laughter.) I am not used to speaking in public, and I would further add, do not comprehend why—why I should be picked upon for—being called on—to be called upon to make a speech at this time.

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Just Look at This!

WOOL HOODS, TAM O'SHANTERS, TOQUES, FASCINATORS, Hats and Feather Ruffs, AT PRICES TO ENSURE A READY SALE.

BARNES & MURRAY, 17 CHARLOTTE STREET. The New Crockery Store, 94 KING STREET.

Received Since the Holidays: FULL LINE OF TOILETTE SETS, IN ALL COLORS, PLAIN AND GILT. Prices Exceedingly Low. C. MASTERS.

Irresistible Bargains

Dress Goods—Black and Colored; Ulster Cloths, Jacket Cloths; Cloths for Men's and Boys' Wear; Homespun, " " " Grey Flannels, 12 cts. upwards; Grey Cottons, 3 " " White Cottons, 5 " " Dress Tweeds, 6 " " SPECIAL VALUE IN HOME-MADE PRINTS.

Corsets! Corsets!!

The Largest and Best Assortment in St. John, at Popular Prices. TABLE TAMASKS, TOWELS AND TOWELLINGS, TABLE NAPKINS, VERY SPECIAL VALUE.

N. B.—Special inducements offered to purchasers of HALF PIECES or PIECES of Grey or White Cottons, Pillow Cottons or Sheetings.

WALTER SCOTT, 32 and 36 King Square. Confectionery and Christmas Novelties,

HUGH P. KERR'S... Branch Store, KING STREET.

BARLEY SUGAR WHISTLES, VICTORIA CAKE, SPINNING TOPS, ALMOND BAR, BANJOES, MARSHMELLOES, SINGING CANARIES, WATCHES, CORNUCOPIES, NECKLACES, WEDDING CAKE ORNAMENTS, BUTTERFLY BASKETS, CHOCOLATE DROPS, in fancy boxes, BIRDS and ANIMALS, TABLETS.

TRY OUR SUPERIOR JAMS AND JELLIES. And don't fail to get a LITTLE PIG for the Xmas tree; also, a 5lb. box of our XMAS MIXTURE for \$1.00. SOMETHING NICE.

Money Made by Buying your DRY GOODS

—AT— KEDEY & CO'S., 77 King Street.

BARGAINS NEXT WEEK IN DRESS GOODS, CLOTH SUITINGS, ULSTER CLOTHS and TWEEDS; a full line in Men's and Boys' SHIRTS and DRAWERS, CARDIGAN JACKETS; LADIES' VESTS, FLANNELS, BLANKETS and WOOL GOODS.

At prices that will make you buy. Call and see.

be located on Germain street, at the corner of Church, in a month or two. "Oak Hall" is the name of the new clothing store on Market square. Messrs Scovil, Fraser & Co. are the proprietors, and they evidently mean business.

Mr. Hugh Kirkpatrick has bought the lease of that fine business stand now occupied by Messrs. McCafferty & Daly. With the right stock and a first class man to handle it there isn't a better business site in the city.

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Going and returning via Danville Junction or Portland, \$18; going and returning via Boston, \$23. These tickets must be used before midnight of Feb. 8th, and returning must be used to destination before midnight of Feb. 16th, 1889.

Information apply to New Brunswick railway ticket agents, who will be supplied with programme of week's sports.

Chairs caused, 242 Union street.

It is Never Slippery. "I never shovel my sidewalk unless the police make me," said a Sydney street citizen, Wednesday. "I just sweep off the loose snow, and after the rest of it has packed hard I sprinkle it with salt. Infirm old ladies and elderly gentlemen just doat on that sidewalk. It's about the only one on the street that they're not afraid of slipping on."

Clever Housekeepers know the value of Ideal Soap. It works wonders.