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## PLANS AND POLITICS.

### BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY FAVORS ARCHITECT MOTT'S DESIGNS.

How it all came about—An Engine House with the Biggest Bath-Room in St. John—Some Points about the Composition of Common Council Committees.

Some interesting facts are found in an analysis of the boards and standing committees appointed at the last meeting of the common council. Ald. Peters, who has had years of experience, succeeds himself as chairman of the treasury board, and is on the public safety board and buildings committee. This is enough, probably, for the average man, but Ald. Lockhart, in the council for the first time, and without experience in civic matters, is on no less than five boards and committees, namely, public works, safety, ferry, buildings and lands.

In the same way, Ald. Robertson is on but two boards, the treasury and public works, while others with not a tittle of his ability or working power are distributed through the list. It was generally supposed that Ald. Robertson would be chairman of the board of public works, but by some engineering on the part of somebody, that position was given to Ald. Baskin. It may be that there is some special fitness in the appointment of a Carleton man to this important place, and it may be that Ald. Baskin is the man nature intended to fill the position, but the ordinary citizen would probably have seen less subject for comment had Ald. Robertson's name been the first on the list.

The peculiar feature about the choice of Ald. Baskin is that up to the time of his appointment as chairman, he had not even been a member of the board.

The only argument advanced in support of the selection of Ald. Baskin is that as a good deal of public work is to be done in Portland this year, he will be very handy to it by using the short ferry.

Here is an illustration of the way matters are sometimes managed in committee:

Ever since last fall there has been more or less of a breeze about the plans for a new engine house to take the place of that now used by No. 3 company. The old wooden structure, built in the time of hand engines, over 30 years ago, has been about ready to tumble down for some time. Last year it was decided to have a new house built in the modern style, with accommodations both for No. 3 company and the Salvage corps. The council generously offered \$25 for the best design, and under this stimulus three architects were induced to compete. These were Messrs. J. T. C. McKean, R. C. J. Dunn and H. H. Mott. So soon as the plans were sent in the public got the impression that Mr. Mott was likely to get the temperance and tory elements of the department of safety to favor him, while Mr. Dunn would get the gin and grit sections on his side. Mr. McKean, apparently, was content with submitting his plans and waiting for results.

When the board of safety reported to the council, last fall, they favored Mr. Mott's plans, but the council did not take the same view and the matter was sent back to the same board. Since then, it would seem, there has been more or less canvassing by Messrs. Dunn and Mott, while Mr. McKean, having adopted the policy of non-interference, has been considered out of the race.

It is said that a majority of the board favored Mr. Dunn's plans until after the local election. In that contest Mr. Dunn displayed a pernicious activity on the government side, and subsequently his name appeared as the petitioner in the proceedings brought against the opposition members, among whom was included Ald. Shaw. This seems, in the language of the populace, to have effectually settled Mr. Dunn's hash. As the prospects for the acceptance of his plans grew dark, those of Mr. Mott grew correspondingly bright.

When the board met to consider the matter, the other day, only eight members were present. Of these, Aids. Chesley, Lewis, Baskin and Tufts were for Mr. Mott, while Aids. Blackadar, Morrison, Busby and Peters were for Mr. Dunn. This made an even division of opinion, but not of votes, for the Mott men, with a celerity born of experience, immediately moved Ald. Peters into the chair, making the vote four to three in Mr. Mott's favor. His plans were therefore accepted.

Since then there has been a good deal of lively talk about the matter. It is very plainly asserted that Mr. Dunn's plans were the best submitted and were so considered by all who know anything of the workings of the fire department. It is understood that this was the opinion of Director Wisely and Chief Kerr, while Ald. Blackadar, a practical fireman, voted for these plans, although warmly opposed to Mr. Dunn in matters political. It is stated that when Ald. Tufts was pressed for his reasons for favoring Mr. Mott's plans he replied, he liked them because they could be altered more easily than the others. Ald. Baskin, while claiming that what was done in committee was nobody's business,

said that he liked "the outline" of the Mott plans the best.

