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SOME SHARP PRACTICE.

HAPPENINGS IN THE LIVES OF ENTERPRISING CITIZENS.

Legal Tricks Not Hard to Learn-Fat Geese Entrusted to Their Care Will Be Plucked With Promptitude and Despatch-A Merchant Who Can Give Pointers.

"I think that in justice to the honest lawyers, you ought to publish the name of the attorney who absorbed the poor widow's money," said a member of the profession to PROGRESS, the 'other day. "It is not fair that the innocent should be confounded with the guilty."

In reply to this PROGRESS has to say that while it is true a number of attorneys have been spotted as the right man in this case, it is of opinion that not one honest lawyer has been suspected.

If certain men have been suspected without cause, it is for them to ask the question whether the general tenor of their professional lives justifies the suspicion that they would do such a thing, if they had a chance. Do the people who point to them simply judge them on general principles, though in ignorance of the facts of this particular case? It is for the lawyers themselves to answer this question.

Some of the lawyers who have not been objects of suspicion have grown reminiscent since the story was published. In a group of men chatting the other day, one of them pointed to an attorney who was skipping blithely along the street and said :

"I believe Leech is the man referred to by PROGRESS. It sounds just like a case of his where in the settlement of an estate in which out of several hundred dollars' worth of assets the widow's share amounted | denied ever selling him the land. to just \$13."

"There was another St. John lawyer," it was remarked, "who was entrusted with \$125 worth of bills to collect. He collected

but as he had already bought the land once from Wrongway and once from Wrencher, he did not feel that he could afford to pay out \$400 more, but was

willing to be bled to the tune of \$200. "While affairs were in this unsettled state, one Wakeup appeared on the scene as an intending purchaser and offered Wrencher \$300 for the land. Wrencher wanted more, but a bargain was finally struck for \$320.

by Wrencher.

money but the interest. Wakeup had at is time that those who expect to run to win business very pressing in Fredericton until

that time about \$500 which he had entrusted to Wrencher for safe keeping. No deed was executed, though one was drawn out cardidates. Some assert that Ald. Law and not signed. Subsequently Wakeup and Busby are leagued together, but this is paid Wrencher \$250 on account of the land, denied by Ald. Law, who says that there is

leaving, as he supposed, about \$82 due, no such combination, and that he has Wrencher still holding Wakeup's \$500 for "nothing to do with Busby." safe-keeping. When Wakeup subsequently asked for the deed, Wrencher said some- during the week. Victoria ward, as a thing about the interest, whereupon Wakeup spoke of the money of his which Wrencher held and the subject was dropped. it his chances were pretty good. When "Not long after this Brown, who was oc- he ratted they decreased a good deal, but cupying the land under Wakeup's supposed he capped the climax when, though unable

that the land had never been sold to Wake-

"Some months later Wakeup met Wren- sent the note with the impression that it cher and asked for his deed. Wrencher would count as a vote, it is evident that calmly told him that he had sold the land he has a good deal to learn about parliato another person.

Wrencher. "Wakeup was naturally annoyed, and as favoring a thing which a good many of

demanded his deed, whereupon Wrencher his supporters opposed.

and abandoned the land to Wrencher's had nothing to lose and was aware of the undisputed possession.

"Wakeup then tried to get a settlement able to carry him along, but from present them to the extent of \$96, and in making with Wrencher, but as they had a variety indications Ald. Law will have plenty of his returns brought his client 65 cents in of dealings with each other and Wakeup work to carry himself. debt to him. Thus the man was 65 cents | kept no books, it looked for a time as Mr. James Seaton is looked upon as

CHESLEY IN THE FIELD man with a clean record might beat both the other contestants.

A REQUISITION WHICH HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ACCEPT.

