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## WILL SETTLE THE DOCK.

BUT WHETHER TO SUIT MR. LEARY  
REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

New Patches on the Old Structure of the  
Common Council—The Fight in Kings-  
Neck and Neck in Queens—How Ballots  
Played April Fool in Victoria Ward.

So the "fight is fit," and contrary to the  
expectation of some, there are not 18  
supporters of the Leary dock scheme in the  
common council. Just how many there  
are for and against it will be shown when  
the next vote is taken. In the meantime,  
giving the dock men McKelvey and Likely,  
about whom there appears to be some  
doubt, it looks very much as though the  
vote would be a tie. Should this be so,  
the re-election of Mayor Lockhart will  
clinch the dock scheme.

The triangular fight in Kings ward was  
about as interesting as any in the city. It  
was considered that Ald. Barnes was safe  
beyond peradventure, and it was believed  
by him and his friends that unless there  
were a good many fiars in the ward, Ald.  
Blackadar was pretty sure of another term.  
Nevertheless the men who had put Mr.  
James Straton forward claimed very loudly  
that he would lead the poll, and it is but  
justice to them to say that they tried their  
best to bring about such a result. They  
gave him no less than 95 plumpers, which  
included one individual who told him he  
would plump him because PROGRESS told  
the truth about his candidature. He got  
160 votes which was four more than his  
opponents allowed him. Ald. Blackadar  
got 188, which was exactly what had been  
figured beforehand. Ald. Barnes got 218,  
which was in excess of the calculation.

The ticket "Barnes-Blackadar" was the  
only one issued by these gentlemen, and  
neither of them was willing to sacrifice the  
other to help himself. Blackadar, how-  
ever, did get three unsolicited plumpers.  
The only surprise in Kings was when a  
prominent employer of labor, who was  
counted on as sure for Barnes and Black-  
adar, walked into the poll, picked up a  
Straton plumper and voted it. His friends  
insist that he made a mistake.

The triangular fight in Queens was very  
quiet, but was none the less a determined  
one. Ald. Robertson was sure of re-  
election, but he did not relax his vigilance  
about that account, and led the poll by 333  
votes, about half of the number on the  
revised list.

So far as anyone could judge, Ald. Jack  
was likely to be re-elected. He had started  
with his list early in the year, and on the  
day before election had seen all but 200  
of the 968 voters in the ward. From a  
great many of these he had pledges of  
support. The non-payment of taxes re-  
duced the list about 33 per cent, and un-  
doubtedly to Ald. Jack's disadvantage.  
In the meantime, Mr. W. Watson Allen  
came forward, and while looked upon at  
the outset as a weak man, developed sur-  
prising strength from day to day. Ald.  
Jack was personally as popular as ever,  
but he had not worked and voted to suit  
his constituents. He was very busy at the  
polls, and wore a glossy plug hat, despite  
the heavy snow flurries. Mr. Allen was  
also busy, but he reserved his plug hat to  
wear when he became alderman, and his  
dome of thought was decorated with a  
plain Derby.

Mr. Joshua Turner, who represented  
Mr. Allen, was unkind enough to challenge  
a lady who came to vote for Ald. Jack,  
but she voted, and gave Mr. Turner her  
opinion of him, into the bargain.

When the poll was closed, it was found  
that Allee and Jack had 292 votes each.  
Everybody supposed there would have to  
be another election. In anticipation of  
such an event Ald. Jack was confident of  
defeating Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen was also  
confident of defeating Ald. Jack. So they  
were both happy.

A little later, when it was found that  
the presiding officer, Mr. E. T. C. Knowles,  
had the casting vote, only one of them was  
happy, and that was not Ald. Jack. Mr.  
Allen was declared elected.

Ald. Allen and his friends claim that he  
had a majority without the casting vote.  
On the first count, the clerk made him out  
nine ahead, but as the tallies did not agree,  
another count by the clerk made a tie.  
Six others, however, who had kept count,  
made Allen ten ahead. The ballots, in the  
meantime, had been scattered or destroyed.

Ald. Jack has to thank his friends and  
supporters for the 90 plumpers they gave  
him.

