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## PUT THEM OUT.

We want more character and honesty in has the city been in greater need of capable, disinterested representatives than at the or their friends' welfare. The management of civic expenditure is in the hands of an unscrupulous clique, the members of which owners. The respectable minority in the council is powerless to check the tide of extravagance, and unless the citizens awake believe that it would be very unfortunate trample on them? if the extravagant spirit that prevails in the council now should continue for another

MR. BLAKE'S DELIVERANCE. produce a profound effect, for it brings an- won't it set us all thinking? nexation upon the boards of the political necessity and advantages. As it is, he has nature. simply thrown a fire brand into a haystack, and gone on his way. Believing that free out as we think it will. That great states- | are living in an age of changes. man, the vounger PITT, defended his policy in granting Quebec her peculiar rights as a British colony by contending that the wisest statesmanship has been that which over problems that the next generation

of voters may have to deal with. He can-

not possibly foresee how those problems

empire. We all know now that without responsible government some of the colonies would have cut loose long ago. Mr. BLAKE foresees that commercial union will be the result of reciprocity, and annexation the result of commercial union. He is likewise quite sure that Canada needs reciprocity. The process of reasoning by which he reaches these several propositions is one that can be indefinitely prolonged, and made to embrace every known political condition and every supposable possibility and show first that they never were and cannot be, and next that they always were and are highly probable. In short, Mr. BLAKE's letter is the production of chancery lawyer applying the methods of his profession to questions of statecraft.

## MEN AND THINGS.

Everybody does not take STANLEY at his apparent face value, and they are not all persons, who had some direct or indirect connection with the infamous rear column. They say that the dangers of an African journey have been terribly exaggerated, or at least have been greatly augmented by the precautions taken by European explor-They say, also, that to land upon a foreign shore with a small army, and be determined to have your own way, notwithstanding what the laws of the country and the wishes of the people may be, is to provoke hostility.

These people say that if the late notgreatly-lamented CETEWAYO had landed upon the coast of England with a hundred Zulu warriors, and set out to explore Great Britain, or if he had camped at Portsmouth and collected a force of Frenchmen our civic politics. At no time in its history or Irishmen, officered by Zulus, and had then started out for Edinburgh, he would have had more or less trouble on the way present moment. We are surrounded by -probably more. Of course it is always rings and cliques, by grabbing aldermen to be remembered that the people of Africa and officials whose only regard is their own are colored, and we are not; that they do not profess to live according to the bible, and that we do; that we call them black savages and they only regard us as white do not in any degree represent the property | devils. These things make all the difference in the world.

You don't see why they should? Then to the true condition of affairs and exercise | you have read history or the newspapers to their rights as voters it will be a matter for very little purpose. When did it happen plaster casts made of their feet and as The remaining 30 members of the club each added very sincere regret. We have no desire that a people with a complexion different to be alarmists, but the question of civic from ours had any right to which we felt taxes is a very serious one. It affects every | bound to respect, when it suited our purman, if not directly indirectly, and we pose, and we were strong enough to

The Arab traders find no difficulty in penetrating Africa, and when they get home they do not go around lecturing about their achievements, and if one of As a faithful chronicler of the events them happens to get married, he does not, which go to make up history, Progress with great reluctance and unwillingness, may not omit a reference to Mr. EDWARD give the details of his courtship to the Blake's very remarkable letter to the newspapers to be published simultaneously West Durham liberals. The great ex- with the lecture advertisement. Of course leader says many important things in his | STANLEY did a very remarkable thing; but | letter, but all the others are lost sight of if that smart, little Yankee woman, Mrs. in his declaration that it is now time to dis- French Sheldon, succeeds in doing the cuss the political union of the United same only with infinitely less trouble and States and Canada. This cannot fail to scarcely the least flourish of trumpets,