What Is Thought of His Chances, and of Those of Mayor Lockhart-The Contest in Victoria Ward Begins to Grow Interesting-The Prospect in Other Wards. This has been a fair to middling week for aldermanic candidates, and several new men have come to the front. More may "This made the fourth sale of the land be expected next week, and indeed at any time before the nominations close. As

"Wrencher said he did not want the only two weeks remain before election, it were up and at work.

Victoria ward has, if anything, too many

The stock of Ald. Law has not gone up whole, is not in favor of the Leary dock scheme, and so long as Ald. Law opposed title, was sued by Wrencher, who told him to attend the last council meeting, he sent a note requesting that his vote be recorded as in favor of the Leary scheme. If he

mentary bodies in general and the council "This made the fifth sale of the land by in particular. It amounted to nothing,

and merely served to place him on record It was different with Ald. Busby, who

"At this juncture, Brown became alarmed was present and voted for the scheme. He fact. His only hope lies in Ald. Law being

If Ald. A. C. Smith were not obliged to

attend the legislature he would find himself embarrassed by the position he would have

to take in the mayoralty contest. The relations of Mr. Chesley to the opposition ticket in the local contest would make it compulsory on the alderman to stand by him, but in so doing he would be in antagonism to the electors of Brooks ward, who advocate the dock scheme with as much zeal as the alderman himself has advocated. Ald. Smith will probably find

after the 8th of April.

THE MAYOR AS AN ORATOR.

An Unsuspected Fund of Eloquence Re vealed to the Citizens.

The citizens of St. John do not think that Mayor Lockhart has given them a square deal, in a matter entirely apart from the dock business, but one which is even nearer the hearts of the people. He has been wilfully suppressing the fact that he is an orator before whom the most eloquent of the opposition members from St. John might pale, and that he has a fund of eloquence undreamed of by his most intimate friends.

Those who have heard His Worship at an art sale in his auction room know that he can point out, in chaste language, the beauties of a carload of Canadian oil paintings. Those who have listened to him at Chubb's corner know that he can grow graphic over the value of real estate at Bugtown, or the advantages of Nova Scotia windfalls as a basis for prime apple pie, while as an authority on the value of stocks, second-hand furniture and crockeryware his opinion is worth its weight in gold. It has never been suspected, however, that he was really and truly eloquent. He would have denied it had any one made such an

GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION IN BATTLE ARRAY.

READY FOR THE FIGHT.

Mr. Stevens Has Blood in His Eye and a Black Vallse in His Room-What May Happen When Mr. Hanington Gets Excited-The Spring Smile of Dr. Stockton. FREDERICTON, March 13.-The House is in session once more and Fredericton is happy. The military peep-show on the square was imposing, and the amount of awe and reverence produced by the gleaming sword of the commandant. and the gold to have been fully up to the average crop

of former years. Thanks to the threatening aspect of the soldiery the mob did not molest the governor nor his staff in any way. In fact, so friendly and indisposed to violence did our people seem to-day that it is now believed that the governor might even have come down with his ordinary every-day clothes on and opened the House without any display of arms at all. It certainly speaks well for the governor and for the peaceful character of our citizens that no blood was spilt; in fact, the only claret visible near the House to-day was in the fiery eye of Mr. Thaddeus Stevens. It is an open secret that Thaddeus is after gore. Some excitement was caused on Queen

street last evening, by the arrival of a large black valise which was carried into the Queen Hotel by two porters, closely fol lowed by a tall gentleman attired in a loose-flowing, black Astrachan, dog-skin coat. The valise was taken up-stairs and deposited in number 57. Its owner registered himself as Thaddeus Stevens, M.P.P. Moncton. Mr. Stevens does not expect a dissolution of the House so soon as he formerly did, and has, therefore, engaged apartments for the whole session. While it is true that Mr. Stevens has no vellow valise with him, a pair of Morocco slippers of a deep yellow shade were, it is said,

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pencil which writes the word "outrage" automatically as often as required.

