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THE MAN FOR THE PLACE.

Mr. James C. Robertson is reported to have said that, while he has no wish to oppose Mayor Chesley, he is willing to be a candidate for the position of mayor of Portland if his friends are determined upon it. This may be considered as equivalent to an acceptance. His friends in this connection are all who desire a better administration of the affairs of the city. They include men who have never spoken to Mr. ROBERTSON, but who know him as an energetic man of business who has much at stake in the community. They know that with him at the head of affairs, there is a hope and a prospect of a better state of things. They know that some portion of the energy and enterprise which has been devoted to his own business will be given to the advancement of the interests of the city. The courage and zeal with which, in the face of tive. a great calamity, he has started to push the erection of a new rolling mill is characteristic of him. He is not one who believes in temporizing or delay. He is full of good, wholesome energy. He is a man who will build up the shattered structure of the body politic, even as he is building anew upon the ruins of his mills.

To use an expressive American phrase. he is a "clean" man. Wherever he is known he is respected. He is in every sense the man for the place.

But he is not seeking the place. It is seeking him. He has no axe to grind, and no relatives who will unite with him in a family compact to the detriment of the interests of the people. He would prefer not to serve, but when it is made clear to him that it is his duty to do so, he cannot, as a good citizen, well decline. Should such men shrink from their duty, the ring, emboldened by past success, will go to still greater extremes in the future.

Mr. Robertson is the man for the place. He has but to offer to be accepted and elected. The ring must go.

"LAW" AND "RIGHT."

"Is it right or wrong for ministers of religion to decline compliance with the law of the land?" That depends on the law. When it requires them to report births and deaths, for example, they are perfectly justified in refusing performance of a service which properly belongs to the physician and the undertaker.

The old Church of Scotland is a hardened and unrepentant law-breaker. It would take a column of this paper to name the crazy and contemptible enactments that she has looked at with those cold gray eyes of hers, and then turned her back on or trodden over. It has been her customand we concede, in advance, that the habit is one likely to bring perplexity and uneasiness to governments-to judge a law by the light of conscience. We are not aware that this method of procedure has ever caused any serious injury to the *Church herself. She seems to be vigorous. Her lungs are sound. We believe that her heart is in the right place.

The esteemed Telegraph to the contrary, notwithstanding, an act of the Provincial assembly does not stand on the same footing as a divine ordinance. The promulgation of such has never yet been attended by signs in the heavens or wonders on the earth. They have been disobeyed before now, and no convulsion of nature has resulted. We cannot believe that the Presbytery of St. John has committed the un pardonable sin.

WHO WILL HE BE?

The friends of HENRY J. THORNE and GEORGE A. BARKER have announced that they are their chosen candidates for the has occupied the seat for two years. Mr. BARKER, who opposed him when first el- a showing? ected aud came second in a field of six, question that appears to agitate the community is, Who will poll the most?

Mr. THORNE's friends allege that they have the best reasons to think that the farms and permit the plausible superinpresent mayor will fill the chair for a third time. They say that he has made a good mayor; that the office in his hands is free in the Dominion Safety Fund association: from the slightest reproach and will continue in the same unsullied state. They in Portland and Fairville who have always do not claim that their candidate has been had him for a family doctor: to see that an original mayor, but they consider him the news of the escape of patients does not a good all-around man, a man who lives up | not get beyond the fence of the asylum; to to what he believes, especially in religion write letters to the press denouncing "obthat he is a good representative business not, as he pleases, the hundreds of letters Carleton, vote for union. It is bound to

man and in the two years he has served the people has acquired a knowledge of civic affairs which may be very useful to him in a third term. These are, in their view. some of his qualifications for the office and assist them in their cherished belief that Mayor THORNE will not step down and

Back of these qualifications it is claimed by his very ardent supporters that his power to grant licenses this year will affect his election favorably; in fact that the liquor dealers who have applied for licenses will not work openly against the man who has it in his power to make or mar them.

This last is a curious fact, that temperance men first, last, and always seem ready to make use of the power of their temperance mayor over liquor dealers to secure

Mr. GEORGE BARKER'S friends have not great deal to say, but they seem to mean business and are hard at work. They have reached a fond conclusion and as near as Progress can learn it is that Barker's election is certain. They base their hopes on the fact that their candidate is popular not only with "the boys" but with the people; that the citizens do not believe in a third term, forgetful of Mr. SIMEON JONES' third year, and will support BARKER rather than THORNE on this ground. They object strenuously to the canvass that Mr. BARKER is the candidate of the Licensed Victuallers' association, claiming that he is the representative of all and not of any one party. They hope moreover that in the absence of any candidate more congenial to them that Mr. BARKER will be the favorite for the Catholic vote.