theatre. There will not be any public re- It was proposed some years ago when sponse to Mr. Blake's utterance; his the scare was got up in England about the opinions will be formally disavowed by his exhaustion of the coal mines to utilize the former allies and condemned by his op- force of the tide along the south coast to ponents, nevertheless the latest annexation drive machinery. Undoubtedly if we could sentiment in the dominion will become discover some way of harnessing the tide overt, and it will be possible to ascertain we could have a force of incomparable pretty nearly what its strength is. energy and cheapness. Let it be supposed side. Perhaps the boys and girls go out to The letter had better have been left un- that the tremendous energy which the tides written, since it is to be followed up by exert in their sweep up the Bay of Fundy nothing, so far as the writer is concerned. | could be converted into heat. These mari-If Mr. Blake deems the time ripe for the time provinces would have a climate like careful consideration of annexation, it Florida. We may never see this done, would seem to be his duty to educate pub- but it is very clear that we have not vet tread of their feet, mark the quiet dignity lic opinion up to an appreciation of its learned how to utilize half the forces of that keeps them unapproached and un-

Looked at from a human standpoint the fashionable thoroughfares and see the trade between the two countries is greatly there is a tremendous waste of energy in women there, the women who rave over to be desired, he has adopted the surest the natural forces operating around us. Tolstoi and Ross and such like, and then plan to prevent it from being brought What an enormous amount of needless decide for yourself who are the best fitted about; the open enemy of the policy of heat we apparently get in the summer, to be the mothers of the next generation; protection, of the evil effects of which he which if distributed a little more evenly which of the two classes should receive the speaks in the strongest terms of condem- over the twelve months, would make our respect and homage of the world. It is a nation, he has taken the surest means to winters delightful. Why do those exhibi- mistake to let it be supposed that pictures perpetuate it. The trouble with Mr. tions of force known as cyclones and torna- of what is done in the scum and the dregs BLAKE is that he assumes to know more does occur? So far as man can see, they are a true portrayal of real life. So than any man possibly can know. There are just so much power spent for nothing. brilliant though it may be, the world has does not live a man wise enough to say Shall it come to pass that men shall know not much use for the nude in literature. what will be the outcome of any particular how to prevent, or, if not prevent, how But it usually is not brilliant, being dull line of policy. Scarcely anything turns to utilize these things by and bye? We and commonplace where it is not indecent.

Any person who has lived up the St. John river for forty years, will tell you contrast between a community governed that we do not have as heavy thunder by the customs of Paris and a neighboring storms as they had a quarter of a century course to pursue. It seems to us that the community governed by the common law ago. Have the laying of steel rails all a disadvantage that the people would, of upon miles of wire, anything to do with their own accord, adopt the latter. We all | this? Do these tend to equalize electric know how greatly he was mistaken. His- conditions by some imperceptible process? It should be of the greatest possible assisttory is full of just such blunders. The Or is the lessened number of thunder ance to the directors in getting stock from storms simply coincident with the era of the citizens. There is something tangible lets "tomorrow take thought for the things | railways and telegraphs? Earthquakes | and authoritative to go upon. With the of itself," and confines itself to doing what are not so common on the Pacific slope as natural caution of a good business man, is best for today. There is no necessity they were before the transcontinental Mr. Skinner has not put the facts forward for Mr. Blake or any one else to worry railways were built? Is this only a co- in an exaggerated style. We think that incidence?

will be presented. If anything was ever | said that these are only superficial occur- | times with all its disadvantages. We know clearly proved, it was that the granting of rences, due to atmospheric causes. It that the president might have stated that responsible government to the colonies is alleged that recently an earthquake the company has bad several excellent

was not felt down in the mines. If this is One of them we understand was equivalent true, then that particular earthquake did to \$2,000 for the first month. The not come from below. This theory is not building, however, will not be erected on new; but it comes to light every now and then, when something occurs that cannot be through its directors before the people will otherwise explained. We do not know much about earthquakes, except that the instruments made to register them, tell us that in earthquake countries, the ground is in motion nearly all the time.

## ONE KIND OF LITERATURE.

And now Count Tolstoi wants tobacco smokers thrust out of society. How would it do to eject Tolstoi. If we may not own property, if we may not marry, if in our poverty-stricken bachelorhood we may not even smoke, this sad world will become sadder than ever. It is a lucky thing that not many people, comparatively speaking, are sufficiently cultured to appreciate the nonsense of this long-haired Russian and his tribe. That sort of culture is really a species of intellectual dry rot. One of the hest proofs that there is an over-ruling Providence is to be found in the way mental occupation is provided for a certain class of fools. Our civilization, like a great fermenting vat, throws off a lot of scum. It comes to the top, and it you could take its word for it, you would think that it was the whole product of the process, the only part of the contents worthy of attention. For this social scum, which is even more useless than the social dregs, some intellectual pabulum has to be provided to keep it from lapsing into drivelling idiocy. For this class young ladies write, as JAMES PAYN says, 'verses that neither rhyme nor scan." It loves what is incomprehensible, the vague, so much the better.

