

THEY ARE NOT HAPPY.

THE GOVERNMENT TICKET-MAKERS ARE KEPT VERY BUSY.

The Advent of Edward Lantulum seems to settle the vexed question of the Right Man for a Catholic Candidate—The Effect of the New Combination.

The telephone wires were made a little tired this week. They were kept pretty busy in the service of the government. North and South Ends gave the central plenty of work in connecting lawyers, merchants, liquor saloons and junk shops one with the other, merely to ask what appeared to be very simple questions.

Probably these questions were more important than they seemed. They ought to be, for they were asked and answered by the men who are trying to make up the government ticket. They were in search of an eligible Catholic, and several eligible Catholics were in search of them. The choice of a candidate of that denomination has become more difficult than ever, but it is believed the problem has been solved by the acceptance of Edward Lantulum.

Perhaps it would be more correct to say that Mr. Lantulum has solved the problem by the selection of himself. He is said to have asserted that he would be a candidate, whether the ticket-makers wanted him or not. It goes without saying that if this is his determination, he will be on the ticket.

Mr. Lantulum will make a very good candidate. He is very popular in York Point.

Unfortunately for the harmony of the government camp, he is not the unanimous choice of the ticket-makers. To begin with, Mr. Blair does not want him, and is reported to have said as much during his passage through the city, the other day. The Provincial Secretary is reported to have answered that he was running this constituency himself, and had a right to choose whom he considered best in the interests of the ticket.

Alderman John Kelly is believed to be out of the race. He does not want to be a candidate, and has said so. It is not absolutely certain that he will work for the government ticket, unless a "religious cry" is raised, when he would probably throw himself into the fight. It is quite certain that he will wear out no shoe leather in hustling, if Mr. Lantulum is a candidate.

If Ald. Kelly is not a candidate, he is believed to have his choice of a candidate, and the man is John L. Carleton, who is also the favorite of Ald. Connor. This gentleman, however, is not acceptable to other leading Catholics, such as Police Magistrate Ritchie, Dr. McAvenny and M. A. Finn, who strongly urge the claims of W. B. Carvill. It is reported that the magistrate has been paying a good many visits to Ald. Kelly of late, but the purport of the conference can only be surmised.

It was said last week, on very good authority that James C. Robertson had consented to be a government candidate, but this is by no means certain. The ground for this is believed to be a report that Mr. Robertson said he would run if John Kelly also ran. As Ald. Kelly will not come to the front, it may affect the chance, if there was any, of securing Mr. Robertson. Besides the *Globe* advocates running the election on grit and tory lines, which might put Mr. Robertson, if a candidate at all, on the opposition side.

Another thing in this connection is the fact that C. W. Weldon's nominee is H. L. Sturdee, who is a sure enough grit, and who, on party lines, is entitled to the place for which it was thought to secure Mr. Robertson.

At present, however, the fight is chiefly in regard to a Catholic candidate, who is expected to fill Mr. Ritchie's place. So far, as stated, the chances seem to favor Mr. Lantulum. The government does not want him, but it cannot afford to ignore his claims.

There are a good many wheels within wheels, and the situation appears to be considerably mixed. McLellan, Quinton and Lantulum are to the front, but the fourth man on the county ticket, and a colleague for Dr. Berryman on the city ticket, appear to be horses of a very dark shade.

It Is Not a Cattle Car.

The alleged "gentlemen's cabin" on the Carleton ferry is a disgrace to the city, in its present condition. It is dirty, foul smelling and unfit for the occupancy of any decent man, whether he is a "gentleman" or not. It will continue so as long as the committee allow it to be used as a smoking room. There is no reason why it should be devoted to that purpose. If it is a necessity for people to smoke while crossing the harbor, they should be compelled to stand out upon the deck. They have no right to poison the air of the cabin and keep the floor in a filthy condition by spitting competitions. Such a state of things would not be tolerated in any American city, and there is no reason why it should prevail here. The cabin was built for the use of respectable citizens, not to be a club room for toughs. It is not a cattle car, though it is about as dirty as one.

