

PROGRESS.

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Instead of just waking and realizing that we are alive and healthy, we honestly believe that we would now be advancing with all the freshness and vigor of youth and the resolution of manhood. Our start has not been a fair one—but we are gradually yet surely warming to our work, and by the steadiness and speed that belong to us, are sure to win the race.

A CHESTNUT.

For some time, personally, we have clung to the idea that a man could not be a Christian, according to our ideal of a Christian, and be in business. We will extend this list and add newspaper reporters, not excluding PROGRESS.—Henry Chestnut in the Farmer.

Mr. HENRY CHESTNUT is a Fredericton merchant, with whom we have some slight acquaintance. Were it not for that fact and the appearance of his well known and valuable signature, appended to the letter in the Farmer we might have thought that there was a crank in the capital.

We fear that Mr. CHESTNUT's business experience has not been a happy one. That it has been successful we have every reason to believe. But there must be something wrong either in his "ideal Christian" or his "ideal business man" when he thinks it impossible for one to possess the qualities of both. We did Mr. CHESTNUT the honor of placing him on our list of square Christian business men. His own words are his condemnation, and it is with sincere regret that we erase his name from a list that is not too long.

It may be observed that this good citizen of Fredericton now includes "reporters of PROGRESS" in his philosophic conclusion. He insinuates quite broadly that a man cannot be a reporter of PROGRESS and a Christian. We do not object, but must, however, challenge Mr. CHESTNUT's right to lay down the law.

While we have had every respect for him, we cannot conclude that he is a competent judge of such an important matter.

Mr. CHESTNUT goes a little farther, and comments upon the merits of the last number of PROGRESS. Just a word of advice. If all men will follow it, there will be less friction in this world. So long as a newspaper lets you alone, let it alone. This is more especially true of PROGRESS.

The Empire calls attention to the manufacture of superphosphates in the eastern townships, and says that the Canadian fertilizer is sold cheaper than that of the United States. The reason is obvious. Canada sends her phosphates abroad and buys them back in the refined condition, with the cost of carriage both ways added. Up to this year St. John exported hundreds of tons of bones to the United States and bought them back again in the fertilizer form. The Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Co. finds plenty of use for them at its Marsh road factory, and the production of fertilizing compounds bids fair to become an important industry in New Brunswick.

We do not believe there is another Canadian city of the size of St. John with merchants half so appreciative of the benefits of advertising as ours. One need look no further than this issue of PROGRESS for examples of their enterprise in this direction. We venture the assertion that no handsomer advertisement has ever been inserted in a St. John paper than that of Mr. Harold Gilbert in today's PROGRESS. And W. C. Pitfield & Co.'s announcement is just as creditable to the St. John wholesale trade as Mr. Gilbert's is to the retail. Both gentlemen are as enterprising, successful and business-like as you will find anywhere.

Congratulations to Warden JAMES ROYCE, of St. Martin's, upon his election to the chairmanship of the municipality of St. John! The honor was well deserved, well bestowed. We hope his term may be as long and as successful as that of his voluntarily retiring predecessor, Councillor T. W. PETERS, who, elected to the wardenship three years ago, has held the chair by acclamation since. The public owes a debt to such men who, possessed of an intimate knowledge of municipal affairs, devote much valuable time and attention to the business of the country.

Two new industries—the manufacture of wrenches and shovels—may locate in Saint John in a short time. Gentlemen who have inquired into the prospects of the former industry, inspected the patent and made their calculations, say that it is worth the attention of capitalists. St. John has never stood in so prominent or so good a light with the world in general as she does today. The bricks of our future commercial prosperity are about us and we are our own masons.

The railway contractors will have to hustle to get that link between Harvey and Salisbury ready for traffic inside of three years. If St. John can't get a grip on western freight by that time, she will not deserve to have it. Once get the goods coming and going this way, and there's sufficient ingenuity and pluck in St. John to enable her merchants to hold their own.

Just a word of explanation regarding the missing Moncton correspondence that we spoke of recently. Our bright and enterprising Moncton correspondent was not aware of the fact that a note to the editor

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Advertisement for Ideal Soap featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and a handwritten testimonial: 'I tell you, marm, 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.'

Advertisement for JEWEL Jewellery featuring an illustration of a large ornate safe and the text: 'Don't Fail to See the "JEWEL" with Oval Fire Pot and Ventilated Oven. IT HAS NO EQUAL.'