The choice of Mr. Hanington has made Mr. Gregory very sad. It will be remem-

bered that George F. failed to materialize at the close of the poll in York, but he has appeared to think that he is still an honorary member of the house and of the opposition. He has been punctual in his attendance at the caucuses, and some have had the idea that he wanted to run the machine. His candidate for leader was Stockton, with Atkinson as an alternative. The caucus got over the difficulty by adjourning when lace and plumes of the governor, is thought he was present and picking on a man to suit themselves.

> Despite of Dan's triumph, Dr. Stockton looks as becoming as ever. It is reported that he has a new spring smile in which he will appear out in at Easter.

> > FLOTSAM.

MASONIC MATTERS.

The Red Cross-Other Events of Local Interest to the Craft.

A number of candidates received the Red Cross degree in Carleton Council, R. C. K., held in connection with the regular meeting of the Encampment of St. John, Wednesday evening. The banquet on the premises, prepared under the direction of Sir Knight G. Gordon Boyne, was worthy of the occasion. The cruciform tables were handsomely decorated and supplied with a very tempting array of viands. About 60 members and visitors were present, including some of the fratres of De Moloy Preceptory and Past Preceptor Greenfield, of Toronto.

In compliance with an invitation from St. Stephen Encampment, it is expected that a working staff of St. John Encampment will visit St. Stephen at an early day and give an exemplification of the various degrees and orders.

It is possible that a similar staff from Carleton ank other chapters may visit the border town about the same time. The proposed exemplification of lodge degrees under the direction of the Grand Master, will make the annual communication of Grand Lodge, in April, of special interest to the members of the craft in general. The Masonic club continues to thrive and receive steady additions to its membership. The only difficulty now is that it has not room enough in its present quarters. So many find it a pleasant place of resort that its utility can no longer be questioned. Every member has the right to introduce a friend, whether such friend be a member of the fraternity or not, and visitors are always welcome.

out of pocket by the transaction."

be Sharkfin. Don't you remember that case in which he collared the money entrusted to him to pay off a mortgage, and there came very near being trouble about it ?"

"I wouldn't put it past Shysterman," observed another. "I heard of a case in which a piece of land was put up at auction and withdrawn. Shysterman was the solicitor. Immediately afterward, a young man who was interested in the property made a word of mouth bargain with Shysterman to give \$400 for it, Shysterman stipulating that the money must be paid before 12 o'clock that day. The young man soon found a person who was willing to buy the property from him for \$500, and sent him to Shysterman's office to look at the deed. Shysterman, finding out what was up, kept the intending purchaser in his inner office until noon had passed, the young man waiting in the outer office because Shysterman was "engaged." When noon passed without payment being made, Shysterman's conscience permitted him to make the sale himself and secure the \$100 for which the young man had worked so hard in vain."

"A man is never sure of land until he has a deed of it in his hand," remarked another of the group, "and that is where the lawyer comes in handy sometimes. Why, there was a case before the courts, which never came to trial, where a St. John man sold a piece of land in the country over and over again, simply because the men to whom he sold it never could show any deed from him. It happened this way :

"About 20 years ago, the St. John man, I will call him Wrencher, sold 200 acres of land up river to a man by the name of Wrongway who paid him for it, but received no deed. Wrongway supposed that it was all right and that Wrencher was out of the transaction torever.

"Some time afterwards Wrongway was considerably surprised to find that Wrencher had sold 100 acres, or half of the lot, to a man who has held it ever since. Wrongway had no deed to show and did