NOTABLE PROVINCIAL TROTTERS.

Three who Have Distinguished Themselves During the Past Season.

The racing season may now be said to be over for the year in this country.

Among the most notable performances which have taken place on provincial tracks, the past season, may be mentioned Maud C's record of 2.31; Speculation's record of 2.41; and Besie Clay's record of 2.54.

Maud C. is a bay mare, by Sir Charles, out of a mare by Southerner (thoroughbred). She was foaled in 1882, and as a four year old made a record of 2.45; as a five year old she reduced this record to 2.39 $\frac{1}{4}$, and the past season she still further reduced her record to 2.31, in a closely contested race.

When it is considered that this mare has been fitted and driven entirely by her owner, Mr. Thomas Clark, of St. John, and that this record is the second best ever made by a lower province mare on a lower province track, (being second only to Black Pilot, 2.30 $\frac{1}{4}$.) the record reflects great credit on the mare, her sire and owner. Mr. Clark is a gentlemanly, unassuming man who never "kicks," not even when his favorite may happen to be beaten by a "ringer," but one who always tries to do what is square and right, and then leave his case in the hands of the judges.

Besides Maud C., 2.31, Sir Charles has to his credit Lady Max, 2.42, and Maggie T., 2.44, and several other good ones yet untried; and another season may see him in the great battle of sires of 2.30 performers.

Speculation is a gray stallion, foaled in 1885, sired by Mambrino Messenger, he by Mambrino Monarch. Speculation's dam was by Mambrino Charta. Speculation's record of 2.41 as a four-year-old eclipses anything previously made in the province, for that age. Some eight or nine years ago, Bayard Bright, as a four-year-old, made a record of 2.42, which was unapproached until last year, when Lady Max made the same record. This year Speculation has trotted on a number of tracks, and got a record of 2.41 on two of them, and was a close second in Moncton in 2.35. Mr. George Carvill, of St. John, is the proud owner of Speculation, and like Mr. Thomas Clark, he fits and drives his own horse.

Bessie Clay is a large bay filly, foaled in 1887, sired by Hernando, dam by All Right. She is owned by Sheriff Sterling, of Fredericton, and was foaled his property, he having purchased her dam on P. E. Island while in foal to Hernando. The best previous record for a two-year-old on our tracks, was that of 3.0 $\frac{1}{2}$ made in 1888 by Nerva, a filly imported by Mr. John McCoy. Now Sheriff Sterling comes to the front with Bessie, himself develops and drives her to a record of 2.54, only thirteen seconds slower than the best four-year-old record, and only twenty-three and three quarters seconds slower than the best previous record made by a lower province horse on a home track!

Here are three of the most notable performers of the season, developed, handled and driven in their races by their owners. Would it be fair to inter that there is something lacking in the handling of professionals, or rather that all these performers would have done much better and have made lower records had they been in the hands of professional trainers and drivers? DOUBLE.

ANOTHER JUDGE'S CHARGE.

A Brief and Brilliant Elucidation of the Points in a Case Before Him.

Speaking of judges' charges, a St. John lawyer tells of his experience, when a student, with a well-known magistrate in Westmorland county. The student appeared for the defendant in the suit, and having, as he thought, proven the case, made a very elaborate speech. Then he waited for the justice's charge to the jury. This was it:

Gentlemen of the jury,—This case is about a bundle of hay, and is very important. Have known counsel for defendant a long time—fine young man—knew his father—mother—knew all his family. Fine old family—best blood in the country—often visit our house. The eloquence of that young man is great—great eloquence—fine speech—fine address. Startle everybody. Have to get a carpenter, gentlemen of the jury, to examine the roof of my office, and see if any of the shingles are started. I leave the case with you, gentlemen—find for the plaintiff.