To this class also are the novels of Albert Ross largely addressed. Ross is brilliant enough, and he defends his work. We have grown accustomed, he says, to the nude in art and must make up our minds to take the nude in literature. He does not mention the fact that the nude in art is not always beautiful, and that it may be very vicious. Nudity in itself is not disgraceful. Not many years ago it was the fashion in London for ladies to have uch more as they thought desirable. A modest woman had her cast made with her slipper and stocking on, and it was pro- suits. nounced the most immodest one in the lot. It is difficult to see how what Ross calls the nude in literature can be made otherwise than vicious. In answer to the argument that such literature is likely to be injurious to children, he says that we cannot let children determine the character of our books; but just here we would join issue with the novelist. Your nude novel can accomplish nothing that cannot be as well accomplished in another way. Hence is needless to present its truths in a shape attractive to the young, who will thus acquire wrong views of life, for the is lived by the great majority.

respect the marriage tie; most young girls are pure-minded; most young men are not vicious. Let us grant that this is not true comes home at night to a faithful wife, and Progress.] pure-minded children gather round his fireearn their daily bread. Did you ever stand and watch the army of working girls come into a great city in the morning? If not, do so the first chance you get. See approachable. Then when the sun has

President A. O. SKINNER has made a plain statement of the affairs of the Opera house which appears elsewhere in this issue. This was the right and proper public has given very fair support to a them. On this account we are pleased to see this statement and to give it publicity. his estimate of the income of the opera house is a very low one. The revenue of Speaking of earthquakes, it has been the old Institute has exceeded that many meant the speedy disruption of the British of very considerable violence in California offers to lease the building at good figures.

offers. The company must show an interest support it heartily. We have urged this before; we urge it again; if the opera house is to be finished this year or next the directors must do more personal work. There is no need to discuss the need of the building-we see it every week in the year and too often feel it when we patronize the draughty old Institute.

## PEN AND PRESS.

The brightest gem in the periodical line that has reached Progress this week is Figaro of Chicagoa weekly paper replete with brightness and honesty. In typographical appearance it excels that of any western paper that we have seen, and in this respect equals, if indeed it does not surpass, Life of

The Fredericton Globe has a word contest on the an uuqualified boom. Apart from this the Globe is bright and well written, and in appearance excels most of its Fredericton contemporaries.

W. G. Macfarlane, of the Fredericton Gleaner, was in town this week for a day or two. The local staff claims him for its own without any discredit. Mr. McDade is once more seated in his chair on the floor of the house, and just now is furnishing most of the reading for the morning papers. The quality is no fault of his and the quantity keeps

for advertising space.

### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

### The Clothing Trades' "Manifesto."

To the Editor of Progress.-I was somewhat amused, Mr. Editor, to note in Thursday's evening papers the "manifesto" of the majority of the firms in the clothing trade against what they are pleased [ the indefinite, and if it is slightly indecent, to term "illegal methods of forcing business." Of course the firm aimed at in this remarkable "statement to the public" is Scovil, Fraser & Co., a firm that has shown unexampled enterprise and pluck ever since they began business in the city. It looks very much as if the objecting firms were actuated more by jealousy than any other reason. I under, stand that during the dull season, when other clothiers were lessening their working force. Messrs. Scovil, Fraser & Co. kept theirs busy by ingenious methods of booming business. One of them was the formation of a club of 40 persons, who agreed to pay \$2 each into a common fund for ten weeks. A suit of clothes was allowed sequently ten men obtained suits for less than their actual value. In other words they got bargains. \$6 more to their \$20, and each received a suit worth \$26. Two things were notably gained by this: the persons paid cash on the installment plan for their

> If I am not mistaken this method of booming ousiness is not new. It may be to St. John but I know of clubs in St. Stephen and they can be found without number in American cities even smaller. The idea is a Yankee one but that does not detract

> My idea is that it is always best for one firm to leave another alone so long as their methods are as enterprising and effective as those of Scovil, Fraser & Co. If this firm was taking the money of 40 people and giving nothing to return for it to 30 of hem they would be open to censure but every man gets the value of his money and forty \$26 suits average the firm \$22.25. A CITIZEN.

