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CIRCULATION, 5,500.

WE ARE BIGGER TODAY.

There is a very general feeling of satisfaction about us. The unexpected gave us an agreeable surprise, Tuesday, and Civic Union was carried by an overwhelming majority. Now let us have the real thing as soon as possible.

Both cities can be congratulated on the result. Of the two, Portland should be happier, for instead of being governed and controlled by an unscrupulous grab ring, she will be a part of one of the best conducted cities in Canada.

It was a great day for Portland, and a very cold one for the hoodlums. Despite all their trickery, despite all their arguments, despite all their threats, the people faced them at the polls, and by a handsome majority accepted the views of PROGRESS and "turned the rascals out." They are still in the ring, citizens of Portland, and will bear watching while they remain.

Let every voter, every resident of greater St. John, welcome civic union, and so far as he can strive to make the city really greater, not only in our own eyes, but in the eyes of the world.

Who doesn't feel bigger than he did last Saturday?

PAY UP AND LOOK SMILING.

Tenders are asked for the new opera house and several first class contractors are figuring on the job. So there is a very good prospect that the long talked of venture will come to something. PROGRESS has always held that it is needed badly in St. John, and the sooner it is built the better.

The directors can be congratulated upon their victory against the worst kind of opposition. The stockholders expect the building to go up as fast as the bricks can be placed one upon another.

There are many reasons why the new opera house should be ready for this summer's amusements. The signs of the times indicate that St. John will be a great centre this year with at least two great public demonstrations—the summer carnival and the exhibition. We want an opera house on these occasions, with first class companies in them. What better time to open the new building than during carnival week? It means money, gentlemen, big money, and with the exhibition following a month or two later, it will be your own fault if the first year's showing of the St. John Opera house is not a good one.

Pay your calls, gentlemen.

THERE IS A BETTER WAY.

A city dry goods firm asks PROGRESS' readers in and out of town to compete for a \$20 prize, the winner of which will by May 1 have sent to their address the greatest number of their advertisements cut from the papers which they patronize. This offer will without doubt result in a corner in old papers. We do not think the firm has hit the right plan to gain advertising knowledge. We also beg to differ from their assertion that the newspaper with the largest circulation is the best advertising medium. It might suit I. S. JOHNSON or J. C. AYER, but there cannot be any doubt that the character of a newspaper circulation is a most important factor in determining the value of its space. If, for example, a merchant wants to reach the household, if he wants his announcements to be seen by the persons who buy and pay for what they get, it is his business to patronize the paper with the largest household circulation. A real estate dealer on the other hand, finds that an advertisement in the business man's half-hour morning paper gives him better value than any others. So, gentlemen, you cannot always sometimes tell. Place a coupon in the centre of your advertisement worth say 25 cents in goods, and we will guarantee you will find out who reads your advertisements. But do not expect the readers of PROGRESS to mutilate the paper which in eight cases out of ten is either filed or sent to friends eager for home news, for the sake of a chance.

HORRIBLE EXAMPLES.

The contributors to the Telegraph and Sun are permitted to indulge in some extraordinary English, these days. Here, for example are two sentences that the brilliant Campbellton correspondent of the former esteemed contemporary used in his graphic and picturesque account of the I. C. R. accident: "The fireman of the special was trying to escape through the window of the cab when the trains struck

but, alas, his efforts were in vain, for the trains met and telescoped, and he was ushered hurriedly before his Maker and his mangled remains found on the track.

Driver WHITNEY was killed instantly—it is thought by a blow on the back of the head. His remains are minus a leg, and his nose is slightly disfigured, otherwise he looks natural.

And it has been but a few days since our equally esteemed contemporary which is Conservative in its politics but not always in its choice of language, contained this remarkable paragraph, which we reprint with apologies to Rev. GEORGE BRUCE:

The gospel temperance meeting, yesterday afternoon, in Good Templar hall was intensely listened to by a fair audience. A good choir opened the meeting with the hymn, O where are the reapers, after which the chairman, JOHN LAW, read a portion of the 5th chapter of Isaiah. The speaker, Rev. GEORGE BRUCE, delivered a telling scriptural temperance address, descriptive from personal experience of the vice of intemperance. The chairman tendered the speaker a vote of thanks on behalf of Peerless district lodge for his able address, and in responding he complimented the singing and the management of the meeting as tending to do good.