The principal objections raised against Mr. Mott's plans are that, with only two front doors for the apparatus, the salvage wagon must make a curve to get clear of the engine in going out on an alarm; that the battery and repair rooms are too small, while the bath room, 12 by 28, with one set, is big enough for a parlor. These details can be changed, of course, just as the Leary dock plans have been, and the board will have a house built to suit all needs.

Mr. G. Ernest Fairweather is an architect who did not compete, but he takes the same ground as the firemen in his criticisms of Mr. Mott's plans.

If Mr. Dunn had supposed the prize was for the best politics instead of the best plan, it is doubtful if he would have competed.

### BUSINESS IS RUSHING.

And the Live Merchants of St. John are Preparing for the Campaign.

"Can you imagine a new firm doing a business of more than 20 times the amount of its capital in one year?" asked a dry goods merchant of Progress yesterday. "No, you cannot," he continued, "yet it was done not many blocks away from you. I saw the books and know enough to satisfy me. How was it done? By shrewd advertising in the newspapers and selling goods so very near cost that the purchasing public were astonished. Such things rattle the business, but if the members of that firm had made up their mind to gain business in that way, and give away their profit for a time; then gradually bring prices back to their proper basis, there was a small fortune for them in five years."

The old pioneer firm of Daniel & Boyd is again solely in the hands of Messrs. T. W. Daniel and Senator John Boyd. Their friends and customers will rejoice with them on their ability, at their time of life, to continue the active and energetic management of such an immense business. The name of Daniel & Boyd has always been prominent in the business of St. John. That they may prosper with the city is the worst wish of Progress.

The stores on Germain between King and Princess streets are beginning to look brighter and more attractive. Perhaps the arrival of Progress on the street was the start. At any rate since that time Mr. Frank S. Rogers has fitted up an attractive jewelry store, and LeBaron Wilson and Messrs. Paterson have repainted and furnished commodious custom clothing stores. Mr. Wilson has moved across the street from his old quarters, and the Messrs. Paterson are new comers. Among the changes of the near future is the removal of Mr. James McNichol to the store opposite his present premises, and the establishment of Mr. A. R. Campbell in Mr. McNichol's present quarters.

Mitchell's restaurant has been removed to Crookshank's old stand opposite the city market. Mitchell always kept a decent place, and he will do well in his new quarters without a doubt.

The new club house is about completed, and when occupied will no doubt make Germain street even more of a thoroughfare than it is at present.

The Messrs. Dockrill have contracted with Messrs. McArthur and Lynch to do the mason and carpenter work on their new Union street building. They contemplate dividing the upper flats into sample rooms, enough encouragement having been extended to warrant them in making the venture. There is considerable speculation as to what move, if any, the opera house directors will make. It is understood that their walls go up with the front of the Messrs. Dockrill's building. If they do some one will have to jump soon.

Business people generally are satisfied with the spring trade—some exceptions objecting to the backward weather, the warmer degrees of 85 and 90 suiting their trade better than the shivery figures of 40 and 50. Wait a few days, gentlemen; old Sol will not forget us—be ready for him when he does warm up.

Auction sales are keeping the ladies busy bidding and watching their dear friends pay twice the value of many things, under the seductive glance of the auctioneer. 'Tis a curious fact that a well advertised and exclusive—the more exclusive, the better—auction sale at the residence of any prominent or known citizen will draw a big priced crowd. Then the fun begins, and it all depends on the auctioneer whether one, two or three prices are paid. And then, just think, what a real society advertisement it must be to have the mayor for an auctioneer!

### Which?

Is it the intention of the common council to have the names of streets placed at the corners, or to supply the hotels with charts for the benefit of strangers who will be here this summer? One or the other of these courses ought to be taken without delay.

Advertise in Progress. 11 pa.