[As this is the first explanation of the circular referred to, Progress prints it. We are not up in the law and know nothing nude in literature does not present life as it about it from that standpoint. Every business firm has its own methods and very Most people are decent; most people little comes usually from opposing them publicly. The one certain result is to advertise them well and make them better known than ever. Brainy business men the froth above referred to. That are sure to devise something new to boom POEMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS." ought not to influence our judgment as to business, and the best remedy that Progwhat is good for the majority. This ma- RESS can think of is for their competitors jority has to earn its living. The man to invent something more taking .- ED.

# For Nothing But Stamps.

To the Editor of Progress: Please say to your readers that I will send the silvery moss to all who send postage, for, since coming down here to this land of alligators and oranges, I have received so many letters asking if I would send the Spanish | Their shivering masts break their rugged line moss, also, mistletoe and holly leaves. Certainly I their earnest, honest faces. Note the firm | will if you send half a dozen stamps to pay postage. Like white maned steeds the huge waves leap I will send you a nice 12 oz. roll, or if any wish a large 4 lb. package I will mail that amount to you if you send 64c. in stamps for postage; anyone may send as there is plenty of it here, and easy to get. been up eight or ten hours, stroll over to I do not ask pay for so little trouble, so please do not offer it. Any way like this that I can oblige I vill do so, for I remember how glad I once was to get such things from the sunny south land.

MRS. F. A. WARNER. St. Nicholas, Florida.

### Chats with Correspondents. M. A. F. No, no, no, Progress columns are no

A number of contributions in verse will be con sidered as soon as possible.

# A Generous Send Off.

PROGRESS, of St. John, N. B., one of our much orized and brilliant foreign exchanges, recently made its appearance enlarged to sixteen pages and greatly improved typographically and otherwise. This welcome weekly visitor is owned and ably edited by Edward S. Carter, and contains a mass of useful and valuable information treated in a popular and entertaining manner. Its illustrations are superb and above those of the average weeklies, and the periodical installments of local, society. fashion, humorous, fiction, general and Sunday reading is all that could be desired. PROGRESS has the American Shipbuilder's wishes for a continued prosperity, which it richly deserves. It is published of England would show the former at such over the country and the hanging up of miles company that had o few facts to give from the Masonic building, 88 Germaine street, St. John, N. B., and is \$2.00 per year in advance .-The American Shipbuilder (New York.)

## WALKS ABOUT TOWN.

Last Sunday was a glorious day-overhead. Under foot it was quite the reverse. But the walking don't count on a fine afternoon; for the sun seems to act on humanity, much the same as it does on flies. It draws them out of their holes and sets them buzzing. So it was last Sunday. The streets were crowded with people, wading ankle deep in slush and water for the sake of walking a block on dry ground, under a friendly sun.

This shows how little consideration the majority of people have for the condition of their feet; yet, a great medical authority, gives a recipe for perfect health, which is generally accepted as gospel truth, in the four words: "Keep your feet dry." The girls, however, seem to pay more attention to their skirts, than their feet; and their only object in selecting dry spots seems to be, to give them a chance to stretch their fingers, after some hard service as skirt holders.

Sunday is a great day for the street railway company; no matter about the weather. When the day is fine the sleighs are crowded with "excursionists," and the children seem to enjoy themselves in a way that must strike the religious census people with carpet and the proprietors say it is giving the paper horror. On stormy days, the sin is probably not so great, for then riding to church in the street cars undoubtedly comes under the "works of necessity" clause in the Scottish catechism. Besides no one who has ever been there, will class riding in a St. John winter car, among the "pleasures of life." On the contrary it should be rated as the hardest kind of penance, for the worst sins in the calendar.

