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THEY ARE IN FOR CASH.

THE ALDERMEN PRINTERS WHO SERVE THEIR CITY.

The Amounts Distributed by the City Among the City Printing Offices-Where The Aldermen get the "Bulge" on Their Competitors.

Among the unconsidered trifles of "patronage" in the gift of the city of St. John, the matter of printing and advertising attracts little public attention. It is certain that a certain amount of it must be done, and in the first year after the union act that amount was necessarily a large sum. New books, new blank forms, new forms of every kind were required, and as a matter of course were ordered. From time to time extra printing was required, and as a matter of course it was ordered. From whom ?

From the printers, of course, but who are the printers? There are a number of them in St. John. Some of them do very good work indeed, and some of them have been so diligent in business that the citizens have appreciated their worth and sent them to the common council.

The city accounts for 1889 show that In the year 1889 there were three members of the council interested in the job printing business. Their names were T Nisbet Robertson, of Ellis, Robertson & Co., R. Radford Barnes, of Barnes & Co., and George A. Knodell. Mr. Knodell is not now a member of the council. The others are.

It appears by the city accounts for 1889 that something over \$2,500 was expended for printing, and nearly \$900 for advertising. How far this was distributed among the printers who are merely taxpayers, and how far it was grabbed by the aldermen land bridge. Two large red and white interested in printing offices will appear by signs say that Sam Wah is the proprietor a very superficial analysis.

An Answer to a Question Frequently Asked

JUST ABOUT AN EVEN THING.

This Week. "How did you make out with your daily?" is a question that has been asked PROGRESS very frequently this week.

"Better than we expected. We did not make any money, and the chances are that we did not lose. The expenses are not as apt to shrink as the estimated receipts." That is about the only reply that can be given at the present date. Something advertisement as it could not have received by spending \$100 in any other way. Thousands, yes, tens of thousands saw the press and printing office-how many for the first time-and that fact will always remain with them. The benefit of that is thought he had proved himself innocent, already seen. Subscriptions from places and people unknown to PROGRESS before hove put in an appearance this week, and what is best of all, in goodly numbers too. Such advertising as this does good in ons everal occasions. other ways too; it increases the business as well as the circulation of a paper and of September, but Mr. Byrne was unable the problem that is staring the publisher in

the face now is how to find room for the rapidly increasing advertising patronage. A larger paper seems to be the only solu- did not want to have anything to do with three-not more than three-of their best tion-whether twelve or sixteen pages is the law, if he could help it. What little for future consideration. Aside from this experience he did have cost him over \$40, lived in Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, New PROGRESS is vain enough to think that its and was, besides, very unsatisfactory. success will give pleasure to its readers and friends. That alone is sufficient reward for all the additional work, worry and expense.

The Chinamen Are Modest.

One of the points of interest in the North End is the Chinese laundry on Portand that he conducts a laundry. There If Barnes & Co. balanced their books at are two Chinamen connected with the con-

the end of the year, Ald. Barnes found | cern and many people are at loss to know that something over \$1,075 had been whether Sam Wah is one or both of them.

HIS POSITION NOT A HAPPY ONE. HENS WERE THE CAUSE.

MCQUADE CAPTURED THEM, BUT BYRNE WAS LOCKED UP.

His First Experience in a "Drunkard's Cell" -He Could Get Plenty of Bail, but the Case was Serious and the Court Wouldn't but they are not as charitable as they Accept It. Mr. Thos. L. Byrne, of the Marsh road, some of the members of the committee called on PROGRESS last week, in company | that was first appointed and resigned, and

with a friend, and gave a graphic descrip- learns that they are a trifle indignant that tion of what he termed his "first experi- strangers should come and go from St might be added, however. PROGRESS got ence in a drunkard's cell," which his John with the impression that the ability a splendid free advertisement; such an friend repeatedly remarked would make an of this section of Canada was represented excellent article under the head of "Law on those walls. "Wh, y our real artists versus Justice."