In Prince ward, everybody guessed that  
Morrison, and probably McKelvey, would  
be elected, though some had hopes of  
Nelson. The latter gentlemen had been  
nominated at the last hour, and had made  
no canvass. Under these circumstances,  
he took a very good vote, indeed, and  
would have taken more had not been led  
to suppose that McKelvey was opposed to  
the Leary dock.

Mr. S. H. Chapman, or rather Lieut.  
Chapman, late of H. M. 50th foot, the  
educationalist and Crimean veteran, was  
not nominated, but he was a candidate  
just the same, as was announced by large

posters around the polling place. The  
common clerk had refused to receive his  
nomination, because he was assessed on  
only \$400 income. Mr. Chapman insisted  
that he had \$1,000 worth of property, and  
decided to run without nomination. If he  
received a majority of votes, and his seat  
was refused, he proposed to bring the  
matter before the supreme court by a  
*certiorari*, cause a *quo warranto* to issue  
against the aldermen *de facto*, sue the  
assessors and common clerk for damages,  
and cause a writ of *walligotagus* to be  
served on the mayor. This interesting  
programme has been abandoned, chiefly  
owing to the fact that Lieut. Chapman  
received only two votes.

Lieut. Chapman's defeat is probably due  
to the fact that he was over-confident. He  
was sure of first place, and said so. This  
led the voters to consider him so safe that  
there was no danger, and they therefore  
voted for their favorite candidates as men  
for second place.

Had Lieut. Chapman been elected, it  
was his intention to have tendered the  
hospitalities of his house to his friend,  
the Governor-General, Lord Stanley, with  
whom he is intimately acquainted, the two  
having had cordial relations at Preston,  
Eng., years ago.

With Lieut. Chapman out of the council,  
there will not be a new catch-basin at  
the corner of Elliott row, or an electric light  
in anybody's back yard.

The defeat of Ald. Vincent in Dufferin  
was not unexpected by his friends, but they  
fought hard against it by giving him 125  
plumpers, only to find him 16 votes behind  
Mr. Likely at the close of the poll. He  
took a solid Orange vote, and Mr. James  
Kelly did his best in what he knew was an  
up-hill fight.

Two things had much to do with Ald.  
Vincent's defeat. One was that when on  
a ticket with Mr. Millidge, last year, he  
dropped his colleague and made a com-  
bination with Ald. Kelly. This lost him  
a good many Protestant votes, outside of  
the Orangemen, but he would have been  
all right if he had not voted against the  
appointment of "Danny" O'Neil as an  
assessor, which cost him even more votes  
on the other side. By his defeat the  
opponents of the Leary dock lose a staunch  
supporter in the council.

The re-election of Ald. Kelly was never  
doubted by anybody, and the fight was  
between Likely and Vincent. When  
James Kelly and James Wolfe went to the  
polling booth to represent Ald. Vincent,  
they found Danny O'Neil installed as the  
representative of Messrs. Kelly and Likely.  
They had some interesting encounters.  
One old lady, who was brought in by the  
Kelly-Likely combination, had such a  
rough experience that she wanted to go  
home without voting. She was expected  
to vote for all three of the candidates, and  
in deciding just how this could be done,  
the representatives all laid hands on her,  
and the two Kellys, Wolfe, Dunlap, the  
policeman, and a lot more politicians got  
mixed up in a heap, and order was only  
restored by the polling officer ordering  
everybody out of the room. This was  
done, and the woman was finally persuaded  
to vote for Kelly and Vincent.

One young man who cast his ballot in  
that ward probably doesn't know who he  
voted for. He was approached by a  
politician with a request to vote for Vin-  
cent, which he promised to do provided he  
could vote for Likely also. He was  
assured that he could, and was given a  
Vincent plumper. He had a Likely plumper  
in his hand at the time, and laid the  
two ballots on the box. The officer told  
him that he couldn't put in two ballots, and  
the politician said "certainly not," and  
picked up the Likely plumper. The other  
ballot went into the box, and the voter  
seemed really glad to get away with voting  
for anybody.