Advertisement for SHERATON & SELFRIDGE THE WORLD TYPE WRITER featuring an illustration of a typewriter and the text: 'WRITES EASILY 35 TO 40 WORDS PER MINUTE.'

signed by the writer's nom de plume could not be enclosed in an MSS. packet. The law gives postmasters and postal clerks the right to open MSS. packets and search for such enclosures. If any are found the packet is forwarded to the dead letter office, as in this case. We have to thank Inspector KING for his efforts to satisfy our complaint, and while we admit that the Moncton postmaster and the postal clerk who investigated the MSS. packet were acting quite within their duty, will they also permit us to congratulate them upon their zeal in the public service and at the same time assure them that never in our experience have we seen the bump of curiosity quite so well developed.

The Farmer, in an editorial bubbling over with fulsome flattery of the government, talks arrant nonsense when it says: 'Objection is taken in St. John to the discontinuance of Mr. PETERS in a dual position, but this ought to have very little weight. . . . The necessity for his occupancy of two of the best offices in St. John does not now exist, and while he is all his friends claim him to be a zealous, faithful, high-minded judge, no injustice would be done him were he to be retained only in the position of common clerk.'

Has the Farmer read the act? Does it not know that Police Magistrate PETERS could not be Common Clerk PETERS? In the new city the offices must be held by different men. All that Mr. PETERS' friends ask is that he be retained in one of his present positions—that of police magistrate.

Thirteen isn't always an unlucky number. The Toronto Telegram is thirteen years old, but its anniversary issue proves that only the right kind of "luck" will ever come to it—the kind that's born of brains and hard work.

About the best private improvement investment we can think of would be the cost of scrubbing out and painting the interior of Berryman's hall. As it is, it reflects no credit on its landlord or its frequent lessees.

Sergeant-Major MCKENZIE is too late. No one questions his qualifications for the office of chief of police, out even political promises once made are not easily broken. Some other time, Sergeant-Major.

Many citizens are under the impression that street contractor DAVID CONNELL hasn't the dust under sufficient control. Mr. CONNELL's contract does not require

him to lay the dust until next Wednesday, May 1. The street committee wasn't half awake when that clause was inserted.

Lent has gone and PROGRESS' society correspondence is more interesting than ever.

Advertisement for Boys' Heavy Cotton Hose, Double Heel and Toe, IN BLACK AND NAVY. For wearing qualities these goods will be found superior to imported makes, and AT MUCH LOWER PRICES. Our special line of Ladies' Black Cashmere, at 22c. per pair, are SELLING VERY RAPIDLY. BARNES & MURRAY, 17 CHARLOTTE STREET.

Advertisement for The New Crockery Store, 94 KING STREET. NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY. SEE THE NEW TABLE GLASSWARE; NEW BEDROOM SETS; NEW FANCY GLASSWARE, FAIRY LAMPS. All Goods at LOWEST PRICES. C. MASTERS.

Advertisement for MANSON'S featuring an illustration of a woman's face and the text: 'New Ribbons, New Mantle Cloths, New Parasols, Washing Challies. MANSON'S, 16 KING STREET. Dress and Mantle Making executed on the premises.'

Advertisement for Wall Paper! Wall Paper! A GREAT VARIETY OF NEW and CHOICE DESIGNS and COLORINGS. ROLLER BLINDS. ROLLER BLINDS. A specialty of our HOUSE BLINDS this year is that they are all attached to the roller with the NEW SHADE FASTENERS. Call and See them. They are a long way ahead of Tacks. EDWARD A. EVERETT, 90 King Street. "Cleanliness is Next To Godliness."

Advertisement for The American Steam Laundry, LOCATED AT Nos. 52 and 54 Canterbury Street, HAS THE Latest Improved Machinery, the Most Competent Help, the Most Efficient Supervision, and, therefore, Everybody says, DOES THE BEST WORK. Fredericton Agency: F. QUARTERMAN, Queen Street. GIVE US A TRIAL ORDER.

Advertisement for GODSOE BROS. - Proprietors. DANGER! People having FEATHER BEDS and PILLOWS do not seem to realize the DANGER there is in using them without being cleansed, especially in times of an epidemic, as feathers retain all the exhalations and poisonous matters exuding from the person, and by so doing spread sickness through the family. Our STEAM CLEANSING PROCESS eliminates all poisonous matters and leaves the feathers in a better condition than new. Leave orders at UNGAR'S STEAM LAUNDRY.

Advertisement for CARPET WHIPS for a Quarter! AND NOTHING BUT THE BEST AMERICAN WRINGERS, AT BEVERLY'S. Leave your orders for Carpet Cleaning at Harold Gilbert's, 54 King Street. Easter Cards and Booklets, 80 King Street, D. McArthur.

NOTICE. ALL PERSONS having Accounts against the City Corporation are specially requested to render the same at the office of the Common Clerk not later than MONDAY, the 6th day of May next, with a view of closing all departmental accounts previous to the coming into force of the ACT OF UNION. Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Common Council. T. W. PETERS, 236 No. 236 April, 1889.