In view of these and other similar felonious assaults upon our mother tongue, we feel warranted in saying that it is high time for certain editors to begin to edit.

The present system of public printing, that of distributing the work among the newspapers that demand a sop, is both wasteful and inefficient. Certain establishments, notably that of the Telegraph, which are amply provided and well managed, give the government a handsome job, but in the very nature of things the ordinary country office must fall far short of either beauty or correctness. In Commissioner Ryan's report, for instance, which bears the imprint of the Bathurst Courier, three kinds of paper are used, hardly a page is legibly printed and typographical errors besprinkle every paragraph. The Courier doubtless did the best it could with the facilities at command, but the result in this and other cases convinces us that for the credit of the province there should be a change in the system.

Two graduates of Mount Allison, ALFRED AUGUSTUS STOCKTON, M. A., D. C. L., Ph. D., LL. D., M. P. P., and S. DUNN SCOTT, B. A., have put in their little protest against \$1,000 of the provincial funds going to the Collegiate school, Fredericton, as a feeder for the University. It ever the Sackvillian graduates get sufficient influence in the local house the New Brunswick University will have to share with Mount Allison. But with Mr. Speaker PUGSLEY, Mr. MITCHELL and Mr. WILSON in their places, the provincial university is safe. Mount Allison appears to be doing very well, too.

Our Florida correspondent, G. E. F., remarks in a casual fashion in his interesting letter that many parts of this province are "enshrined in snow and encased in deep layers of ice." That would have been true last year, but times have changed. We said "good bye" to winter, March 1. Spring was on time this year, and all the snow and ice you can find in southern New Brunswick at the present time wouldn't make a toboggan slide in anybody's back yard.

Certain interesting conditions attach to the bequest of the late Hon. J. S. PIKE, who left several thousand dollars to establish a free public library in Calais, Maine. One of them provides that no work of fiction less than ten years old shall be purchased with his endowment. Mr. PIKE had a large and level head.

"Nuts," of Newcastle sends us some political chestnuts to crack. Thanks for the trouble, but our teeth are tender: therefore excuse us. But no doubt the newspapers which make a business of cracking political chestnuts daily will undertake the job. Try them.

PEN AND PRESS.

Mr. Allan Forman, editor of the Sketch Journalist, is the subject of a biographical sketch in the New York Graphic, which compliments that successful literary very highly but not at all undeservingly.

The St. Andrews Bay Pilot has given place to the St. Andrews Beacon. "Bob" Armstrong of the Globe has such an abiding faith in the future of the coming summer resort that he has cast in his lot with the new venture. If Mr. Armstrong can command plenty of hard work, ability and energy, the Beacon should succeed.

Mr. Edmund E. Sheppard, writing in the Toronto Saturday Night, makes feeling allusion to the position of the Mail, with respect to the Jesuits' libel suits. "If they are to be sued in Montreal," he says, "they may find the lawsuit almost as difficult as if they had slandered the devil and were to be tried in hell." Mr. Sheppard has been there himself.

The Letter Came via New York.

"That correspondent was a little off his base, Saturday," said a post office clerk, Wednesday. "The English mail that brought his letter arrived Monday, via New York, the letter was stamped Monday evening and restamped by the carrier the next morning and delivered. I don't see how it could be done much quicker."

Something For Their Customers.

Manks & Co. have issued an attractive card for their customers with information for their use in selecting hats.

To convince yourself of the great superiority of Ideal Soap, compare it with any other on the market.

Advertisement for Ideal Soap featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and a testimonial: "I tell you, m'ams, washing can't be done well unless the soap is right. I've been washing these 30 years and tried all kinds, and there's none like Logan's Ideal Soap for taking dirt & stains out of the clothes without rotting them, and it don't make the hands rough and sore as many soaps do. It's made by Wm Logan St. John, all grocers sell it."