The jury retired, and to the surprise of the justice returned a verdict for the defendant.

THEY WILL MAKE IT PLEASANT.

The Scottish gathering under the auspices of the St. Andrews Society, Monday night, is sure to be an enjoyable affair. It goes without saying that all who attend will enjoy themselves. The managing committee will make it pleasant, or violate all the traditions of this venerable but extremely active organization.

FOUND A USE FOR THE WATER.

Dorchester has waked up to the belief that it ought to have a fire department. True enough. There is plenty of water there, and it ought to be put to some use besides washing purposes.

TELL US ALL ABOUT IT.

A SUGGESTION TO MR. SECRETARY JOHN MARCH.

The Questions are all Asked in Plain English—Give the Public the Answers Either Through Progress or in Other Ways—They are Entitled to It.

That interesting concern, "The Canada Schools Supply Co." which has its office in the apartments of the board of school trustees, 85 Germain street, where it is represented by C. S. March, the son of Secretary John March, is as mysterious as ever.

The people have got a fairly good idea through *PROGRESS*, that C. S. March is merely the agent of the Canada Schools Supply Co. Will Mr. March kindly tell them who the members of the company are?

PROGRESS has asked a number of questions which need answers. None have been given. If Mr. March's difficulty is to find a medium of sufficient circulation in which to tell what he knows, *PROGRESS* is glad to be able to remove that obstacle, and places its columns at his disposal. And no person will be more rejoiced than this paper to have Mr. March explain and show that there is nothing in the school department which savors of jobbery. With so many aldermen anxious and willing to find profit in doing the work of the city, and securing by their position what should be open only to outside public tender, it is not pleasant to ferret out anything approaching jobbery in other public departments.

But the facts remain to be explained. Mr. March should show why for many years the clerkships in his office have been open only to members of his own family; he should say how it is that while in the employ of the school department his son and assistant finds time to be the agent of the Canada Schools Supply company, which has its head office in the trustees department; he should tell who compose that supply company and what connection, if any, it has with himself or any other official of the board; he should take the people into his confidence to the extent of telling them why it was better when their was any blackboard painting to be done in the schools that the job should be given to his sons rather than to the painters of the city; he should go further and state why he, the secretary of the board of school trustees, supplied the school board with the surface for the blackboards.

And if the secretary would make his explanation complete, he should recall the coal contract with Mr. Scammell, year before last, and with Mr. Busby last year. He will remember that in the absence of any written contract both of those dealers, when coal rose in price, neglected to supply the department. He will recollect that the department purchased at the highest figure the supply for the schools. Will he at the same time say why he permitted such immense quantities of fuel to be bought and summered over, when the supply could have been got this fall at a far lower figure?

Some time ago, Mr. Frank Hayes, the present superintendent of schools, published an article in which he compared the cost of each pupil in the St. John and Portland schools, in the latter of which he was superintendent. He stated that the cost in St. John averaged about \$15 per pupil, while the average in Portland was only \$8. And yet the Portland school department came out about square, while the St. John school board is now under the shadow of a \$40,000 deficit. Can Mr. March explain?

THE SEXTON WAS WRATHY.

The way of the drummer is hard. This came near being the case with a hardware drummer and a boot and shoe drummer belonging to St. John, who were travelling in St. Andrews last week. St. Andrews is rough on drummers anyway. It was but recently that one was chased by a bear through the public streets of the town, and only escaped into Kennedy's Hotel by making a brilliant slide through the door.

One of the treasures of St. Andrews is the fine old pulpit in Greenock church. It is two stories high and has a mansard roof. To climb into it is almost equal to ascending Chamcook.

The two drummers went up to inspect the ancient structure. The hardware drummer ascended the pulpit and electrified the audience by a thrilling recitation from the poet Burns. But this did not favorably impress the sexton who had admitted the party to the church. He started up the stairs after the hardware drummer. The hardware man made a hasty descent from the structure, but was collared by the irate sexton at the preacher's desk. For a moment it seemed as if blood would be shed. It cost the drummer just one dollar to effect a ransom. But the drummer is happy. There is reason for believing that if he had recited from any other poet than Burns it would have cost him his neck. B.