The above represents some of the current comment upon the coming election. Dominion politics is not likely to have any influence in the contest though Mr. THORNE is a Liberal and Mr. BARKER a Conserva-

For our own part we regret that this election seems likely to be conducted by two parties, the temperance and the liquor people. We believe that there is not the slightest necessity for such a contest; that there are questions before the people of far greater moment upon which an election could be run. We have a law permitting and regulating the sale of liquor and no matter who is elected it is his duty to see that the inspector and police enforce the

But there are other questions and here are some of them:

Shall the harbor be placed in commission or shall it be retained by the city and people, and so improved as to afford every accommodation to coming trade?

Shall the water system be extended, or will we be content with the present supply? The pruning knife of economy must be applied. There are plenty of projecting shoots in almost every branch of the city's service. Are we content to let the shoots

grow, or will we cut them off short? We repeat, this is not a contest of liquor or no liquor. That question is settled by the law. It should be a contest run on different lines, and the man who is for the city, who can show that it will be to our advantage to do or not to do certain things, he is the man for mayor. Who will he

DR. STEEVES AND HIS PRODUCE.

We have something new in the literary line. It is fresh from the printer, can be had for the asking, and contains many pages of amusing and interesting reading. It is called the Report of the Auditor-General on the Public Accounts of the Province of New Brunswick.

It reveals the income of a good many gentlemen, whom the uninitiated would imagine lived on the interest of a few hundred thousand, and contains 269 pages, which are supposed to show how some \$600,000 of provincial revenue is ex-

To us, the most readable page of this very interesting book is 269, which contains an estimate of the farm and garden produce of the provincial lunatic asylum, with the superintendent's value of it set

According to this gentleman, the produce was worth \$5,739.75 in 1888. The quantities are large, and it is presumed he has quoted wholesale prices.

But what a bonanza the farmers would have if they could get Superintendent STEEVES' prices! Here are some of them: Pork- 7,363 lbs. at 8 cents..... \$ 589 04 Oats- 1,200 bushels, at 45 cents...... 540 00 Milk-33,000 quarts, at 5 cents...... 1,650 00

Hay- 100 tons, at \$12...... 1,200 00 What's wrong with Dr. STEEVES as a farmer? Doesn't he get fine prices for is chair of the chief magistrate. Mr. THORNE | stuff? Will Sir WILLIAM, as manager of the asylum farms this year, make as good

But perhaps after all Dr. Steeves is not will without doubt poll a good vote. The to blame. It may be that he is as ignorant of farming as of medicine. It would be far better to allow the graduate of an agricultural college to have charge of the tendent to see that no unhealthy applicants obtain admission to the ranks of the insured to attend to those old patients and friends and temperance. They say, moreover, trusive commiserators" and to answer or



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of their friends and relatives.

that needs such a thorough overhauling as the asylum. There is nearly \$40,000 spent there every year and with no other super- that the ballot is marked "YES." vision than an occasional visit from a member of the executive who knows no more about an asylum than Dr. STEEVES does about the price of produce.

THE RESULT OF NEGLECT.

About six weeks ago, after the scarlet fever had swept through a family residing on Richmond street, a neighbor said to the woman of the house, "I suppose you're going to fum gate?" "No, I'm not," was the reply. "The doctor says there isn't

The disease seemed to be abating at that time, and, in that belief, Progress refrained from publishing this anecdote. We are sorry that we did so. If it had been published, a certain reputable physician would probably have been brought to a realizing sense of the duty he owes to

For the future, until scarlet fever has run its course and disappeared, we shall endeavor to provide some interesting read-

Six months has passed since the prevalence of the fever first began to attract attention. Thanks to the culpable negligence that has ruled, it bids fair to continue into the hot weather and become epidemic. No attempt has been made to isolate patients, and those residing in the same house have gone around and among their associates as usual. In some cases, fumigation has not been resorted to. In many instances, the cases have not even been reported. We submit that this is a scandalous and shameful showing.

The time for temporizing and fooling is past. If the city becomes a collection of pest-houses, it shall not be the fault of Progress. Once before, in the early winter, our efforts resulted in a vast diminution of the number of cases, but we made the mistake, then, of trusting to the authorities to continue the crusade. This time we shall trust nobody but ourselves. People who obey the law will have the advantage of our work. People who do not heed the admirably comprehensive regulations of the board of health,-whether physicians or what not-will have the advantage of some free advertising. We invite our readers to give us confidential information of all cases of fever within their John engineers idle. knowledge. We promise that all parties therein concerned shall take reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the disease-or the public shall know the reason why.

The scarlet fever must go!

If sympathy had a commercial value, Mr. JAMES C. ROBERTSON and the gentlemen associated with him in the ownership of the HARRIS rolling mills, would be richer today than before the disastrous fire of Tuesday night. There is not much money in sympathy, gentlemen, but there may be consolation and encouragement.