Polling officer Willet hasn't a very  
exalted opinion of the Northern division  
after Tuesday, especially that part of it  
sent to protect him. When the time came  
for counting the ballots, the stove was red  
hot, the little close room crowded with hus-  
tlers and the perspiration was sticking out  
on Mr. Willet and his assistants like beads.  
Then he made the reasonable request that  
a few of those present go outside and let  
him have breathing room. Nobody seemed  
to want to go, and officer Laskey couldn't  
make them. This made officer Laskey  
very mad, so he went outside to the shop  
where the air was cool, and hustled a few  
unoffending voters out into the street.  
Then he was satisfied.

The clock in Lansdowne polling place  
was set to neither standard nor local time,  
but had a time of its own which was 20  
minutes faster than the time ball. The  
presiding officer had no watch and so, it is  
said, he opened the poll at 8 by the  
eccentric clock and 7.40 by the clocks  
around town. When the error was dis-  
covered it was pointed out that matters  
would be evened up by closing by the same  
clock, at what was equivalent to 3.40 city  
time.

It didn't make any difference to anybody,  
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## QUIET BUT WIDE AWAKE

MEN WHO PREFER PLAIN BALLOTS  
TO EASTER CARDS.

The Contest for the Mayor's Chair Next  
Tuesday—Mr. Lockhart is Confident while  
Mr. Chesley is Quiet but Determined—  
Probable Surprises in Store.

Considering that there are only two  
working days between now and the election  
for mayor, there is a marvellously  
quiet state of affairs. A good many people  
seem to see nothing more in the contest  
than a fight between two men, and refuse  
to become enthusiastic over either of them.  
There was many times the interest in  
the Barker-Everett election last year,  
even though that contest was purely a  
personal one, and the Leary dock scheme  
was undreamed of by the public.

This year there is a tangible and vital  
issue before the people. Mayor Lockhart  
offers for re-election, not only as a man  
favorable to the Leary scheme, but as an  
ardent advocate of it and an active worker  
with those who have determined that it  
shall be carried. He not only wants harbor  
improvements, as do also the most of his  
opponents, but he wants them made  
under the direction of Mr. Leary, of New  
York, or his assigns. Should the council  
be equally divided on the subject, as now  
appears possible, the re-election of Mr.  
Lockhart means the adoption of the Leary  
scheme as quick as a vote can be taken on  
it. Looked at in this light, the contest in-  
volves a vital issue upon which the electors  
are called to vote. If they want the Leary  
dock they have only to return Mr. Lock-  
hart. If they don't want that particular  
dock they will say so by electing Mr.  
Chesley. As they are all of age, and  
ought to know which course is best in the  
interests of the city and of municipal mor-  
ality, PROGRESS has no advice to offer.  
The pay their taxes and can take their  
choice.

Mr. Lockhart, meanwhile, is very con-  
fident that he can sweep everything before  
him. He claims that every Catholic in  
St. John will vote for him, that he is solid  
in Carleton, can have a majority in the old  
city and has great hopes of Portland.  
So far as can be learned, Mr. Chesley  
and his friends are not making predictions  
yet, but some of them are pretty hard at  
work in what they call the infected districts.  
There doesn't seem to be any "boodle"  
launched out by either side as yet. Prob-  
ably there will not be. Perhaps it is con-  
sidered that those who are subject to this  
"influence" are all right anyway. Per-  
haps the voters who were greased for the  
aldermanic elections were given a double  
ration for the mayor's election as well.

Besides, its rather early yet. There are  
two clear working days before the ballots  
begin to drop, to say nothing of Sunday,  
which is sometimes the best working day  
of all for that kind of business.  
Each of the candidates has had meetings  
and all of those meetings have been very  
encouraging to those who attended them.  
But everyone knows that meetings don't  
count for much in an election of this kind.  
The men who can work the wards are the  
men who tell the tale, and five ballots  
safely in the box are worth ten hurrahs  
before the election.

Despite the quiet with which the cam-  
paign has been conducted, there will be  
some pretty lively work between now and  
Tuesday night. Nothing can be safely  
predicted at present. It is one of the  
elections in which they may be some pretty  
big surprises on either side. Portland,  
Carleton, and the old city are all, to a  
certain extent, unknown quantities.

Neither of the candidates is likely to be  
defeated through any false modesty in ask-  
ing for support.