of years, when Wrencher again turned up, will see the tenants again in possession. Chesley, and a good many people who do position leaders have claimed is emphatic- a live correspondent. claiming that he owned the land. Brown not favor Mayor Lockhart think so too, This is the present plan, and it is but fair A Pointer for the Janitor. ally denied in well-informed quarters here. believed him, and purchased from him for They Won the Oysters. The recent discovery by the principal of provided that the contest is limited to them. to assume that it will be carried out. The Even while I write all doubt of Mr. Han-\$400, paying \$250 in cash on account. The North and South wharf curled for walls of the opera house must go up conthe Victoria school that loafers can gain Despite what Mr. Lockhart has lost, there ington's opportunities for eloquence begins "This made three sales of the land by jointly with those of the front building, the oystery Monday evening, and the access to the basement of the building durare still a good many people who think he to vanish. He is to be leader of the op-Wrencher. "hucksters" won by 18 to 12. The game and when the latter is completed, the ening school hours, seems to point the moral is a good enough mayor and that precedent position, and his mighty voice will reverber-"Several years passed, Brown owing, was pronounced the best of the season-at trances (side and front) of the opera house that the janitor should attend to his busishould be followed by giving him a second ate through the halls, with the always as he supposed, a balance of \$150, when any rate it was the jolliest. The "huckness. If he is not paid enough to enable term. In such a single contest he would will also be finished. The directors of the possible contingency of the plaster on the one day Wrencher sent him word that, sters" are open to a challenge from any latter company have got some work cut out him to give his attention to the premises sweep everything in Carleton, have a majoceiling coming down and the glass in the "rather than have any trouble," he would rink in the province for the same wager. during school hours, his salary should be rity in most of the city wards, and split the for them to get stock and keep pace with windows being shivered to fragments. The give him a trifle to leave the land, or he the erection of the front building. There increased. It wouldn't make any differvote in the North End. This is the way it Roaring Dan will be heard from, and don't The Opinion of Everybody. would let him stay on it at a rental of \$24 ence to the rate-payers. The assessment would be no doubt of their success if they looks from a wholly disinterested standyou forget it. "I like my engraving very much," writes a year. He would not sell it to him unless showed confidence in themselves-they gets there just the same. point. McDade looks pale but determined. He a customer of PROGRESS' Engraving he gave him \$400 more, in addition to the want to do that, and the stock will come A third man of the right kind, might im-Ceiling Decoration a specialty of Wilkins has seventeen pencils sharpened at both Bureau. "Your engraver does admirable \$250 already paid. Brown had no deed, prove Mr. Chesley's chances, and a third | all right. & Sands, 266 Union street. ends, including the celebrated Alward work, and I am satisfied."

though he would not only lose the land but having a chance of representing Victoria "Perhaps he is the man, but I took it to his money. A suit was began and Wrencher showed fight, but weakened and settled for \$300 and costs before the case didates. Mr. Forrest's prospects are also came to trial.

> has succeeded in making a sixth sale of the land.

"Wrencher is a St. John merchant with | Turnbull as a candidate. If the latter can the three R's-Rich, Religious, and Respectable.

the sharpest men where points of law are in question."

FUN FOR THE BOYS.

Policemen Who Labor Under the Delusion That There is a Fire.

People who have been abroad about 7 o'clock in the morning, recently, have noticed an unusual activity on the part of certain policemen. Sometimes one of the force would be running at full speed down King street and across Market square in the direction of the North End, while at other times a bobby would be rushing up King street at equal speed, waving his baton and apparently in a state of intense excitement. Those who followed him to find out what was up were somewhat puzzled to find him subsiding into a state of rather sheepish quietness as soon as he came in sight of Breeze's corner. These peculiar electors, is the latest candidate to come actions have not been confined to one or forward in Prince ward. He announces two policemen, but appear to be common to all of them who are in the vicinity of Canterbury street about that time of the

morning. One of the daily papers has a large gong in its press room, for signalling from up stairs to the pressman and engine driver. It sounds a good deal like a fire alarm striker, and the bad boys around the office were very quick to tumble to the fact and give the policemen the benefit of it. The officers are in habit of making an early call to get copies of the paper, and when a North End man who has brought over a prisoner and is off his beat, hears 143, he makes a full speed for the North End station. So, when another hears 27 he runs himself out of breath to reach King square. The boys know just what boxes will most excite the officers, and they hit them every time.

