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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, NOV. 9. CIRCULATION, 6,150. THIS PAPER GOES TO PRESS EVERY FRIDAY AT TWELVE O'CLOCK.

TWO SPLENDID FEATURES. PROGRESS has had a great stroke of luck and intends to give the public the benefit of it.

Nearly everybody has read the story of "The Mysterious Stranger, HENRY MORE SMITH," one of the most remarkable contributions to the literature of crime ever published in any country. It was written by WALTER BATES, Esquire, high sheriff of Kings county, one of the Loyalists of 1783, who settled near Kingston.

At the time the Loyalists landed, Mr. BATES was scarcely more than a mere youth, but young as he was he had experienced some remarkable adventures in the New England colonies, and had proved his devotion to his king by acts of extraordinary heroism. Coming to the wilderness of this province, he was one of the pioneers who laid broad and deep the foundations of the prosperity of Kings county.

Sheriff BATES died in 1842 at a ripe old age. During the later years of his life he committed to writing the story of the Loyalists as they were known to him, with a particular account of his own adventures and the early settlement of Kings. The account was the most complete ever written, and was prepared with special care with a view to publication.

But Mr. Bates died, and it never was published. It lay in obscurity for nearly half a century, until, not long ago, it was discovered by one who realized its great value as a historical document. Since then every precaution has been taken for its preservation, and PROGRESS is now enabled to give it to the world. It is a long story, which will occupy space in many issues, but it is also a deeply interesting one. To add to its interest, and make clear many of the references, it will have copious historical notes, prepared by Rev. W. O. RAYMOND, to whom, as a descendant of the Loyalist settlers of Kings, the work has been a labor of love.

The first instalment of this most important narrative will appear next week. While the story of Mr. BATES will be of more than local value and interest, another series of papers, of special interest to the people of this city, will be begun in the same issue. These will be entitled: "Reminiscences of old St. John, by an Old Timer," and will have special reference to the men and events of the last fifty years. The writer, who will be readily recognized by many, will tell of what has come under his own observation, and will speak from a most eventful experience. It is believed that the papers will not only be instructive, but in many instances most entertaining by their humor. All will read them with interest.

Progress tries to cater to all proper tastes, to instruct as well as to amuse, and it is quite certain that the two series of articles in question will be fully appreciated by all classes of readers. STILL THEY COME The city is to have coal and hay supplied to it by aldermen in defiance of the law. The principle of sham tenders seems to be admitted and recognized as a pleasant and wholesome thing. Though three of these tenders have been recommended by committees cognizant of their nature, and have been accepted by the council, not one appears to have been raised in protest against a system so demoralizing and, if pushed to its logical conclusion, so pregnant with evil. It may be said to be officially endorsed. The door is open, and henceforth it will not be surprising to find an alderman in the fence whenever there is an opportunity to make money out of the citizens. We have no doubt that W. L. Busby

has facilities for furnishing good, cheap coal, and that A. C. SMITH & Co. are in a position to supply the best English upland hay on terms which defy competition, but if Messrs. BUSBY and SMITH think so much of the city as a customer, they should have kept out of the council. They are there as trustees of the people, to obey the law and not to break it. They have no more right to contract for a small job than they have undertake to build a subway across the harbor.

The matter of supplies may seem a small one. It may be argued that these men supply the city more cheaply than other contractors offered to do it, and that what they furnish must be to the satisfaction of the departments. Doubtless it will be, for they are connected with reputable concerns. Suppose, however, that this system of sham tenders expands, as it possibly may, until a majority of the members are interested in this contract or that. The employees of the city, directors of departments included, would be placed in a position where they would be forced to accept what was offered, or risk the loss of their positions. The contracting aldermen would have their own way, and the St. John of the future would be worse than the Portland of the past.

In the name of all that is right, we protest against the beginning which may lead to such an end. If the aldermen do not realize their position and their duties, they should be taught them. The sham tenders should go.