## MARRY AND BE HAPPY.

IF YOU CAN AFFORD TO DO IT WITH YOUR PRESENT SALARY.

A Young Man Wants to Know How Much It Will Take For the Support of a Wife—Those Who Have Ideas on the Subject Can Tell Him All About It Next Week.

There is often an interesting letter, a little out of the usual run, in the daily mail of a newspaper. Progress has one this week asking for information that is exceedingly hard to give. To convey a better idea of its nature it is given in full.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: What in your opinion should it cost a man and his wife to live comfortably for one year in St. John. By "comfortably" I do not mean in luxury or simply existence, but the happy medium. I am not married, but I would like to be—a good many people have been in that state of mind before now—and whether to venture or not with my present salary is what is troubling me. Can't you help me out? You know me well enough, but it is not necessary for me to give my name. I am IN EARNEST.

Now, readers of PROGRESS, you know as much as the editor. None of us know what the salary of this young man is, but many of you can appreciate his dilemma. He wants to get married, and, no doubt, so does the young lady—she hardly ever objects to setting up house-keeping on her own account. Let us help him out of his difficulty if we can. A great many of you know much it costs you to live and it will do no harm to give him the benefit of your experience. Write a note to Progress next week and state briefly how much you think a man on \$600, \$800, \$1,000 or \$1,200 can afford to spend on house rent, how much for clothing, etc., something after this fashion:

For an income of \$—  
Rent..... } or Board..... } \$—  
Fuel..... }  
Meat and Groceries..... }  
Clothing..... }  
Church and Charity..... }  
Washing..... }  
Insurance (Fire and Life)..... }  
Doctors' Bills..... }  
Amusements..... }  
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There are a good many items that are not found in the above list, but the principal ones are there and the others can be added. What Progress proposes is that everybody who can should send in their estimate of the cost of living to a young man upon a certain salary between \$600 and \$1,200 in the city of St. John, and they will all be printed for the benefit of those who are thinking of the matrimonial state. There will be no occasion to sign names, but a fair estimate should be given in every case. Address your letters to "Editor of PROGRESS, city," and send them as early next week as possible.

### Always in Line with the Times.

In a former issue PROGRESS mentioned the fact that Wm. J. Fraser was preparing the Royal Clothing Store for a big spring trade. The improvements are complete now and are so thorough that customers who visited him last year will hardly know the interior of the store this season. The counters and shelves have given away to many broad tables extending across and along the store, and upon these, spread out for the thorough examination of customers, are placed the extensive stock of the store. Not all of it, however, for the reserve goods are on another flat and it would take an unprecedented run on any kind of clothing to exhaust Mr. Fraser's supply.

Visitors, however, will be as well pleased with the establishment as St. John people are. All classes of people find their way there for some kind of clothing. It is the resort of the people who find that they can get here goods that will suit them at satisfactory prices. They do not ask for more. Mr. Fraser's business has increased wonderfully during the past years, and it would seem from his preparations that he looks for even a better trade in the future.

### The First on the Wing.

Butterflies may be on the wing now, but ten days ago they were not flitting to and fro to any extent. Driver Noble, of the New Brunswick railway, however, found one in his engine cab, and capturing it, forwarded it to PROGRESS as one of the welcome signs of warm weather.

### Another Boy at Work For "Progress."

A regular correspondent writes to PROGRESS business department as follows:

Please send 15 papers each week to me for my newsboy protegee and I will be responsible for payment. I am quite interested in his efforts, and he says he can always dispose of PROGRESS.

There are some places yet to hear from.

### There is Luck in That Company.

The very remarkable statement is made that for the last five years there has not been one death among the New Brunswickers insured in the New York Life Insurance company, though their policies represent more than \$1,000,000.

### Will Soon Be Around Again.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Daniel, of Messrs. Daniel & Robertson of the London House Retail, will be glad to learn that he has nearly recovered from his somewhat severe illness and will soon be seen at business again.