**Judge and Counsel.**

Will Mr. Robert J. Ritchie, police  
magistrate of the city of St. John, explain  
by what precedent he appears as a practising  
lawyer in a disputed will case? It is  
the general impression that such a course  
is hardly in accord with the proprieties.  
No compromising situation may be the  
result of this particular instance, but  
supposing a case in which the out-  
come of a probate matter was perjury  
or forgery, would Mr. Ritchie hear the  
preliminary examination or elect to remain  
a counsel in the trial? The law provides  
for a sitting magistrate, but there is no pro-  
vision for a judge *pro hac vice*, where the  
magistrate is interested in a criminal case.  
Mr. Ritchie ought to be able, with econ-  
omy, to live on his \$2,500 salary, without  
dabbling in outside lawsuits.

**For the Dock or the Bell Buoy?**

A large pair of shears for cutting bolts,  
etc., is being manufactured for Ald. Lewis  
at one of the city foundries. The job was  
sent to another concern, which was unable  
to undertake it, and so sent it to the foundry.  
Whether the shears are intended for  
the dock or the bell buoy is a question not  
answered. The alderman appears to be  
making preparations for a busy summer.

Celling Decoration a specialty of Wilkins  
& Sands, 266 Union street.

## ALD. KELLY WAS NOT QUALIFIED.

But He Got There Just the Same and No-  
body Made Any Fuss About It.

Ald. Kelly has been re-elected to a seat  
in the common council, and is fully qual-  
ified to sit there this year. He was not  
qualified last year, though nobody who  
could make trouble for him knew anything  
to the contrary. It happened this way:—

At the time of the aldermanic elections,  
and until the 1st of October last year, Mr.  
Kelly held the position of water com-  
missioner, an office in the gift of the city of  
St. John. This disqualified him from  
sitting as an alderman, and he was very  
well aware of the fact. Looking at it as a  
legal rather than a moral objection, he  
thought it unfair that the ward and the  
city should lose his valuable services on  
that account, and so he determined to run.

Mr. George R. Vincent and Mr. T.  
Millidge were also in the field as candi-  
dates, and as Mr. Kelly's friends felt sure  
of his election, it became important for  
them to consider which of the other two  
was the more desirable, or to put it more  
candidly, which was the less objectionable.  
On general principles Mr. Millidge was the  
man. Mr. Vincent, to begin with, was an  
Orangeman, and there were other things  
about him which, when viewed from the  
Kelly standpoint, did not make him the  
full choice of their hearts. All other things  
being equal, they would have preferred  
Mr. Millidge.

But there were other things to be con-  
sidered. Both men were lawyers, and  
presumably both knew the law well enough  
to be aware that Mr. Kelly was not qualified.  
Then the question arose as to which would  
be likely to "kick" in case he was defeated.  
The answer was quickly made. Mr.  
Millidge was the less aggressive of the two.  
He did not hunger after the office, and in  
event of his defeat would submit to it as  
the will of the people, retire to his office  
and books, and leave Mr. Kelly severely  
alone. These amiable qualities in Mr. Mil-  
lidge caused him to be chosen as the victim  
for sacrifice. The word was sent out to  
support Mr. Vincent, who, if defeated,  
would be likely to open a legal battery,  
apply for *quo warranto* to test the validity  
of Mr. Kelly's election, and make it gener-  
ally torrid for that gentleman and his  
friends.

The programme was carried out and  
everything worked to a charm. Ald.  
Vincent was blamed for seeking the Kelly  
alliance, when the Kelly party was only too  
glad to make an alliance with him. Mr.  
Millidge was defeated, and gracefully re-  
tired from view. Ald. Kelly took his seat,  
and when the water commissioners, term  
of office ceased, his disqualification was  
removed.

Ald. Vincent did not, however, follow  
the lead of Ald. Kelly at the board. It  
was enough for him to leave that gentle-  
man unmolested, without obeying his be-  
hests. When the time came for him to  
vote for "Danny" O'Neil as assessor he  
actually voted for Mr. Farmer. Besides,  
he had not a favorable impression of Mr.  
Leary.