man gets sold he is so anxious to see some one else made a victim that he discreetly

for \$600, while Wrongway gave him a bond time will be lost in the work. In fact, the way the boys have had plenty of material John A. Chesley to be a candidate for the sure Mr. Phinney's voting with the govern- possible in the few short weeks of the for a deed. second day of May will find the workmen mayoralty. Mr. Lockhart is said to ment. That there is any such revolt from session. The first group will appear next for their interesting experiment. And they "Brown had been in possession a couple | have had lots of fun. feel very confident that he can beat Mr. on the spot, and the first day of August the government ranks as some of the op- Saturday with appropriate letter press from

ward in the next council, but declines to make any combination with other cangood, while another claimant has come for-"I have not heard whether Wrencher | ward in the person of Mr. Henry Dunbrack. Mr. Arthur Howe has been reinforced in Stanley ward by the advent of Mr. E. H. work for himself as well as he worked for

his party in the local election, he is pretty "So you see the lawyers are not always certain to sit in the council next year. During the past week a requisition has

been circulated in Queens ward asking Mr. W. Watson Allan to be a candidate, so that it is now definitely settled that there will be an interesting contest.

There seems to be little or no prospect of any serious opposition to the return of Alds. Barnes and Blackadar in Kings. One or two names have been mentioned during the week, but probably more in joke than otherwise.

Ald. Morrison, who had concluded that the prospects in Prince ward did not warrant his offering again, has reconsidered his determination and is now in the field. Efforts have been made to induce Mr. John McKelvey to be a candidate, but he has declined, although it was considered that he had very good prospects. Mr. John S. Nickerson, who is well known to the that he is running on his own account at present.

There is as yet no opposition in Lansdowne or Dufferin wards, though it is hardly in the range of probability that there will not be a contest in the latter. Col. Cunard is out as a candidate in Sydney ward, and ought to have pretty good chances of beating somebody.

Whether Mayor Lockhart is to serve a second term or not is as yet an open question. A good deal depends upon what candidates are in the field. The partizen zeal of the mayor in appointing the committee on the Leavy dock plans has, without doubt, lost him the votes of many who had made up their minds to support him. They cannot overlook the fact that he

the legislature.

keeps silence about the matter. In this opposition; they also say that this will en- proposes to publish as many of them as

accusation, as nobody has ever dreamed of doing.

When he was elected mayor he excused himself from an inaugural by asserting that his predecessor had covered the ground so thoroughly that there was nothing more to be said. Until Thursday night no one regretted this fact very much, but since then the citizens have been kicking themselves all around town, because they allowed that and other opportunities of hearing him to

Flushed with his victory on the dock scheme, the mayor has unguardedly revealed his hand and shown himself in his true colors as a finished orator. The occasion was the winning of a skating race by Mr. Hugh J. McCormick. The mayor was unable to be present, but he rose to the emergency in an address which he sent, which painted in glowing colors the nobility

of purpose that, in these degenerate days, could be found in a championship race. With a tinge of sadness he referred to the fact that the noblest pastimes are degraded to the sole purpose of money-getting, even, it may be added, as the highest civic offices are sought for the sake of the salary. He spoke with pride of the additional renown which had been given the city by Mr. Mc-Cermick's brilliant achievements. In conclusion, said His worship, "flushed with victory, bearing with unasuming modesty the accumulated honors so squarely and gallantly won, and so copiously showered on you, we, your fellow citizens, ask your acceptance of this address and the accom-

panying watch and chain as a slight token of the estimation in which we hold

If Mayor Lockhart is re-elected, nothing will satisfy the people but an inaugural couched in the same kind of language.

ANOTHER STEP IN ADVANCE.

The Front of the Opera House to go Up This Spring

With the other believers in the St. John opera house, PROGRESS is glad to see the plans for the front building ready for the contractor. A description of the plan has already appeared in the press, and repetition is unnecessary, but a glance at the

question will be the strong card of the has the portraits of the most of them, and a man named Brown, who gave his note and that is a pretty good guarantee that no A requisition is in circulation asking Mr.

seen at breakfast this morning, which were much admired by those present.