CAN ANY ONE TELL WHY?

A correspondent wants to know why Hon. David McLellan has not carried out his promise to Mr. John Russell. Can any one tell why?

PATRONS OF "PROGRESS."

Men Who Understand the Advantages of the Right Kind of Advertising.

Those people who are beginning to think about the holidays and holiday gifts should read Carl Schmidt's advertisement in the regular columns. He has something for everybody, and is as anxious to show it as he is ready to sell it.

A curious result of advertising comes to *PROGRESS* from Messrs. Barnes & Murray, who announced a hair crimper in these columns some time ago in French. Some time afterward they received an order from an English lady who wrote to a friend in this city, enclosing the advertisement, and asked her to get her the "crimper." *PROGRESS* goes to a great many places.

One of the really amusing and new toys is the harmless pistol, of which Mr. D. J. Jennings has the sole agency for New Brunswick. It is nothing more or less than a long and powerful spring in a pistol barrel which when released by pulling the trigger discharges a rubber capped bolt. The rubber cap on the end of the bolt ensures it remaining where it hits the target, which is an ornamental card circled and marked as a target should be. Considerable skill is required to do good shooting. It is a perfect parlor amusement and is meeting with as much favor as "Pigs in Clover," though there is nothing quite so tormenting about it. Mr. Jennings' business announcement gives particulars as to price, etc.

"Hurrah, for Santa Claus!" is the ringing, old-fashioned salute of F. Beverly to the boys and girls of St. John; and every lad and lassie echoes the cheer. Beverly's has become so firm in the favor of the youths of the town that, as a lady said to *PROGRESS*, recently, "It really doesn't matter very much what gifts my children get, so long as they come from Beverly's."

Messrs. Estey, Alward & Co. have a very timely reminder in this week's issue. With the snow and rain and slush and mud, they are to the front with rubbers, overshoes and, in fact, rubber clothing of all kinds. They have admirable stock to select from, and satisfaction can be found there if anywhere.

When such an experienced gentleman as R. D. McArthur says "a chest protector is invaluable" at this season of the year, people with weak lungs and those who are liable to take cold easily, should heed his words. He talks about chest protectors only in his advertisement today but *PROGRESS* can add that if any of its readers are in need of anything to keep them on the road of health, McArthur can supply them.

ORGANIZED FOR WORK.

"The Masonic Club" Enters Upon Life with every Prospect of Success.

The Masonic Club has both "a local habitation and a name," and its members are already showing that they mean business in the winter campaign.

At the meeting for organization held last Monday evening the attendance was large and the attendants full of enthusiasm. Several plans and estimates for fitting up unoccupied parts of the Temple were submitted and fully discussed. None of them involved a heavy expenditure, compared with the advantages to be derived from having a fine suite of rooms, but those which had reference to the now unfinished Chapter room on the third floor, and the apartments connected with the present Grand Lodge library and Templar Asylum on the second floor meant considerable delay. It was the sense of the meeting that a room should be had for immediate use, and the well lighted apartment over one of Arthur Everitt's stores was chosen as the quarters of the club until the 1st of May. In the meantime, if found advisable, steps can be taken for the fitting up of more commodious quarters up stairs. The advantage of this location is that no time will be lost in proceeding to business, and that the expense for this winter will be a mere trifle.

The room in question is about 40 feet long and proportionately wide. Access will be had from the main floor by cutting a doorway from the hallway which runs parallel with the Public Library.

The club will start with a membership of at least 100, and probably more. The prospects are good for double that number before the first of May.

The next meeting of the club will be held in the new room, and will be called as soon as the place is made comfortable for occupation.

THE RIGHT WAY TO PUT IT.