SHERATON & SELFRIDGE, 38 King Street, (OPPOSITE ROYAL HOTEL).

Open about March 20.

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

Rogers is a good man to keep Small company, and I understand he wants to come to St. John. Get him by all means, if you can, gentlemen of the committee. We won't find fault with any such move as that.

Our local celebrities in the battery line, Robinson and Whitenett, will probably sign the contract early this year, or not at all. So far as I can gather, the club is down on a repetition of any such backing-and-filling exhibition as was held last spring. The first kind of an offer is open to them, and the sooner the contract is signed and preliminary training begun the better pleased will all of us be.

So Moncton is beginning to throw dirt. Don't try it on, boys. Waag is good enough for you—some say too good—don't you be alarmed about our nine. St. John can get one, and you can make up your mind that it will be a good one.

What pleases me as much as anything is the ball talk I heard from a Frederictonian, a few days ago. He speaks with authority and says much. All I could gather pointed to the conclusion that, just as soon as an arrangement could be made with the track association, a club would be formed. There is talk of an imported battery. All I can say is: do not delay. A new club wants all the practice they can get, and then they won't have enough to compete with older organizations.

The Shamrocks say that before they can get the right grounds within the city they must cover a lot of gold dollars. One man who paid \$300 for a bit of marsh land, was a ten year lease signed with security for \$3,000 rental in that time, with no renewal clause and no rebate for improvements. How's that for a hog?

In my hurried dots last Saturday, I omitted to congratulate President Skinner upon his reelection. Beyond the fact that Skinner has done enough for the club to be its life president, I know of no gentleman who can fill the position so well. He has plenty of back bone—a very necessary possession—and is always for the club.

Frank White arrived home from the west Wednesday, looking and feeling well. His friends have every reason to be satisfied with the showing he made in New York and New Haven. Under the circumstances, no provincialist could have done better. Mead never reached the New York track before he went on to run, and on the New Haven course, which was almost as new to him, he forced the winner close up to the record.

Frank's friends will be glad to know that while away he was cured of the throat trouble that has annoyed him for some time past. That in itself was worth the time and the expense of the trip.

The daily papers have made some allusion to the new sporting club that is now in process of organization, but the paragraphs have necessarily been somewhat indefinite. I may add that it will be known as the National club, and will have rooms over Bob Wilkins' popular resort. Its statement of purposes will be rather elastic, since the desire is to aid every kind of sport, taking special care to push its own members to the front in all athletic events, and at the same time to keep up the good work that the Polymorphians inaugurated, in helping out any civic festival. What the membership fee will be is not certain as yet, but everybody seems willing to put down at least \$10 to start the show, and about 60 members have already been secured.

The committee on constitution and estimates will report to the meeting at the National, Monday night, when organization will be effected. Every man who has been invited to join is requested to be on hand at that time and place, and help straighten things out. Gentlemen who stay away and who afterwards kick because the club made rules they don't like, will be mildly but firmly sat upon.

Judging from the list of members, the new club will be composed of whole-souled fellows who can always be counted on to back up sport and who will succeed in anything they undertake, or die trying. If they make a wise choice of officers and don't start on too extravagant a scale, in the matter of headquarters, they will live and grow and be a credit

to the town. I think they will try to do the right thing, and I wish them luck.

Horsemen who want to keep posted will be glad to learn that their best paper has engaged "Jimmy" Power, the secretary of the Maritime Trotting circuit, as a turf correspondent. I expect Power's weekly budget will be a great feature this year, for when he talks horse he knows what he says every time. You will find his letter elsewhere.

A funny little strike is on at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The boys' class having been restricted to two evenings a week in their use of the gymnasium, the boys got their backs up and decided they wouldn't use it at all. They say that the restriction was made "because the big fellows are afraid we'll laugh at 'em."

Jack McCoy says that DeBarry never started out of his class or under an assumed name, and cannot properly be called a "thief." Well, I guess you're right, Mr. McCoy. "Thief" wasn't the proper word. The main trouble with DeBarry was that he hadn't a match for him.