> Mr Byrne claimed that he had been doubly gentleman in an indignant tone. wronged, the court imposing a penalty on him of \$20 for an assault of which he while a city newspaper gave out to the last spring, the members went to the buildworld the fact that he had stolen chickens ings, looked over the space that would from one Edward McQuade, whereas he probably be allotted to them, and then claims that McQuade had stolen his chickens | considered how they could collect a cred-

> All this took place as early as the 9th the walls with a deep crimson, and preto give the time necessary in having himself set right before the public until last week, when he called on PROGRESS. He According to Mr. Byrne, the hens were Myles, etc., etc., etc., were to be included the cause of the whole trouble. The hens belonged to Mr. Byrne. The McQuade

family persisted in housing them up in their never filled in for the Exhibition associabarn and keeping them there until the tion found it would cost from \$1,500 to hens got so accustomed to the place that \$2,000, and some] said even as high as they would not keep out of it. This made \$3,000. That was enough cold water to it necessary for Mr. Byrne to drive them kill it. The art committee received no into his own yard. He was doing this encouragement and they resigned. when the McQuades interferred, and as he claims, struck him, whereupon he struck only a few people who are entitled to be back and a general assault was begun on called art critics, do not seem to appreciate all sides. No lives were lost.

That night Mr. Byrne received a cal

HOW WILL IT COME OUT. The Public Art Critic Has a Hard Time of

"Whose fault was that ?" was asked.

show the pictures they could get.

in the invitation.

WILL THE EXHIBITION ASSOCIA-It and is Not to be Envied. TION HAVE A DEFICIT. There has been a good deal of talk

about the art collection at the exhibition. The Sum Total of the Receipts-Some De crease in the Estimated Expenditure-Some people are inclined to write it "art," The Amount Paid in Prizes-Talk About Next Year's Exhibition. might be. PROGRESS has talked with

There is a good deal of curious speculation concerning the financial sheet of the Exhibition association. Those who subscribed stock are wondering whether they will be called upon to receive a dividend or to put their hands in their pockets and make up a deficit. Others who gave the association credit are not anxious about were not represented at all." exclaimed one their bills, for they know they will be paid in any event, but they are a trifle interested, and would like to know, just for the "To go back a few months when the art sake of knowing, whether they will be committee was appointed in the first place paid in quarter dollars or in the good provincial money which makes up the \$3,000

guarantee of the local government. The bills have came in slowly. Notwithstanding the notice asking for them and itable exhibit. They proposed to cover the general readiness of every man to get his money it is a strange fact that the backpare the space in a suitable manner to wardness of the accounts may postpone the regular meeting of the association, Monday The famous artists of America were then afternoon. to be invited to contribute one, two on

President Everett has made a rough calculation on paper and finds that the total available pictures. Some of these geniuses receipts from gates, and privileges and \$6000 in subsidies add up about \$22,000. York, Boston and our own Ward and In the event of the expenses going beyond that the association can call upon its stock, some \$5,000 and if they exceed \$2,700 the Such was the outlined plan. It was course is open to call upon the civic and provincial guarantees of \$3,000 each.

But this is something that is not likely to happen. The agricultural society, however, can smile and point to its bank account swelled by about \$1,200 clear profit. They found that races were a draw-The St. John art critics, and there are ing card and as they had the grounds for four atternoons out of the six they were open the association's receipts will not Mr. Edgecombe's work in the same degree amount too much.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

OLD TIME HONESTY.

A Five Pound Debt Paid after Many Years St. John An Indian Camp.

Fifty years ago two young men living in a small town in the North of Ireland became very intimate. In other words, they were chums. One of them, named Mc-Farlane got slightly in difficulties and borrowed £5 from his friend, who soon after sailed for America. On his arrival he settled in St. John and raised a family, but probably forgot all about the £5, for he never mentioned the matter to anyone. He has been dead some time, but his family reside on Pitt Street, near Elliot Row.

They had never heard of McFarlane, and were somewhat surprised, some months ago to receive a letter from him referring to the debt, and saving that since his friend had left Ireland he had been unable to find any trace of him.

A letter was sent to McFarlane telling him of their father's death, and saying that the £5 would be quite acceptable to them. Sometime afterwards another letter was received saying that he had gone to the post office, with the intention of sending a post-office order for the amount, but the postmaster had informed him that he could not make out an order payable at St. John This official described New Brunswick as a place populated with Indians, and thought that St. John contained but a few huts, occupied by white men who made their living by hunting and such occupations. According to the Irish postmaster there was no post-office in St. John or anything that gave evidence of civilization.

The next letter that was sent to Ireland contained a vast amount of information about New Brunswick and its metropolis. Indeed it gave such an account of the resources and population of the province that McFarlane must have thought Ireland a very insignificant corner of the earth.