This year, Ald. Kelly was fully qualified,  
and Ald. Vincent could give him no trouble  
on that account. Mr. Likely was deemed  
a more eligible man, from the Kelly stand-  
point, and there was no further use for  
Ald. Vincent.

This is the true story of the election in  
Dufferin ward last year, given to the pub-  
lic for the first time by PROGRESS. It ex-  
plains just why, in spite of the 125 plumpers  
secured by such good Orange brethren as  
James Kelly and James Wolfe, Ald. Vin-  
cent failed to secure his election this year.

**POLICEMAN MCGRATH.**

His Pernicious Activity in Securing the  
Election of Ald. Busby.

Policeman McGrath was around the poll  
in Victoria ward, in the interests of Ald.  
Busby, last Tuesday. When a woman,  
sent for by one of the other candidates,  
entered the room the policeman intercepted  
her, succeeded in getting her ballot, and  
gave her a Busby one in its place. If  
there is any doubt about the right of  
a police officer to vote, there can be none  
as to the impropriety of his displaying a  
prejudicial activity in interfering with  
voters, even if his candidate does supply  
the police office with coal, under a sham  
contract. The attention of the chief of  
police is respectfully called to the case of  
Policeman McGrath.

**Who Cast the Ballot?**

Lieut. Chapman got badly left in Prince  
ward, because he told everybody he would  
lead the poll, and believing him, voters  
plumped their favorites for second place.  
There were two ballots cast for Mr. Chap-  
man, and as one of them was by himself,  
the question is, who deposited the other?  
Nearly every voter in the ward claims that  
he was the man, and Lieut. Chapman finds  
it difficult to determine which one of the  
lot tells the truth.

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## PLEASANT AND POPULAR

SOME MORE OF THE MEMBERS WHO  
ADORN THE LEGISLATURE.

Men who Vote with the Government, but  
Have Opinions of their Own—Messrs.  
Murray, Burchill, Douglas, LeBlanc and  
Ketchum, and their Good Points.

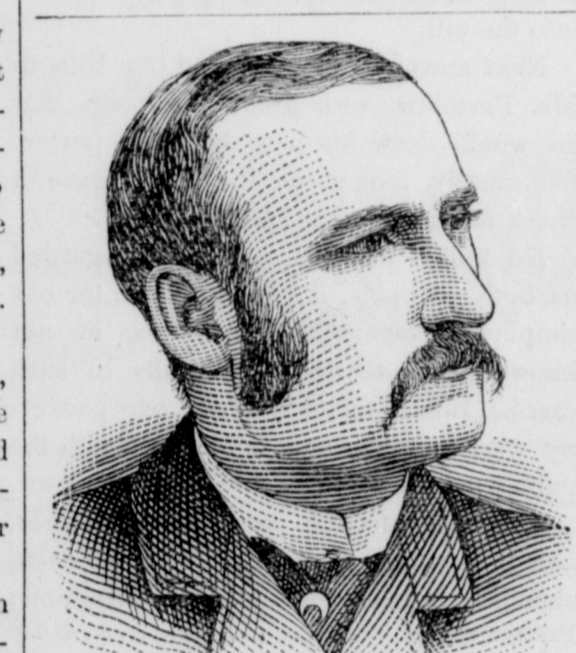
PROGRESS was in greater demand than  
ever in Fredericton last week. The six  
portraits published were faithful likenesses  
of well known members. Some people in  
St. John thought PROGRESS had made a  
mistake and substituted a custom house  
officers picture for that of Mr. Hethering-  
ton, but they did not know the member for  
Queens. They had never seen him when  
making his famous session speech in the  
provincial assembly. If they had they  
would not have imagined there was a  
mistake.