TOO MANY RULERS.

The great stumbling block in the way of smooth and efficient work in civic affairs is the size of the governing bodies. The council has 26 members, each board of management 13, and each standing committee nine. These figures are in excess of the requirements of a city of this size. The council itself is too large, while the departments are filled up to the extreme limit named by the Act of Union.

If the aldermen were representative citizens, elected by the whole popular vote, as they should be, half of the present number would be amply sufficient to look after the affairs of the city. As it is now, a fair proportion of the present board are men who have gained their seats through petty ward politics, who are unfit to deal with public affairs in a broad and unselfish way, and who, in the light of their own records, could hope for nothing in a ballot by the citizens at large. They are at the board to look after the interests of their supporters and themselves. This seems to be the primary if not the only object of some of them. Thus it is that when a full committee has agreed to recommend a contract, one or two men can have the decision reversed, and the contract split in two to oblige a man who is useful on election day.

The necessity of the times is a smaller board and a better one. The St. Andrews Beacon should not accuse PROGRESS of any ill feeling toward the quaint old shire town. The matter referred to was not editorial, but came from a correspondent who is responsible for the allegations. If his statements in regard to a locality, of which we know nothing, were exaggerated, it is not the fault of this paper. This week another correspondent comes to the rescue.

If Mayor LOCKHART were found to be the hidden hand in a contract with the city, it would be considered a pretty bad scandal. By the terms of the act, he and the aldermen are on precisely the same footing in this respect. What would be bad in him is not less to be condemned with other members of the corporation. Away with the sham tender!

For Merchants and Manufacturers.

The merchants and manufacturers who get engravings for their advertisements, for circulars or for catalogues, are finding out rapidly how well, quickly and reasonably PROGRESS' Engraving Bureau does the work for them. One order, received last week was to reproduce an elegant engraving, which was ten inches wide and thirteen inches long. The order was executed and delivered in one week, and the plate—the largest ever ordered by PROGRESS—was perfect in every respect. Remember the place—the Masonic building—and recollect that if you want advertising designs for the holiday trade, that there should be no delay in getting them engraved.

Here For the Holidays.

Miss Bessie Bowman, so well and favorably known in art circles in this city, returns from Fredericton in a few days. She has during her absence, planned a pleasant surprise for her friends and patrons who will await its development with no little interest.

St. John to Coles' Island.

The people along the river will be glad to learn that Capt. G. L. Estabrooks has leased the steamer Soulanges to ply between Indiantown and Coles' Island three times a week. Sportsmen can now go to Coles' Island without any trouble. For further particulars, see announcement elsewhere.

Back Again For a Day.

Capt. A. W. Masters, the driving special of the Equitable, was in town Wednesday from Nova Scotia, where he has been since July. He says he has written more insurance in the ten months of this year than he did in all 1888.

Advertisement for IDEAL SOAP featuring an illustration of a rooster and a man. Text: 'THIS IS THE COCK THAT ROSE IN THE MORN THE DAY THAT IDEAL SOAP WAS BORN HE HAD RISEN EARLY TO TELL TO MANKIND THAT WONDERFUL SOAP TO SEEK AND TO FIND. USE IDEAL SOAP. All grocers sell it. THE WORLD IS WAKING UP TO THE VALUE OF IDEAL SOAP. Made only by Wm. Logan St. John N.B. IDEAL FULL POUND BAR'

BUY EAGLE CHOP TEA. GOLDEN EAGLE FLOUR.

SUNDRY HITS AND HINTS.

How will you bet on who gets the next aldermanic tender? The Anti-Tobacco association held its last meeting suggestively near the full of the moon.

Campbellton professes to want a town hall and opera house. What it really needs is a good hotel. An exchange asserts that "taxes must come down," but the collector says that people must "come down" with them.

As PROGRESS goes to press, it looks as though the examination of McDonald will be finished in time for the November circuit. The Halifax dailies, which used to be considered pretty dull reading, are now far and away ahead of their St. John contemporaries.