An answer to the letter came soon afterward, and enclosed was a post-office order for the amount of the debt.

now a days.

this ad.

other papers something, just to keep on \$200, which came in small but acceptable slices when Accountant Boyd had "a heavy day." The Sun, too, despite its abundance of Ottawa patronage, found that \$145 or so of city patronage helped a little

sometimes when there were five Saturdays in the month. PROGRESS modestly admits that it got about \$50 of the balance, though, if some of the aldermen could have had their way a cipher, instead of the figure 5 would appear after the dollar mark today. Ald. Barnes having come under the wire in the job printing and station ary race with a \$1,075 record. Ald. Knodell came in second with a trifle less than \$450. But just here it may be remarked that all the school printing appears to be included in the brief items of maintenance, furnishings and incidentals, while in the slaughter house account printing is summed up with other expenses in a \$140 item. It is therefore quite possible that the record of all the aldermanic printers is better than the accounts appear to show.

The other job printers and stationers had to be thankful for small mercies. Me-Millan did the best for he got about \$200, while Heans, the binder, got \$92. Geo. W. Day came third with \$65, while the others were distanced as follows: G. E. Day, \$27.60, E. A. Powers, \$10.50, A. Morrissey, \$5.50, Telegraph job office, It seems to be a happy coincidence

objected to be placed on a level with them. The readers of PROGRESS are well The Police Couldn't Get In. they meant for pollywogs?" evening the large transparency over them Several persons to whom PROGRESS acquainted with the name of that first-class There was a "wake" in Portland re-When the brilliant star with "Stanley" was not illuminated. They didn't make mentioned the case said they were surcently, and it was apparently largely across its face revealed itself to the admirpainter and decorater, A. G. Staples, who enough money to retire from business. prised at the magistrate's decision. during the season is a liberal and successattended. The policemen doing duty ing crowd, a young lady, who evidently altogether, but the committee had an idea ful advertiser in this paper. His work in on Main street on that particular was a believer in the principle that every that while the branch offices were going Doesn't Like Notoriety. the exhibition appeared in connection with night were strongly of the opinion man 1s entitled to a handle to his name. the regular ticket sellers who were further their receipts. One of the aldermen who wore his Sunanother exhibit, the Peters organ. The that there must have been a great exclaimed in a tone of deepest scorn: down the street would not be kept busy day clothes when Lord Stanley arrived did lack of refreshments. Connell's bar-room splendid polish and harmonious blending "Stanley! Why couldn't they put 'Lord For Boston and New York. enough. So the branch office couldn't get not appear pleased at the compliments One of the best excursions trips ever of coloring on the pipes was the work of was near at hand and the hinges on the Stanley?" Verily, even in Canada there any more tickets to sell, and had to close PROGRESS paid him. Two newspaper men arranged to run out of St. John is that of side door were in no danger getting rusty Mr. Staples who makes a specialty of are people who worship the title, not the looked in his store door Saturday morning painting of this character. Aside from the the International Steamship company, by when the small hours of the morning came man. and one of them asked him where his white which both Boston and New York can be merits of the organ, people were attracted This is a Musical Town. around. The police watched the proceed-The Fountain Distinguishes Itself. tie was. "Get to Gehenna out of this, the visited for \$7. A great feature of this ings for a time, and then decided to take by its handsome appearance. Mr. Staples The Citizens band is a reality. It made A new use has been found for the founpair of you !" was his wrathful ejaculation, a good appearance yesterday, with new excursion is the trip to New York by the part, but when they reached the door it is the kind of a man who can always duplitain at the head of King street. This week as he turned his broad back and walked to floating palaces of the famous Fall River cate a piece of good wook. Some of his instruments and plug hats. With eight brass was quickly closep, and the officers could it attracted some attention by being the the rear. And he used the word Gehenna not open it or induce anybody inside to do bands the city should have plenty of music house decorations have already been de-Line. support of a brilliantly painted advertisein the Anglicised form. so. They made information against Con-Long, Selected Chair Cane is Used in all scribed in PROGRESS, and the general this winter. nell for refusing to allow them to enter his ment. Its appearance was greatly improved. Chair Seating by Duval, 242 Union street. verdict of those who have employed him Box Paper from 10 to 50 cents a box, at New Books, all the latest, at McArthur's, bar, and that was the last heard of it. is, that they have been more than satisfied. McArthur's 80 King street. 80 King street.

scooped in the way of job printing. It is They appear to be doing a good business, no wonder that the alderman has discarded but they are very modest. Since they first his Wild West slouch hat to sport a plug made their appearance they have been objects of interest to people passing along the

Ald. Robertson does not wear a plug street, and at times there were crowds hat, except on state occasions. His firm around the windows that blockaded the got something less than \$700 out of the sidewalk, and put the ticket office windows city, and about \$400 was for advertising in of the Exhibition association to shame. the Globe. Nobody can complain of the The Chinamen either found that so much latter item, because of all the daily papers, advertising gave them more business than the Globe has by all odds the largest they could attend to without importing city circulation. There is no charge for more of their countrymen to assist them, or found themselves getting rattled under

The dispensers of patronage gave the the gaze of the public, and unable to give the work the attention necessary in the good side of them. The Telegraph was building up a reputation, for they have very grateful for a total of a little over made repeated efforts to shut out the public gaze. But the people wanted to see the Chinamen at work and nothing would stop them until the celestials had the windows whitened so far up that even the tallest man in town cannot see over it.