For a man who is to be consigned to political oblivion in a few short days, Premier Blair persists in wearing a look of great indifference. It is rare that a prospective corpse is disposed to make things funny for the mourners as Mr. Blair seems bent on doing. The smile that wreathed his visage this afternoon, for instance, when his gaze rested for a moment on the sombre face of Thaddeus would make the fortune of the author of "Heavenly Love,"

if it could only be transferred to that famous picture. It would certainly have had an overshadowing effect upon the other cherubs. Whatever Thaddeus may think about it, Premier Blair seems to have great faith in the longevity of the Government. He predicts that the Opposition will not be able to muster more than one-third of the House when the first test vote is to be taken.

Mr. Speaker White has a big contract on his hands, one would suppose, in trying to fill the seat that Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Lynott and Mr. Pugsley have recently filled

Mr. Hanington did not care for the Speakership, seemingly. He will be the Peter Mitchell of the present Honse it is thought. Which side he will hit the harder, Government or Opposition, remains to be seen. It is certain that he will have something to say, and that brother McDade, the official reporter, will be very busy while he is saying it.

Engrossing Clerk Beckwith will be missed from the Assembly. Mr. Hughes who assumes the position, consequent upon Mr. Beckwith's removal, is a clever young man, who will doubtless perform the work with diligence.

Mr. McLellan is not lost, but only gone up higher. His beaming face was not seen in his old place in the Assembly today. but a countenance which bore a marked resemblance to it was seen in the Legislative Council. Mr. Holly having resigned, his seat has been taken by Mr. MeLellan, who thus retains his position in the executive council.

The tactics of the opposition during the not want to go to law, so he let the matter drawings will soon convince even the abused his position by appointing a comnext week or two will be watched with in-Look Out For Their Portraits. rest, contenting himself with the 100 acres sceptical, who have lost no opportunities mittee composed of men biased in favor of terest. Nobody in Fredericton believes There are some good looking men in the which remained. Mr. Leary, with the exception of Ald. to talk down the idea, that the front buildthat the government in danger, but a house of assembly, and there are others "This made two sales of the land by ing will not only be a credit to Union Shaw, who would be virtually off of the The best part of it is, when one policebreezy session is anticipated by all. Those who-to use a homely expression-will Wrencher. street, but to the city. committee by his absence while attending who profess to know say that the stumpage | never be hung for their beauty. PROGRESS "Wrongway subsequently sold his 100 to The Messrs. Dockrill build the front.

"WITHOUT PERMISSION."

The Fusiliers Band and a Widow Desire to Express Their Thanks.

As was stated by the musical critic of PROGRESS, last week, the recent concert by the Fusiliers' band was carried to a successful issue by the men without any assistance from the officers. It was a financial as well as a musical success, and that it did more than interest the public is shown by the following acknowledgment:

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of one hundred and fifty dollars from the band of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers, the proceeds of the concert held at the Mechanics' Institute, on Thursday even-HARRIET ELLIS. ng, February 27.

The band also desires, through PRO-GRESS, to thank the ladies and gentlemen who assisted at the concert, as well as the public for their liberal patronage.

A formal card of thanks to this effect was sent to the Sun office, the other day, the men being willing to pay for its insertion, if necessary. The business man of the Sun is known to ordinary mortals as Mr. W. C. Sterling, but in the pomp and pride of military life he is Lieut. Sterling. It was in this capacity that he refused to publish the card of thanks unless the name of Capt. Edwards was signed to it, and rebuked the band for offering to publish it at all "without permission." The men declined to acknowlege that the officers had anything to say about their card of thanks, and so, by the authority of Lieut. Sterling, Mr. Sterling of the Sun refused to publish it.