Mr. Blair, at the Elgin meeting, said: There was a breeze in St. John because the government had appointed to an office a gentleman who had three times received the unqualified approbation of the constituency.

Would it not be better to say that there was a breeze because the government dismissed from office a gentleman who, for more than a quarter of a century, had shown himself a most just and upright judge? Plenty of people would have been glad to see Mr. Ritchie get an office, who will oppose the government because Mr. Peters was illegally put out of office, in the face of the protest of the people. Mr. Blair's way of putting things is rather misleading, to say the least.

SMILING AT EACH OTHER

THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF THE A. A. CLUB

Only \$10 Apart—Recommendations Submitted by the Managing Committee Last Evening for the Work of the Year—Wise Suggestions.

The real end of the season of sport was last evening, when the semi-annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic association was held. *PROGRESS* was printed several hours before the meeting opened, but owing to the unflinching courtesy and thoughtfulness of Secretary W. S. Barker, it is able to give a synopsis of the season, and the recommendation of the managing committee for another year.

The secretary could not tell the club much more than they already knew about the season. Each and every one at the meeting was conscious that it had been a most successful year for sports of all kinds in St. John. They knew that the club was 30 stronger than the previous year, and that there had been so much base ball, and so many victories, so many professional engagements that the finances were in a very normal condition. A smile crept about the club, as it was known that the expenses and the receipts were near enough to speak—only about \$10 apart.

Mr. Barker's effort was in accounting for some new properties, the grand stand's seating capacity being handled; the asphalt 'cycle track and the elegant tennis courts. In return for this and the first-class and gentlemanly base ball exhibitions, more than 30,000 persons visited the grounds during the season. Without any attempt at boasting, just one line in his report showed that out of 45 games, the club won 32. The winning of the league pennant was chronicled in the same modest style, as was the championship of the maritime provinces.

Due credit was given to the generous crowds who, with heart and purse, aided base ball and cricket during the year. But for them the deficit would have indeed been considerable.

Criquet comes out even in respect to games lost and won, but uneven financially. Lawn tennis and its popularity, the tournament and its success, as well as the attempt to introduce lacrosse obtained suitable reference.

The improvement in the foot ball team was referred to, the added strength of the team, the popularity of the game and the result of the four matches, one won and three drawn.

The success of the fall and maritime sports meetings come next, and included the names of those who so well sustained the name of St. John.

The recommendations of the committee include the raising of the membership fee from \$5 to \$6, the admission of ladies—or girls—over 13 years old by the payment of \$1.50 which gives them a right to vote and should they number more than 40 that a special pavilion be erected for their use; the engagement of a professional trainer for the clubs athletes and the formation of a purely amateur nine to enter the city league; the limiting of professional salaries to \$9 per week and the application for membership in the Maritime Lawn Tennis association.

The recommendations are good; such as *PROGRESS* would expect from such a managing committee.

If report was true, Secretary Barker and Treasurer MacMichael have given way to new officers. They found the work hard and in many ways unthankful, but all will agree with *PROGRESS* that their duties were always well and impartially performed. They have given valuable time to the nursing of the club to health and strength, they deserve a rest, and the genuine gratitude of the members.

GETTING IT READY.

The Christmas "Progress" Will be a Handsome and Readable Paper.

PROGRESS compositors are already at work on the Christmas number, which will appear two weeks from today, on Dec. 14. Wide awake merchants who know the extent of the circulation of such a paper, and the interest taken in it by the people, have sent in their advertisements, and it is safe to say that those who put it off until the last moment will get left.

Since last week two splendid original stories have been received. They are interesting from the first to the last line. The illustrations are equal, if not superior to many in the foreign pictorial holiday papers, the only difference being in the form of the publication. The paper will be at least twice the size of the ordinary paper and probably larger. Newsdealers should make up their minds for a big demand for the Christmas *PROGRESS*.