Sign Wr. ting done promptly by W. Kin. & Sands, 266 Union street.

## MASONIC MATTERS.

The Grand Lodge Meeting, and Other Items of Interest to the Craft.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. and A. M., will be held in St. John next week, beginning on Tuesday at 11 o'clock. On Tuesday evening the first degree will be exemplified, under the direction of the ritual committee, with Grand Master Walker in the east and a staff of officers selected from the city lodges. On Wednesday evening, the third degree will be exemplified in a like manner. The work on both nights will be done under the warrant of the Union Lodge of Portland.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held on Wednesday.

The masons of Portland, Me., are preparing for a big demonstration on St. John the Baptist's day, 24th of June. It is probable that a number from St. John will be present.

It is possible that the same day will be observed in St. John by the craft attending Divine service in a body, under the banners of Grand Lodge.

It is hinted that St. John may be favored by a visit from one of the Boston Commanderies during the summer. Though no definite arrangements to that effect have been made, private letters received here show that some of the boys at the Hub have a strong bias in this direction. If they come they will bring their ladies, which will make the event doubly interesting.

As it is now several years since the Encampment of St. John had a pilgrimage, it is probable that an effort will be made to have a trip somewhere this season, even if the route is only a short one. "The Finest" in Canada, and possibly in the British possessions, ought to keep up its old time reputation for having an outing that will be remembered.

The date of the visit of a working staff of the Encampment to St. Stephen will probably be decided upon next week.

### Another Steamship Line for St. John.

There is no better evidence of the prosperity of a city than the willingness of foreign capitalists to put their money in enterprises which must depend upon the business to yield them a sufficient return for their investment. A recent instance of this is the formation of the New York Steamship company, to run a line of steamers between the metropolis of the republic and the chief port of Canada. Hitherto there has been no direct water line between St. John and New York, and the want of it has inconvenienced business not a little. Freight will now come direct, quicker even than by rail, and cheaper without a doubt. The passenger rates also between St. John and New York by the new line will make it an inducement to many to become acquainted with New York as they are at present with Boston. They are within the reach of all. Full particulars of the new boat and the accommodation will be found in the company's announcement in another column. The agent in this city, Mr. Frank Rowan, can be found at the office of the company, 228 Prince William street, directly opposite the Pettigill wharf.

### A Mystery Solved.

One of the Polymorphian workers at the mayor's election had lots of fun during the day, which was only marred by the loss of a fine breast-pin, which disappeared mysteriously. "Jimmy" Brennan says it was a judgment on him for "capturing" his vote. The following "Lost" and "Found" notices, handed to PROGRESS for insertion, will probably set things on the right path again. The Polymorphians and Prince ward workers are about the only persons who will understand:

LOST—At the Prince ward booth, during the mayor's election, a breast-pin, by a bustling voter. A generous reward will be paid to the finder.

FOUND—In the lapel of my coat, on the day of the mayor's election, in Prince ward, a fine breast-pin. Cannot imagine how same came to be there, unless the owner, in his delight at getting ahead of B—, laughed so heartily that it bounced out of his tie.

### A New Thing in Funnels.

Everybody knows how impossible it is to pour water or anything into a cask where the air has no chance to escape. The way it has been done is to hold the funnel so that the air escapes as the liquid flows in. An invention of Sullivan & Power's will do away with this, their patent funnel requiring no attention to allow the air to escape. It is being manufactured in the city, and will no doubt soon be in general use, if it proves as useful as the inventors say it is.

### Extending the Privileges.

To better accommodate its patrons, especially those who are obliged to take trains at flag stations, the New Brunswick railway conductors are now supplied with Train Excursion Tickets, thus enabling travellers to take advantage of the reduced round trip rates, which have heretofore been in force only from ticket stations. These tickets are good for 30 days from date of issue.