The five gentlemen who look out from  
the columns of PROGRESS today come from  
all quarters of the provinces. Restigouche



J. P. BURCHILL.

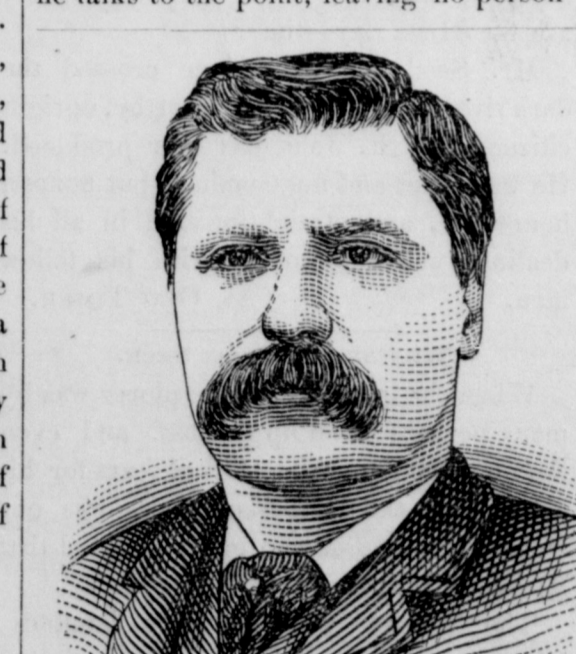
and Northumberland claim Messrs. Mur-  
ray and Burchill; Charlotte, Mr. Douglas;  
Kent, Mr. LeBlanc, and Carleton, Mr.  
Ketchum. They all happen to be govern-  
ment supporters, or perhaps it would be  
more correct to say that they have voted  
with the government thus far. It does not  
follow in these days that because a man  
votes with the government that he is an  
out and out supporter. He may malign  
the administration at the hustings, condemn  
it in his most vigorous fashion, and yet vote  
for it in the house. PROGRESS imagines  
that the political positions of Messrs.  
Murray and Burchill would be defined  
more correctly by "North Shore" than  
"Government" or "Opposition." They  
may vote with one party or method when  
it pleases them, but they always vote for  
the North Shore. Both Burchill and  
Murray are party leaders in a certain  
circle that is very fond of a joke, the for-



WILLIAM MURRAY.

mer being assigned the prohibition section  
of the house and the latter the third party,  
the platform of which it is suspected is  
identical with that of the equal rights party.

Mr. Murray is a Campbellton lawyer  
and one of the jovial good fellows of the  
house. When he speaks, which is seldom,  
he talks to the point, leaving no person in

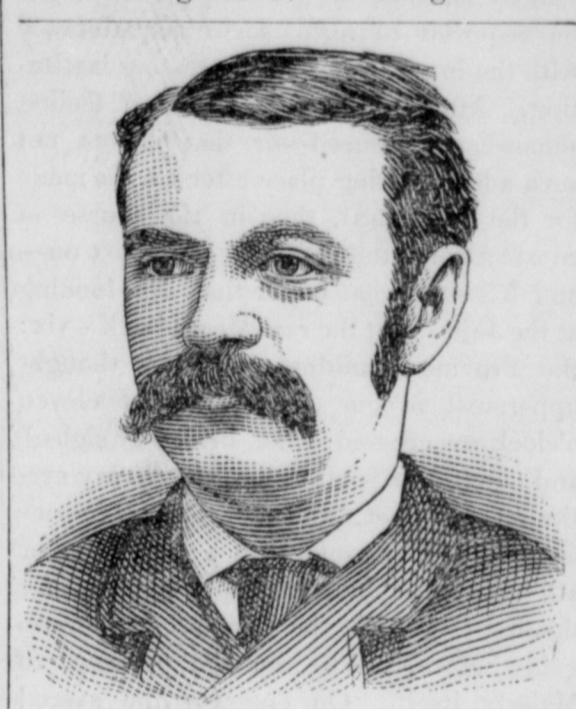


WILLIAM DOUGLAS.

doubt as to his meaning. Mr. Burchill  
also has a fashion of giving his opinion in  
short metre. The opposition call him the  
"honest man" from Northumberland, and  
are not without hope that some time in the  
future he will throw in his lot with them.