McCoy, I understand, has added some fine stock to his stable. He has just reached home with some California horses, one stallion and two mares: 1st dam by Belmont; 2nd dam by Pilot Jr. He tells me he will give the horse's service free if he can't show a mile in 2:25, and if he can he will charge \$100. Forty dollars more and he'll be open to anyone who chooses to accept it. One of his fillies is by Sir Wilkes and the other is by Le Grant first dam by Arthurton the sire of Arab 2:15. McCoy will be in St. John shortly and will be ready and willing to give information.

HALIFAX, March 20.—Horsemen in this section of the country are delighted with the arrangements for the fall circuit, and already they are making preparations for a tour of the tracks. The meeting has awakened an interest in trotting which has never been observable before among some people in this city, and with the extensive advertising the circuit will receive, the opening races will doubtless be the means of making many persons, who have heretofore admired the "bang-tail" animals, transfer their affections to the perfect driving horse.

The classes provided for the circuit ought to produce large fields and interesting contests. There are a large number of green horses in the three provinces, which will compete in the 3-minute class, while the 2:45 classes ought to be the best of the meetings. Lucy Derrick, 2:44; Lady McCoy, 2:45; Messenger Clay, 2:45; Maud March, 2:45; Maggie T., 2:46; Gladstone, 2:46; Wildflower, 2:48; Gen. Sherman, jr., 2:47; Frank Nelson, 2:47; Harry Morgan, 2:48; Long John, 2:49; Mistake, 2:50; Jennie C., 2:52; Kate Sheridan, 2:54; Paul Lambert, 2:55; Plug, 2:55, and others, are eligible to score up for the word in this race, not to mention several speedy ones from the 3-minute class. Schoolmarm, 2:49, and Speculation, 2:48, being four-year-olds, are not included in this list, but if by their owners should decide to start them against aged horses, there are many who would expect to see them win a piece of the money, even in this class.

But what great races the faster classes will likely prove! Rampart 2:36; Blackbird 2:36; Rattler 2:37; Melbourne King 2:37; Highland Chief 2:37; Henardo 2:37; Ironclad 2:38; Albert D. 2:38; Maud C. 2:39; Kitty 2:39; Lord Dufferin 2:39; Tol Hooker 2:39; Maud R. 2:39; Phil Logan 2:40; George Alright 2:41; Troublesome 2:41; Lady Max 2:42; Gypsy 2:43, with others among the provincial trotters which can answer the bell for this race, while the majority of these horses will enter for the 2:28 class, and Black Pilot 2:30; Helena 2:34; Charlie Morris 2:34; Sir Garnet 2:34; Peabody 2:32; Col. Lang 2:31; Island Chief 2:34; and Bronze Chief 2:36 are among the other horses which will be able to join them in this contest. It has been stated that Mr. Todd intends to have two Emeline mares, Alice Blackwood, 2:29; and Daisy Harts horn, 2:34; this season, and if so it is hoped he will at least send one of the mares through the circuit, as people in each town will be anxious to see one of the famous Emeline family, as well as one of the many fine horses owned by such an enterprising gentleman as Mr. Todd.

For the success of the circuit a number of horses from northern and western New Brunswick should compete at Halifax and Truro to create greater interest in the races, as a number of Nova Scotia horsemen have already decided to go through from "end to end."

Spring Showers.

BARNES & MURRAY'S PRICE LIST.

Table with columns for Ladies' Umbrellas and Waterproof Circulars, listing various sizes and prices.

17 CHARLOTTE STREET. N. B.—We Pay the Car Fare.

The New Crockery store, 94 KING STREET.

DAILY RECEIVING--NEW GOODS. Now showing a fine display of CUT-GLASS DECANTERS, CELERIES, CLARETS and WINES; also, DECORATED TOILETTE SETS, and OLD BLUE WILLOW CHINA BREAKFAST and TEA SETS, and CUPS, SAUCERS and PLATES.

C. MASTERS.

MANSON'S, 16 KING STREET.

Dress Goods & Millinery.