Those of us who have been "educated up to" riding in the street cars will welcome the return of summer, if for no other reason than a change in the The Telegraph is either more prosperous than street railway vehicles. The large sleighs are all usual or else is fearful of such live papers as Prog- | right, but I cannot say the same about those miser-RESS tramping on its toes. On Wednesday of this able little boxes that one is compelled to ride in on week the manager refused to give Progress figures | a stormy day. I do not know how long the straw in the bottom of them is supposed to last without being stirred up, but I do know, that whenever I had occasion to enter one of those cars, it was no place for white dresses.

> Talking about the street cars and Sunday strollers calls to mind a trip I took on the outside of a car one cold Sunday a few weeks ago. Very few people were on the streets, and I was wondering how all the people who are out walking on such a day as last Sunday, manage to put in the day when the weather is cold or disagreeable. Something in the windows of a house on Brussels street attracted my attention. It wasn't the number of faces that looked out upon the street,-which was about that time quite lively-but this made me cast glances up at the windows as we went along, and in nearly every house the windows were occupied, mostly by girls and women. Some were reading and others looked idly out on the street, but what they saw to interest them, I could not imagine. On a fine day when mostly every street is lined with strollers, I can readily see how the average woman could enjoy such a scene from her own parlor windows, but then she usually prefers to be one of the crowd.

> While on this subject, I am reminded of something I saw on one of the finest days we had last summer. It was a beautiful day and everything looked bright and cheerful. Children coming home from school were playing on the sidewalks, and even the business people looked brighter than usual. But up in a window of an old-looking house, a window that seemed to have a disliking for anything in the shape of soap or water, with a dirty white (?) cotton blind across it at an angle-here a pale-faced woman looked out over the heads of two or three paler faced children, upon the street below. What a contrast! Outside everything was bright and cheerful; but what must the atmosphere have been behind that closed window! What is the use of God's pure free air, if people will not take advantage of it. Poverty is no excuse in such a case. But, as a rule, the poorer classes do not house themselves in this fashion. The little gamins we see frolicking about the streets with a peculiar liking for the thickest kind of mud are usually the healthiest. Some time ago a friend of mine who had been watching several of these youngsters, with fine rosy cheeks shining out through very dirty faces, playing in the gutter, remarked with a sigh: "Look at those youngsters! How fine and healthy they are, playing there in the dirt, and my little ones, with all the care they get, would be sick if the wind blew on them." It's a grand thing to keep on the good side of nature.

A Question of Fate. Their nodding masts break the distant line

Where the sky and ocean meet. And fresh'ning breezes bear away The white-winged fishing fleet.

Stands the sailor's sweetheart fair. "Oh bring my darling back to me." Is her softly murmured prayer.

On the sun-kissed beach, where wavelets break

Where ocean mounts to the sky: And the moaning bar is nigh.

Strong are the hands that hold the helm, Brave are the hearts that wait The Storm King's will-be it life or death-Ready for either fate.

On the wind-swept beach stands the sailor's love, Watching through salt spray and tears Her darling's bark breast the awful storm As the haven safe is near.

Her heart, too full to frame a prayer, Almost forgets to beat, She can only note that the foamed capped waves Seem the lowering clouds to meet.

Did the plunging sloop cross the foaming bar, And safe from the storm's alarm, Was her darling clasped in a fond embrace In those lovely rounded arms?

Or, when at morn the wind had sunk, And she wandered out on the shore, Did she find his body with sea-weed draped, Soulless for evermore?

Was there life or death in the threatening reef, Where ceaseless billows strike? Well, I've given the principal facts of the case, You can end the tale as you like.

This is the Talk Everywhere. Kindly send me 30 more Progress Saturday. They go fine. Moneton, March 11.

## NOUVELLES FRANCAISES.

A la réunion française de la semaine passée il n'y avait pas beaucoup de monde, et pour deux raisons; d'abord il faisait très mauvais temps, beaucoup de vent et de la neige en même temps, et aussi c'était le jour de l'élection-cet événement qui a causé un renversement générale dans toutes les affaires.

C'est vrai que ce sont principalment de dames qui assistent à ces réunions mais on ne peut plus dire que les dames ne s'intéressent pas à la politique. Il y en a même qui disent qu'avant la prochaine élection les femmes du Canada auront le droit de voter, on l'espère bien, car ce serait pour le Canada une matière de félicitation que d'accorder aux femmes le Suffrage complet avant que les autres pays

En Angleterre les femmes votent depuis plus de vingt ans sur les questions municipales, comme ici maintenant, tandis qu' aux Etat Unis, cet Utopie des annexionistes, on commence seulement a reconnaitre l'existence politique de la femme.