## DESERVED ITS DEATH.

THE SCOTT ACT WILL NO LONGER AFFLICT THE NORTH END.

It was Repealed by an Election which was the Dullest on Record—Did the Voters Make a Mistake and Deposit the Wrong Ballots?—A Gin Mill Inventory.

"It died, as sinful things should die, without parade, without display."

The Scott act, which with the exception of the last city council, has done more to injure Portland than all other things combined, has come to a deserved and unlamented end. "Nothing in its life became it like the taking leave of it," and its leave taking was in character with all that has concerned it since the first hour of its ill-starred existence.

That is to say, there was an utter absence of any effort to be enthusiastic, and a fearful confusion as to the manner in which anything should be done. Not one in twenty seemed to care how the matter was settled, and not one in a dozen took the trouble to go to the polls.

For, although a good many did not seem to know it, there was an election going on in a community which a year ago was a city of itself, and it was to decide whether the 18,000 inhabitants should hereafter have liquor sold under the sanction of law, or have it sold in larger quantities without that sanction. The interest felt may be judged from the fact that out of the thousands entitled to vote just 682 availed themselves of the privilege.

More correctly speaking, 682 votes were polled, but as neither party was represented at the polling places, and there was nobody to challenge, a number who took the trouble to vote at all repeated the process at other polling places. It was a great day for the man who wanted to vote early and often.

To compensate for this, however, a good many who are accustomed to prize the privilege of depositing one legal ballot were either put to a vast amount of trouble or were unable to vote at all. The Dominion lists were used, and as under them a man is recorded in only one district a good many residents of the North End who do business in the East End were unable to find their names, after diligent enquiry at all polling places in their vicinity. Others found them only after a good deal of trouble. Ald. John Kelly was encountered on such a search, after having made an unsuccessful call at two places. Such a well known resident of Victoria ward as Mr. John McGourty found that his name was not on the list, and so it was in the case of the Messrs. Reed and other prominent citizens in the hill district. They all took the matter philosophically. There wasn't much danger of a tie vote.

A good many people are not quite sure whether they voted to keep the act in force or to abolish it. The act was in force and the petition was "for repeal," while such efforts as the clergy and temperance people had made had for their keynote the words, "against repeal." The ballots, however, were "for" or "against" the act itself. So it was when a man easily rattled went in to vote "against" repeal. He deposited a ballot "against" the act. How many got mixed and muddled in this way will never be known. Perhaps there were enough of them to have sustained the act.

That this is possible may be judged from the fact that the aggressive part of the campaign was carried on by the friends of the act. Active exertions were made by a temperance body at Indian town, two public meetings were held, and the pulpit lent its aid with vigorous advice given on the eve of the campaign. Add to this, the assistance of a good many of the army of liquor sellers, who wanted the act because it really benefited them, and one would think a fair vote could have been mustered up.

Yet the combined strength of all these forces showed only 124 votes. Wasn't there a mistake somewhere?

Before the election a good many had predicted an opposite result, basing their prediction on the fact that the elements above mentioned would work while the ordinary citizens would not. Yet it was five to one the other way.

There whole election was a slow affair, compared with which the mayor's election was a cyclone and tornado with waterspout and earthquake attachments. In one district it took just four and a half hours to poll nine votes, and other districts were in the same proportion.

The 188 liquor dealers were divided in their opinions. Some of those who knew that under a new order of things they could get no license, voted to sustain the act. Others, such as Patton Bros., Mott, Harding, Henry Maher, Fitzgerald and Mahoney, were opposed to the act and were in favor of a license system. They will get it now.

Under the election act, all the liquor stores were closed during the day, and Main street was a good deal more quiet than it is on Sunday, when most of them are open. The suspension of operations

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in this "leading industry," gave the whole North End a sad and funeral look.