Young men of St. John, Portland and

from persons anxious to know the condition | come some day, and the sooner the better. Let us have one city at the mouth of St. There is no institution in the province John-a city of 50,000 people-second only to Montreal and Toronto. Let everybody who has a vote poll it, and be sure

At Large Again.

The Poet Phillips has returned to the city from the parish of Simonds, where he has been the guest of the almshouse commissioners. The visit has done him good. His breath used to be stronger than his voice, but the county diet has had such a good effect on his system that he can now beg cents with a lusty vigor and curse noncontributors in vastly more resonant tones. He has grown more particular in his tastes, too. Last year he would consent to move on for a donation of one or two cents, but now he has increased the tariff to the full price of a glass of Dock street gin. If he gets a five cent piece he stands and argues the point for the other cent. Thanks to his winter's diet, he seems fully equipped for the summer campaign, So far as can be learned, he does not feel annoyed at the omission of his name by an Institute lecturer who attempted to give a list of the geniuses who have hailed from St. John. The only ing every week for the doctors and their poet who got mad in that connection was one whose name was mentioned as that of a genius of another kind.

Mayor Thorne Accepts Another Nomination. A meeting of the members of the Pro-

hiibitory alliance was held Monday evening and the matter of the opposition to Mayor Thorne's re-election was discussed. By the unanimous vote of the alliance the course pursued relative to the temperance question was endorsed and the following telegram was sent to his worship at the close of the meeting:-To H. J. THORNE, Esq.,

Russell House, Ottawa:-Prohibitory Alliance met this evening and endorsed your course as mayor of this city, and tender you their aid and support if you accept nomination for_ J. WILLARD SMITH.

The following reply was received:-

Secretary Prohibitory Alliance :-Many thanks for endorsement of my course in the past. I will accept the nomination for mayor for another year, and will give my best service if elected. I look to my friends, among all classes of the citizens, for their support and care for my interest while absent on public business. H. J. THORNE.

Why Is It?

The cruiser Dream is near St. Andrews watching the American fishing smacks. She has an American engineer on board. Why is this when there are plenty of St.

TO THE INSTITUTE DIRECTORS.

With Apologies to G. H. Macdermott, of London Music Hall fame.]

Oh, what do you think of Tom H-n-t-n now? Not much! Not what? Not much! He's a model of courtesy, you will allow. Not much! Not what? Not much! But you'll surely admit that he did nothing low When telling the minstrels to pay up or go

Before they had furnished one-half of their show-Not much! Not what? Not much! Is C-s-m a much better man, should you say? Not much! Not what? Not much! To H-n-t-n's "Yes" would he dare to say "Nay"? Not much! Not what? Not much!

I think I can both of their futures foretell: If they go on as they have begun they'll do well, And eventually make their appearance in-heaven. Not much! Not what? Not much!

THE "DOREL" GLOVE.

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SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

My friend Power of Halifax was in town this week. His friends were glad to feel his grip and talk over the chances for good sport this season. For though James is a Halifax man, he has forgotten more about base ball and racing than the rest of his Scotia press brothers know.

He represented the Halifax racing association at the Maritime circuit association, which paid him : well-deserved compliment by electing him secretary. It's a lamentable fact that the Haligonians' taste is for running races. They can't help it, for it was born in them; and then, you know, there isn't a commissioned red coat in the garrison who hasn't some kind of a jumping scrub that he's willing to

But trotting must come to the front in Halifax, as t has in St. John. Give them fine races and the crowds will be sure to climb shoulders.

Another fact about Halifax is, the people won't bay more than 25 cents to see a race. They haven't been properly trained you see. Surely a good afternoon's racing is worth double the money that one theatre performance costs. But they reverse things and only pay half as much.

Truro's racing crowds are composed of farmers It is a caution to see the sturdy sons of toil deposit their 50 cents and take in the show. In St. Stephen, on the contrary, the opinion of the average rustic that the sole aim and object of a city man is to stand behind a counter and cheat him. Therefore they don't patronize city men's races.

But speakin6 of races, what a fine programme th maritime delegates laid out! Just think of it, nearly \$6000 in purses. It's enough to open the eyes of every horseman. There's rare sport ahead, and St. John will have its share of it.

I don't think any number of horsemen did as much good work in as little time as the delegates dia Tues day night in the Victoria. It is no reflection on those who remained at home to say that the conven tion was as representative as possible.