If Mayor Lockhart is seeking a second term, he will have to keep the council in better control. Citizens are talking about it.

What is the reason that the lawyers who are so ready to deliver themselves of Orange speeches are conspicuous by their absence at Orange parades?

The Nova Scotia courts will be called upon to decide whether a Windsor & Annapolis train is running at too great a speed when it overtakes and kills a cow.

It is a curious fact that most of the men who go out of the hotel business do so "on account of falling health." Is it because they drink their own whiskey and smoke bar cigars?

Two Halifax factory girls jumped into an elevator and began to dance. The scaring gave way and they reached the bottom pretty well shaken up. Another argument against dancing!

Yesterday was arbor day in the Old Burial Ground. Some sad looking trees were put in shallow holes to ornament the ground during the winter. They will probably be dug up again next year.

With all due respect to the Loyalists, \$5,000 seems a big price for a fence around the Old Burial Ground. Half of that sum ought to make a pretty good job of it, if the right kind of an alderman gets the contract.

Some of the St. John papers are crediting the Halifax Recorder with some funny poetry about the dishonest apple packer. The lines are as good as when they first appeared in a United States paper several years ago.

The report is again current that Mr. Gladstone has secretly gone over to the Roman Catholic church. If the report be untrue, the Protestants will say they knew he had too much sense to do it. If it be true, they will say that he is in his dotage.

Some of the good ladies of the W. C. T. U. seem to be better posted than the average sinful citizen in regard to "periodicals with flaming illustrations of prize fights and gross caricatures of clergymen, and the obscene publications found in city barber shops, and to the scarf pins, jack knives, lead pencils and other articles very innocent looking, but containing microscopic pictures of the most obscene character."

CLATS WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

PEG AND MITTEN.—Your copy did not arrive until Friday morning; too late for insertion this week.

MARCHMONT.—We cannot insert any contributions, especially society news, unless the real name of the writer is sent in confidence.

CENSUS.—The population of the whole world has recently been placed at twelve hundred millions. No; women are said to be in the majority.

SUBSCRIBER.—(1) Yes; PROGRESS has a large circulation in Montana. In fact, it goes to nearly every state in the union. (2) Fifteen thousand copies of the St. John boom edition were sold. (3) No.

REX, Moncton.—We believe what your friend states is true. John Burns, the leader of the London strikers, is said to be a relative of the Scotch poet, Robert Burns, and it is claimed that they resemble each other.

FREE TRADE, Sackville.—(1) You can get the book at almost any St. John bookstore. Look over PROGRESS' advertisement. (2) There is royalty, besides the 15 per cent. duty, on all English reprints imported from the United States.

Good For the Money.

The Anchor brand of stationery has caught the firm affections of people who buy writing paper. Alfred Morrisey is selling dozens of boxes of it every week. It is good and what is better, cheap—only 25 cents for a package of paper and two bunches of envelopes.

Bildad Will Get There.

PROGRESS has much pleasure in announcing that "Bildad" will henceforth be a regular contributor to its columns. As he indulges in both prose and verse, the public may expect recreation, and the composers will undoubtedly have "phat."

BATHURST.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Bathurst at A. C. Smith & Co's store.]

Nov. 6.—Rev. T. F. Barry, rector of the R. C. church, left this morning to accompany Bishop Rogers to Baltimore. Some of the members of his congregation presented him with an address and a purse containing \$100 before his departure. Rev. Father O'Brien, of Chatham, will be in charge of this parish until Father Barry's return, which will be about the first week in December.

Judge Wilkinson is presiding, and Messrs. George Seely, barrister, of St. John; R. A. Lawlor, barrister, of Chatham, and Hon. J. C. Barbarie, of Campbellton, are in attendance here at court this week.