DROP INTO OUR STORE and see the Dress Goods we are showing for Spring. Fashions, both in style of make-up and color, change so often now-a-days that a great many people don't care to put Big Money in Dresses for Street Wear. Therefore we place before you Stuffs in all the new Shades, and of a nice, soft texture, that, when made up in a stylish manner, look just as well as goods costing three times the money. The Prices for single width Goods, 10c., 12c., 15c., 18c., 20c., 25c., 30c. The Prices for double width, 30c., 35c., 40c., 50c., 55c., 60c. Braids and Gimp Trimmings to match.

MILLINERY.

In our Millinery Department we are showing the latest creations of the Paris, London and New York Designers. Straw Hats, Bonnets and Toques, including the new Swiss and Italian Lace Braids and Neapolitan effects. Low Crowns are showing in all the Dress Shapes, and a great many Directoire Shapes are introduced. Brims are short at the back, and very deep in front. Artificial Flowers will lead the Millinery garniture for Spring. Natural effects predominate. Ribbons will be used profusely. A peep at our Show Window will give you an idea of what we are showing.

M. MANSON, - - 16 King Street.

Only provincial horses have been named in the probable starters given above, and an calculation have been made in regard to the number of American horses likely to compete. John Whellden, of Bangor, has a great hankering to see him down here with Elmo, 2:27, and others. Wallingford or Gibbs, of Boston will doubtless be on the circuit, and George Hill, of Brooklyn, had an idea some time ago of corresponding with the secretaries of the various tracks to ascertain if they would offer a special purse to drive a pair of runners hitched to a wagon, or to drive a fast pacer against time. This circuit has been considerably talked about in the Boston States this winter, and there were some reports that Frank, 2:19, would trot on the circuit, but the substitution of the 2:28 class for the free for all bars him out, and all other horses which are much faster than the trotters now owned in the Provinces.

It is a pleasure to note that the Halifax, St. John, Fredericton and St. Stephen tracks are members of the National Trotting association, and before the circuit opens it is expected Truro will be enrolled under its banner, and if Charlottetown joins the circuit, they will also be under the association. This means that evil-doers will have slim chances on the tracks this year, as if, for instance, a driver conducts himself dishonorably at Halifax, and is suspended, his occupation is gone, as the other tracks being members of the association, he will be unable to take part in any of their races. A note of warning might be given right here to a few, if any, who will not strive to do wrong. The managers of the various tracks are anxious to gain the confidence of the public, and are bound to enforce the rules of their association, so that no offender may be expected to be treated with the utmost severity. It is not likely there will be any need of inflicting many penalties, as there are very few drivers who will not strive to win, and owners are so anxious to boom their stallions that efforts will be made to give the latter or their produce the best records possible.

That was a splendid idea of Dr. Walker's in regard to having the railways issue coupon excursion tickets at one-first class fare, entitling the holder to his railway passage and admission to the track, and issuing excursion tickets only to those who purchase coupon tickets.

Manager Innes, of the Windsor & Annapolis railway has always objected to issuing excursion tickets because many persons waited for the reduced fares and never visited the races. This new scheme will obviate this difficulty, and there is no doubt it will be accepted by the railway managers, not only in regard to the circuit, but is likely to be adopted in regard to all excursions in the future.

The dates of the meetings have been so arranged that the horses after trotting at Moncton will have their choice of two ways to reach Fredericton. They can either go by the Intercolonial and New Brunswick roads, or via the Intercolonial to West Ham Junction, and thence by the Northern & West-ern road. This will make competition and ought to mean cheap freights.

DeBarry will not trouble the circuit, not because he is barred from the 28 class, but he has been sold by C. G. Frazier to go to Germany. Mr. Frazier, or Prof. Frazier, as he is perhaps better known, visited this country about 10 years ago or more, when Prof. Pratt was giving exhibitions, and again since a few years later when he appeared on the Provincial tracks with the bay mare Princess. He afterwards went to England, and has since done a good trade in shipping horses across the Atlantic for parties on the other side, though remaining in Halifax several months at a time, and also imported the stallion Gen. Sherman, now owned in Kings. Last year, Mr. Sherman purchased Col. Wood, 2:29, and shipped him to England with Sleepy John and other provincial horses.

I hope to give you some interesting horse notes next week.

POWER.