President Will Todd wasn't there. He got a tele gram Monday informing him that a celebrated horse painter, whose time meant money and lots of it, would arrive at his stock farm Tuesday, and Mr. Todd was forced to remain. But he was re-elected president and his interests, which are identical with St. Stephen's, did not suffer in Charlie Clerke's

Clerke is a whole team. He knew exactly what he wanted and he got it. Aside from their prominence in sporting and racing circles, the gentlemen who sat in the Victoria, Tuesday evening, were guarantees in themselves of the success of any circuit they might form. St. John will always rely on the arrangement of John Johnson and Dr. Tom Walker, two of the most popular gentlemen in the association and in the city. St. Stephen has two of her richest and most influential men in Todd and Clerke and the border town will always be behind them. Fredericton has no more popular citizen than John Wiley and with the first officer in the county, Sheriff Sterling, they make a great pair. Halifax will always abide by the judgment and fairness of Power of the Recorder, and Mahon of Truro has spent so much time and cash for the people that they are all with him. So apart, I repeat, from the abilities of the delegates to form a fine and drawing circuit,

Jack McCoy and his equine thief DeBarry crossed the border Tuesday. Report says DeBarry has gone for good and with him and Jack Mack out ot the way, some of their rivals will be happier.

I saw Dave Stockford in the capital a few days ago, looking well and as ready to hold the ribbons as ever. When Dave goes to Providence, as he will shortly, Fredericton and the province loses a good driver and a popular fellow. He took the precaution to subscribe for Progress and proposes when away to keep posted.

Fredericton is alive to the situation, and I have it on the best authority that an imported base ball battery is on the eards for this summer. The track comparison and scrutiny. Try it!

people and the city sports can make an arrangement if they are in earnest, and the Celestial sports will have a chance to spend a quarter-or climb the fence-now and again to see a ball game.

I have a complete report of the Maritime circuit neeting, which will appear next week, being reeived too late for this issue.

Moncton has Wagg. That's no matter-if we get

Halifax is rather in the dumps at the prospect of no ball games this season. There won't be any Atlanta club, so they say, and the best players will unite with the Socials and form a mighty combin tion-for what? The present prospects are that they won't trouble anybody, except the photo-

The Shamrocks are beginning to wake up, and, I am told, have had their telescopes on some fine ground. I hope they will get it. You can put up a fine game, boys, if you get down to work. May your bazaar pan out to the tune of two or three

The St. John Amateur Athletic association hasn't bad sound, has it?

It was a good scheme to change the date of electing officers. It is a fact that until after the spring election nothing is done. Old officers are chary of doing things that may not meet with the approval of their successors, and they want confidence voted in them again before they go to work.

Secretary Barker was reelected as he deserved. I know of no six men who did as much last year to keep up the ball enthusiasm and bring everything out right side up. One hundred dollars is his this fall. He's cheap at a thousand.

Of the new officers, Tom Bell and Harry McKeown, you all know them and that is to like them. Capt. Bell has led the nine to many a victory and will

We will all miss Ned Warlock, the bright, honest, dashing player, whom everybody knew and liked. He was a splendid ball player and a good fellow. Always pleasant and cheery, there was no member of the club more popular. The Nationals owe much to him: he was their founder and first captain.

It is curious that Warlock and McKeown, two prominent boys of the club, should both be stricken with the scarlet fever scourge at the same time. Warlock dreaded it and his friends tell how he used to use camphor on his hands for fear he should catch it from the numerous notes he handled daily at Harris' cash desk. McKeown is better and I am glad to say is expected to get around again all right.

"Speaking of the Y. M. C. A. nine," said a crank, the other day, "you may not be aware that they have scriptural warrant for playing base ball? It's a fact, though, and I can prove it. Here's a list of quotations that might be doubled in length, if necessary." And with that he handed me the following, which I print as a matter of record, but which I don't dare to put in a very prominent place : And Joshua made a league with them .- Joshua

I made wise men captains.—Deuteronomy xi., 15. When Paul had appealed to be reserved.—Acts And Abner said to Jacob, let the young men-now

The points of a diamond.—Jeremiah xvii., 1.

And the children of Israel shall pitch.—Numbers Now Jacob had pitched .- Genesis xxxi., 25 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of So Israel and Absalom pitched in the lat Gilead.—II Samuel xvii, 26.

Every one to his field.—Nehemiah xiii, 10.

When they were in the field.—Genesis, iv, 8.

On the bases.—I Kings, vii, 43.

No striker.—I Timothy, iii, 3.

Thou shalt fan them.—Isaiah xli, 16.

Run now.—II Kings, iv, 26.

I shall not slide.—Psalms xxvi, 1.

Make a sacrifice.—Numbers xv, 3.

Thou shalt not steal.—Exodus xx, 15.

It was an error.—Ecclesiastes v, 6. Bring me home.—Judges xi, 9.

When Haman came home.—Esther v, 10.

He will come home.—Proverb3 vii, 20.

He gave judgement.—Jeremiah xxxix, 5.

Then called he them in.—Acts x, 23.

The record of John.—John i, 19.

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