The North End will now exchange lawlessness for law, and indiscriminate selling, for sales under license. The bulk of the army of dealers will either become lawyers or follow some honest employment. And an inventory of the stock to be disposed of by a good many of them would read:

1 five gallon jug,  
10 gallons of alcohol,  
3/4 pound coloring fluid,  
2 pounds white vitriol,  
5 gallons turpentine,  
1 pint aquafortis,  
1 pound tincture capsicum,  
2 gallons of fish oil,  
1 pint nicotine.

Assortment of furnishings, consisting of bottles, glasses, one broken bench, two do. stools, loaded billy, slung shot, brass knuckles, etc. No reserve, as proprietor has no further use for them.

### WITH THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

A St. John Boy who Has Sung in all the Big Cities of the Continent.

Mr. Val P. Akerley, a St. John boy, is with Denman Thompson's *Old Homestead*, which is now on its 11th week at the Academy of Music, New York. Its season there will close the 10th of May, and it will then be produced in Philadelphia, on a smaller scale than in New York. That scale must of necessity be reduced in most cities outside of New York as may be inferred from the fact that the stage of the Academy of Music is nearly as large as the Mechanics' Institute stage and auditorium combined, and the back drop of the *Old Homestead* is a country scene 120 feet wide by 80 feet high. A huge pipe organ in one corner of the stage, played by the leader of the orchestra from the front, by electricity, is invisible to the audience.

Since Mr. Akerley left St. John, he has been across the continent twice, and has sung in all the principal cities between Bangor and San Francisco. His voice, he says, has grown three times as large as it was, and having learned how to use his throat he can now sing with a good deal more ease than formerly. His old friends will be glad to hear of his prosperity.

### Remember O'Donnell.

One of the right steps for the common council to take is to abolish the present system of giving the city printing to its own members. There is very much more of this work done than the public suppose, but unless in trifling exceptional cases the printer who is not in the council has no chance to compete. It may be that the aldermen can do the printing as well and as cheaply as anyone else, but the practice is wrong and may in future lead to jobbery. All of it, over a certain amount, should be done by contract, and no member of the council should be a contractor. The principle affirmed in the case of O'Donnell, of Halifax, is sound and just, the world over.

### Will Stand It on the Twelfth.

The corner stone of the Orange Hall, on Germain street, opposite Trinity church, will be laid on July 12th, the 200th anniversary of the battle of the Boyne. It is expected that there will be a very large gathering of members of the L. O. A., not only from the provinces but from abroad. The building will be three stories in height. On the ground floor will be a large store, while access to the upper stories is gained by a street door at the side. The second floor will contain a large hall, while the lodge room, etc., will be in the top story. The design for the front elevation prepared by Mr. R. C. J. Dunn, is said to show a very neat structure.

### It Was Not Halifax.

The report circulated, Wednesday afternoon, that Halifax was in flames and had had telegraphed to St. John for assistance, arose from a very trifling circumstance. The long dry grass in the burial ground of St. Peter's church had been set afire, and an alarm was rung. Somebody who had seen Chief Kerr driving toward the railway station asked what the matter was, and he was told that a graveyard was all afire. Assuming that Halifax was meant, he circulated the false and alarming report.

### Final Report—Hereafter.

Mr. Leary submitted his dock plans to the common council, and the council submitted them to Mr. Holt, to report on Mr. Leary's work. Mr. Holt submitted the plans to the council with a great many changes, and the council submits them to Mr. Boswell to report on Mr. Holt's work. Who will report on Mr. Boswell's work remains to be seen.

### Sheriff Street Ahead.

A resident of Dufferin ward was boasting, the other day, that there were more unlicensed bar-rooms in his neighborhood than in any part of the North End. He was promptly rebuked for his boast by a man from Lansdowne ward, who showed that there were no less than fourteen such places on Sheriff street alone. And it is a very short street, indeed.

### A Question For Mr. Martin.

A number of the city laborers were quite busy Thursday morning clearing the lumber and rubbish from the street in front of the new club house. What's the matter with the contractor Mr. Martin?