WHERE ST. JOHN IS AHEAD.

Philadelphia has a colored physician with a practice of \$30,000 a year. But it hasn't got a "chocolate complexioned" ghost, for all that. There's where St. John is ahead.

AS THE LOYALISTS WERE.

Their True Position Admirably Stated by a United States Historian.

In notes appended to the narrative of Walter Bates, Esq., now being published in *PROGRESS*, occasional reference has been made to the *History of New York during the Revolutionary War*, by Thomas Jones, justice of the supreme court of that province. The work is a remarkable one. It is ably edited by Edward Floyd de Lancy, a personal friend of Dr. C. W. Weldon, M. P., of this city, to whose kindness I am indebted for a perusal of the work.

The position taken by the Loyalists at the time of the American revolution has been largely misunderstood, and, as a consequence, greatly misrepresented. Their true position is admirably stated in the preface to the work just mentioned, and the following quotation is particularly valuable, as coming from a citizen of the United States:

"It is a common belief," says Mr. de Lancy, "that the loyal inhabitants of America—the truly loyal, those who acted from principle, were the unhesitating supporters of the British government in its unjustifiable and tyrannic invasions of the rights and liberties of its American people."

"United States writers have, naturally perhaps, so described them, while the few English historians who have treated American History, have either taken a similar view, or have ignored them altogether."

"The history of the course of the Loyalists at the American Revolutionary epoch, and of their plans for relief from the British tyranny which then oppressed America, has never been written. There can be no greater error than to suppose that the Loyalists as a whole were willing to submit quietly to the exactions of the Mother Country, and her invasion of their rights and liberties as British subjects. As Americans they felt those grievances, and were as indignant at the treatment they were subjected to as those of their countrymen who took up arms. But they wished to fight the battle for those rights and liberties and the redress of those grievances, with the powerful weapons which the constitution of England gave to them as to other Englishmen—weapons which had proved successful before as they have proved successful since in similar emergencies, freedom of speech, freedom of the pen, freedom of the press. They desired, by political agitation, to force the home government to a change of policy, or to drive it from power and place in office the foes of the oppression of the colonies."

Their enemy was the ministry of Lord North, not the King of England, to whom they owned and had sworn allegiance. This object they were prevented from carrying out. Royal folly in England and demagogic fanaticism in America eagerly joined hands to crush such a constitutional settlement of the dispute, brought about a bloody civil war, and finally effected a termination of the quarrel unlooked for by either party at its commencement."

W. O. RAYMOND.

DECEMBER AMONG THE MASONS.

An Important Month in all the Lodges and Chapters in the Fraternity.

December is an important month among the Masonic fraternity in this jurisdiction. Each of the lodges will elect a master, treasurer and tyler, while each of the chapters will choose its full complement of officers. The city lodge installations will take place in January, except in the case of Albion, No. 1, which is allowed the privilege of installing on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, according to ancient usage.

St. John's day, the 27th, will be made specially interesting this year by the attendance of the craft at Divine service under the banners of Grand Lodge. After the service the grand officers and brethren will return to the Masonic Hall, where the officers of Albion lodge will be installed.

St. John's lodge will work the third degree at its regular meeting on Tuesday night.

The members of Union chapter, West End, are requested to observe that the regular night of meeting has been changed from the fourth to the third Tuesday in each month. This will avoid the inconvenience of having a convocation Christmas week.

THE THING IS TO CATCH THEM.

In a report of the political meeting held at Elgin, A. C., the following appears:

At the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's speech Miss Minnie Goddard sang very sweetly the solo, There are no Good Fish in the Sea.

How true for you, Mr. Blair, but the thing is to catch them. Fisherman's luck is uncertain. Sometimes he catches a good enough fish. Sometimes it is a mackerel, sometimes a sprat, and occasionally a shark. What kind of a haul do you expect to make in St. John?

Plush Goods of all kinds, Lowest Prices, at McArthur's, 80 King street.