Mr. Douglas, of Charlotte, is another  
representative of an independent frame of  
mind. He is probably the most popular  
member in his county today. He was not

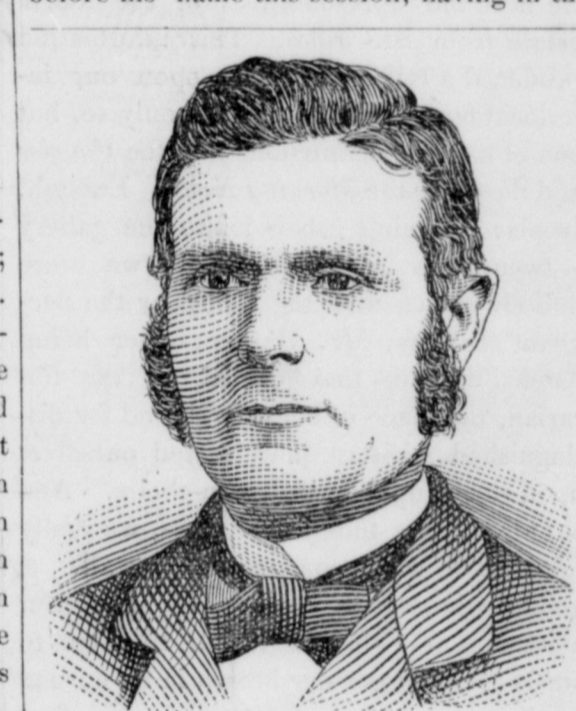
content to simply do as he was told when  
the government changed its policy, but  
voted in the interest of his constituency.  
He has not lacked success in political  
or mercantile life, and has a fair share of  
the world's wealth to his credit. He is not  
a frequent nor a fluent speaker, but he can  
be exceedingly forcible when he pleases.  
Mr. Ketchum is another merchant mem-  
ber of the legislature, the colleague of Dr.



G. R. KETCHUM.

Atkinson, who accompanied him to the  
capital four years ago on a government  
ticket. Among business men Mr. Ketchum  
is known as a square man. He makes a  
good representative, and, it is said, prefers  
to grind other axes than his own.

Mr. LeBlanc, of Kent, reads "Hon."  
before his name this session, having in the



HON. MR. LEBLANC.

interim accepted the shoes of Mr. Turner  
who retired for reasons enough to fill a  
page of PROGRESS. His position is more  
vulgarily defined sometimes as the "fore-  
castle" member of the executive. He is  
one of the quiet men of the house, taking  
no part in many discussions and but little  
in any.

Next week a portrait and sketch of Mr.  
Tweedie will appear.

**WHERE WILL HIS MARGIN BE?**

A Question in Arithmetic for the Jour-  
nalistic Member of the House.

The one man in the local house who  
earns his salary is the official reporter,  
McDade. For him there is no recess. So  
long as the speaker or the chairman is in  
his place the reporter's pencil is busy, and  
long after when the members are dreaming,  
he is racing with the telegraph operator  
pouring copy of their long speeches into  
the morning newspaper offices. This  
session, so far, has been particularly trying  
and expensive. Up to last Sunday even-  
ing 105,000 words has gone over the wires  
while the outside figures of his contract  
called for only 4,000 words a day, or about  
55,000 words in all. When Mr. McDade  
pays one quarter of a cent a word for that  
to the Western Union, and about \$100 for  
assistance, and publishes 300 copies of the  
debates, PROGRESS would like to know  
what he will have left of \$800. This is a  
question in arithmetic for H. Thaddeus  
Stevens.

There is no excuse for such parsimony as  
this. There is not a newspaper man in  
Canada who would do the same work for  
the money. Unfortunately for McDade, he  
thought this would be like other sessions  
and leave him a living margin. When  
members will persist in making long  
speeches, and grumble if they are not  
given a decent show, they should see to it  
that the telegraphic bills fall on someone  
better able to pay them than the official  
reporter.

**She Wanted a Boat.**

During the heat of the contest in Kings  
ward, Tuesday, one of the canvassers for  
Barnes and Blackadar bethought himself  
of a lady living in the suburbs of York  
Point, who might throw a vote for his  
men. Seeking her out, he blandly en-  
quired, "Shall we send a coach for you  
to vote for the aldermen, Mrs. C—?"  
Pointing to the street, in which mud and  
water contended for supremacy for about  
the depth of a foot, she screamed, "Coach,  
is it? Ye'd better be after sending a  
boat. I won't vote for either of them!"  
but the canvasser had retired. Mr. Straton  
did not hear about this incident in time to  
send a boat.