Mr. George D. Frost, of St. John, spent a few days in town this week. Mr. Frost is one of the most popular travellers who visits Bathurst, and has many friends here, who are always pleased to extend him a cordial welcome.

Messrs. Parker Styles, Harrie Sprague and Sydney DesBrisay, of Beresford, were in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rive, of Caraquet, are spending some days in town.

There was a very large attendance at St. George's Episcopal church on last Sunday evening, to witness the baptism of little Pearl and Mable Clifton, daughters of Mrs. Louisa Clifton, of Webber's Boston Comedy Co. The ceremony was a very impressive one, and was performed by the rector, Rev. Geo. J. D. Peters.

H. Price Webber's company played Kathleen Mavourneen in the Masonic hall, on Monday evening. The manager generously contributing half the proceeds of the play towards the building fund of the Church of the Sacred Heart now in course of erection. The company is held in high esteem in Bathurst, and our people showed their appreciation of it, by their attendance.

I am pleased to see that Mr. Tom Quilty is able to be out again, after his long illness, and trust he will soon recover his former health and strength.

Mrs. Maltby, of Moncton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Mann. Tom Brown.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Annapolis Royal at Fred S. Symonds & Co.]

Nov. 6.—The marriage of Miss Hannah Mills and Mr. Frank Sprawl, last Wednesday, caused a flutter among the ladies. And the "Penny Reading" on Monday night was a decided success. Mr. Phillips, of Halifax, adding much to the evening's enjoyment by his singing.

Thanksgiving evening, an entertainment given by local talent will be held in the new Opera house, when the drama, Out in the Streets, and the farce, That Postal Card, will be presented. Everybody is anticipating a merry time.

The American boat makes her final trip for the season this week; so we have Capt. A. G. Potter here for the winter.

There was no service in St. Luke's church on Sunday, owing to the illness of the rector, Rev. J. J. Ritchie.

I am glad to see Mr. G. K. Thompson's bright, sunny face behind the counter in Medical Hall a. ain, after his absence, last week, owing to severe illness. Mr. Herbert Crosskill returned to Boston on Saturday. Mr. Jones, of Halifax, with his bride, are at the "Hillsdale." Miss Tina Randall, of Wilmot, is at the Clifton House. Jones.

KINGSTON, KENT CO.

Nov. 6.—The candy pull which was in anticipation in last week's edition, was realized on the 21st ult. when Miss Morrison of Virginia cottage entertained her friends in true Hallowe'en style. Mr. Edwin Bowser jr. is off on a trip to Charlotte-town. Captain and Mrs. Andrews have been in town, the guests of Mrs. Hazen Russ. Capt. Andrews has lately retired from the ship Timandra and intends spending the winter in Glasgow, Scotland, where he will superintend the building of a large four-masted steel ship. Mrs. Andrews will accompany him to Glasgow. Mrs. Jas. Russ, of Hotel Russ, Summerside, P. E. I., and her little daughter Nina have also been visiting Mrs. Hazen Russ, at Baldoon Place. Mrs. Livingston has her friend Mrs. Wood, of St. John, with her at present. Mr. George Main, of the Hermitage, is suffering from an attack of quinsy. Mr. L. T. Joudry, of Moncton, paid us a flying visit this week. PICKLES.

DELAY NOT.

Delay not, Love, thine office to fulfill; Wait eve's gray borne, nor sun's renewing glow, Till thou thy word shall speak, thy touch bestow On the worn heart that lingers with thee still: Shows melt on graves where wild remorse walls shrill As bleak March winds: the royal plumes, wave slow, Of purple lilacs, hearing homes, where, lo! Men feed on tears, who did no harsher ill To gentle hearts, than that they did restrain Love's tenderness. O feed their hunger now! Perchance, tomorrow, they feel not your tears With quick forgiving; from the turf, where rain Of April falleth, while you, woeful, bow, They stretch no wild warm arms—whisper no low, Sweet accents—"Yes, dear Love, we know You loved us so!" Soothing from the unseen your fruitless pain. ARTHUR JOHN LOCKHART.