Maintenant que le Canada est sauve du mauvais sort d'être absorbé dans une autre nationalité, on croit à un bon destin pour notre pays, mais pour faire arriver cette époque heureuse il faut que les femmes prennent part aux affaires de la nation, car la femme a besoin d'intérêts plus larges et il y a encore quelquechose à souhaiter dans la politique. Peut-être l'influence de la femme y comptera-t-elle pour quelquechose.

Esperons donc que quand les conservateurs se présentent encore devant les électeurs dans un autre cinq ans, pendant lesquels le Canada se sera sans doute bien avancé vers cette prospérité qu'ils nous ont promise, esperons qu'à cette époque ils recevront la majorité des votes dés femmes. Alors les rubans si gaiement portés la semaine passée auront plus signification qu à ce moment-là. UNE ELEVE.

### A Progressive Paper.

The most enterprising paper in the lower prov nces is, by all odds the St. John PROGRESS. Ever since its first issue it has been an eight page, handsomely-printed, frequently-illustrated, weekly, filled with current notes and gossip not only from New Brunswick towns, but from Truro, Amherst, Digby, Yarmouth, Halifax, and other places in Nova Scotia. Its literary department has been ably edited, and it has been in all respects a model paper. But now, not satisfied with its unqualified success, Editor Carter has doubled its size-made it sixteen pages -the largest paper in that part of the Dominie We wonder how it can be printed on calendered paper and in such fine style for two dollars a year .-British American Citizen.

### The Largest in Canada.

The sixteen-page Progress is "booming;" this is now the largest weekly paper in the maritime provinces, if not in Canada, and we wish it every success. There is room for us all, and our many bulky contemporaries only seem to help poor little Our Society along the uphill road .- Our Society, (Halifax).

### The Best Reading Going.

The St. John Progress comes out with 16 pages of the best original and selected reading of any paper in the province. It is also well illustrated. We are glad to see a paper of this kind established in our midst, and wish it all prosperity and success .-Butler's Journal.

## Much in Little.

PROGRESS, of St. John, N. B., has doubled its size and comes to us now with sixteen pages. It is the brightest paper that crosses the line .- Boston

## What She Didn't Predict.

An Amherst correspondent of Progress sends the following, which shows that even the best of prophets may make mis-

A woman residing in Picton county, known as Mother Coo, who predicted the terrible explosion at the Drummond mines some years ago, also the late disaster at Spring Hill, has turned her attention to this town, and was out last week with the prediction that a serious accident would happen at the electric station at 2 o'clock on Thursday. Everyone was so engrossed in the election, that little attention was paid to it. It is needless to add that "all is well" at this date. Now if she could have forecast the result of the Cumberland election many would have been saved much anxiety.

# Always Room for One More.

No matter how many firms are in one line of business there always appears to be room for another. So thinks Mr. Andrew Pauley, who has started a custom tailor shop on his own account. Mr. Pauley is well known to very many people who patronize their tailor as regularly as spring, summer and fall put in an appearance, and they will all wish him well in his venture. At present he is temporarily located in the building formerly occupied by Barnes & Co., but on May 1st he will move to the store now utilized by Mr. D. R. Jack for his insurance offices.

# Brightening up for Spring Time.

Preparations for spring trade are quite visible in many parts of the city and painters and decorators are up to their eyes in business. Among the stores that show the effect of taste and paint is Crockett's drug store, corner of Princess and Sydney. "Tom," as he is known by his numerous friends, has worked up an excellent family trade which is sure to keep on increasing under his careful and prompt attention to

# A Sale and Other Attractions.

The willing workers of St. Steplan's church are to have a sale of needle-work on Thursday and Friday next, 19th and 20th inst. Among the attractions offered for the evening will be tableaux and the celebrated Peake Sisters.

# Editor McNutt Slops Over.

A seat in parliament, a charming wife, three beautiful children and a fortune, and all at 30 years of age. These are some of the good things of life possessed by Mr. J. Douglas Hazen-and he deserves them all. -Fredericton Farmer.