More Elegant Than Ever.

Mine host Edwards, of the Queen hotel, Fredericton, never seems to be weary of refitting, repainting and decorating his house. This is exceedingly noticeable at present. The office alterations give it a more commodious appearance, and afford much convenience to the guests and others. The gentlemen's parlor has been decorated in elegant style, and easily takes the first place of any room of the kind in the province. In fact, it is no exaggeration, but simple justice to Mr. Edwards, to say that, at this day, the interior appearance and comfort of the Queen hotel cannot be equalled by any house in this province. The apartments of the Bishop Coadjutor, so long a resident at the Queen, have been converted into a spacious and elegant suite, and give much more room for the accommodation of guests. Just now, during the court season, and no doubt through this month, when the exhibition will take place, the house is crowded. It was necessary to put up thirteen cots Wednesday night to accommodate the run.

They Did Too Well.

marshal, while the same misunderstanding John again. Although the Exhibition Association only \$3.50, E. G. Nelson, \$1.75. It is not to accepting his present position in the might arise in regard to other committeesurprising that Mr. Nelson was a candiallowed 2 per cent. to persons selling Rural Cemetary and said that this was The Title, Not the Man. men who do not wear sheet brass on a tickets outside of the regular ticket offices, date for Prince ward at the last election. the first experience of the kind he had ever As one of the large rockets which burst cloth of blue or red. Then, too, the St. Messrs. McKinney and McGonagle made had during a residence of 40 years in New into what looked like scores of little Thomas man should not add an "s" to the money out of it. They opened windows in when a man is an alderman and job printer Brunswick. On the other hand he claimed and is owned in Philadelphia. snakes, was coming down last Friday night, third city in Canada, as regards importan old building on Sidney street, near St. or stationer at one and the same time. that the McQuades were well versed in a shrill, childlike voice piped out above The Fakirs Fared Well. James, and did a rushing business. Friday ance and population. the dcings of the police court, and he Painting Par Excellence. the murmur of applause, "Well, but were night the windows were closed, and in the

to accompany them with his two sons. They arrived at the police station at about ten o'clock, where the trio were informed to answer a charge of assault made against them by one Edward McQuade.

It was at this point in the narrative that Mr. Byrne grew most eloquent. He had never been in prison in his life, and the thought of being placed there by such a person as Edward McQuade made him very indignant, indeed. Nor was there anybody present to accept bail. Mr. Byrne could get security for any amount, but it was no use, down among the whitewashed bricks and iron bars he and his two sons had to go, on a charge made by one Edward McQuade.

They stayed there all night. When the time for the trial came in the morning the McQuades could not be found. So the Byrnes had to go down stairs again. The magistrate looked very wise, and thought it was a serious case, while Mr. Byrne was indignant and thought it was no case at all, and there were several in the court who were inclined to agree with him. No bail would be accepted, although the prisoners had plenty of it on hand. It was finally agreed, however, to release the prisoners, on bail of \$60.

When the McQuades were hunted up by the officers the trial came on, and the witnesses for the prosecution, who were principally McQuades, made charges against all the prisoners, claiming that they were present and committed the assault.

It was proved, however, by the evidence of responsible persons, that Mr. Byrne's two sons were at work in the city at the time, and that Byrne himself acted more in self-defence than otherwise. Yet on the evidence of the same witnesses who swore that the Byrne boys were present at the time. Byrne, Sr., was found guilty and fined \$20. His sons were discharged.

During his visit Mr. Byrne produced a number of recommendations from people with whom he had been employed previous

as those from such critical centres as Torfrom several police officers, and was asked onto and New York, where two or three of his pictures have gone at a good figure. Fredericton residents are inclined to think their ambitious townsman has been hardly that they would have to wait until morning | treated, and some revive the old saying that "a Frederictonian never could get a square show in St. John."

A Special "Cop" With the Law.