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SHERATON & SELFRIDGE, 38 King Street, (Opposite the ROYAL HOTEL.) P. S.—JOBGING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Annapolis and Its Water.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: The people of Annapolis, or the majority of them, are pleased to have a system of water in the town, for household as well as fire purposes, but when the commissioners make a rate for the use of said water one-third higher than that of any other town in the province, then I think it is the duty of some one to ask an explanation. Why is it that we are obliged to pay a higher rate than any other town? Is it because the men who hold the most property in the town should have the least amount of burden placed on their shoulders? or is it because they want the people, who are already complaining of the taxes imposed upon them, to pay higher?

I have carefully read over the rates for the town of Annapolis, and find that for a single tap for a family of six (including servants), they charge \$6, and for every room over six, 25 cents additional, and for every inmate over six 50 cents.

In other towns that I may cite the only charge for water in a single family is \$5.00. Now, I believe that the commissioners are trying to impose upon us,—or why would they make the proviso concerning an extra room or an extra inmate? I verily believe that if the commissioners should lessen the rate for the use of said water, that the people of the town would feel themselves better able to accept the great blessing. (for such it is) and a long looked for one.

The water was brought into the town on Saturday evening last. The commissioners were out of, course, and evidently highly pleased with the success. One of our burly townsmen who evidently thought he commanded the power of a Samson, tried by placing his hand over the hydrant, to stop the water. The result was that this gentleman, although not a Baptist, was thoroughly baptised.

In closing, I trust that the people of Annapolis will call a public meeting shortly and ask an explanation of the commissioners. Why it is that Annapolis is obliged to be so much more highly rated than other places, such as Yarmouth, Windsor, Truro, and Bridgetown. Yours, etc., ROBINSON.

Sussex Versus St. Andrews.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: I heartily sympathize with "Bildad"—Progress 2nd inst.—in his praiseworthy efforts too "boom" Sussex, though so well and favorably known a place scarcely requires a "boom." Who does not know the hills and dales of Sussex, the church steeple pointing heavenwards from the fertile valley, the town and village, the farms and forests, the streams and river? But why "boom" Sussex at the expense of St. Andrews?

In selecting "St. Andrews as a summer resort for the gallant militia," as in selecting Sussex in turn, the rule has, I believe, invariably been applied of consulting the corps going to camp; thus the responsibility of the selection "descends from rank to rank," and the staff are relieved of the charge, however serious, of abstaining from joining in the class (supposed not to exist on this side the Atlantic) of "unwashed," at St. Andrews, instead of at Sussex, this year.

As to bathing in St. Andrews bay, as compared with that in Trout brook, Sussex, it is a mere matter of opinion, and

may well be referred to the staff, who it is said have experience of bathing in both places, though I doubt whether their lives have been "endangered by attending the camp at St. Andrews."

All must regret the sickness that has prevailed throughout the province from Restigouche to St. John, and from Kent to Carleton, during the months of August and September, chiefly amongst those who had not the privilege of attending the camp in June, nor inhaling the fresh sea breezes of that deservedly popular health resort—St. Andrews.

The question remains, as to the relative advantages of Charlotte and Kings counties, from a sanitary point of view, and I suggest it should be referred to the Medical fraternity of Moncton, who appear to differ from other doctors in not differing in opinion on medical or sanitary subjects.

By all means boom Sussex if you will, but give St. Andrews a chance! A SAINT ANDREWS LOBSTER.

Call and See Them.

The very successful opening of the Misses Jordan and Manks' art school, Tuesday afternoon, was a great encouragement to the young ladies in their enterprise. Their apartments have been made wonderfully beautiful and artistic by the harmonious arrangement of their work against the appropriate fittings and furniture and decorations of the room.

Advertise in "Progress." It pays.

Accommodation Line!

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G. L. ESTABROOKS, Manager.

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