Some of the very tresh recruits for the special police will probably never handle a baton again. One of them in particular who hovered about the outside of the building after four o'clock was full of boyish frolics. A gentleman who left his horse standing at the door found the "cop" busy tying the wheels of his carriage together. When he looked up and saw the

owner looking at him he had the ready wit to ask for a knife to cut the thongs remarking at the same time that "it is hard to watch these boys." "These boys should not wear policemen's

iniform then" was the reply. "Do you mean to say I did it. If you do, I'll arrest you. I have the law with

me, remember that" and as he brandished his baton wildly the gentleman laughed and said "Oh go away and grow into your clothes "-That was the last straw and the ' special " rushed forward with the law in the shape of his baton. He forgot that his coat was too long for it tripped him ere he had gone three steps and the arrest was not made

Two Errors Corrected.

That eminently respectable paper, the St. Thomas, Ont., Daily Times says that the exhibition number of PROGRESS was "illustrated by portraits of the officers of the exhibition held in St. Johns." The Times is away off. PROGRESS did not have pictures of the "officers," such at Lt. Col.

J. Russell Armstrong, Adjutant J. Fred Langan and the other swells, but it did give the portraits of several men who ought to be officers. Mr. C. A. Everett, for instance, if photographed in his how-Iwill-look-when-I-make-my-speech attitude might very easily be mistaken for a field

There were \$12,000 offered in prizes. When the entries came in the association found that if are the prizes were awarded they would not call more than \$6,000. They were not all awarded and the sum total of the prizes is about \$3,800. Here is a very considerable margin in itself which must be deducted from the estimated

expenditure. This has been a week of reaction. All those who were actively engaged in the work of the exhibition found the strain growing greater and greater every day. Saturday was moving day, and that final

effort proved too much for many of those

in the building. Secretary Cornwall held out through the the tension this week and stay at home for a rest. If Superintendent W. F. Burditt, was not of iron constitution, he would have shared the same fate. Mr. T. C. Everett, mechanical superintendent, was under the weather the last night and went home ill. Everybody, hovever, is around again and ready, if necessary, for another siege.

There can be but one opinion of the fair among the directors, the exhibitors, and the people. The show was a great success, but if it had to be gone over again it could be made fifty per cent. better. Every exhibitor sees where he could have made improvements. He has new ideas. and, next year, will show the people what he can do.

The officers have had an opportunity to do what they could and they have come to the conclusion that there could be an immense saving next year. One gentleman closely connected with the finances, assures PROGRESS that his estimate of the expenses next] year would be fully forty per cent less than this.

Already there is plenty of talk about another exhibition next year. That is the right spirit and the only way to make the association permanent, but the directors will bear in mind that the show must excel this, that there must be new features, new attractions to bring the same people to St.

Mr. Little To Lecture Again.

The rector of Sussex, the Rev. Henry W. Little, will lecture at the Mechanics' Institute, on October 16th, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Mission Church Men's Club. The subject chosen by Mr. Little is "The History of African Exploration and Discovery from the earliest times to the present day." The discourse will deal with the labours of the most eminent Anglo-Africans, including Bruce on the Blue Nile and in Abyssinia, Park on the Niger, Burton, Speke, Grant, Cameron, and Baker in the equatorial lake regions, and the recent observations of Lieut. Stairs and others. The lecture will be rush and confusion only to sink beneath illustrated by a large chart of the great sun continent.

Two Ways of Going About It.

The opera house directors seem to have awakened to the fact that they should have a root on the opera house before snow flies, and that the cash must be had to put it there. A meeting of the stockholders is called to consider and ratify the means adopted to that end. A mortgage is not to be coveted, but perhaps, a building with a mortgage is better than walls without a roof. This method of raising money possesses one decided advantage over the proposed mixed entertainment. It is a business way of going about it. The good sense of the stockholders and the directorate will not permit any show of a dime variety character to be carried on with the avowed object of aiding the opera house.

Dogs and Poultry an Undoubted Attraction. The dog and poultry shows in connection with the great fair recently held at Toronto, Ottawa, and London have been very successful, and are considered a very interesting drawing card. Dogs from all over the United States were exhibited at all of them. The exhibition association will, perhaps, issue a more liberal prize list for their next meeting. The American Stockkeeper states that Messrs. P. &. H. Smith, of St. Stephen, N. B., carried off second prize at London with their skye terrier "Toodles," beating three others of the same class sent from Buffalo, N. Y. "Sir Stafford" who took first, also won first at New York and Boston shows last winter,

The fakirs who run their shows opposite the exhibition buildings, are all in favor of annual exhibitions. The man who run the McGinty family is said to have made enough money to keep him all winter, and the others were apparently satisfied with