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This is the first issue of our sixteen-page paper. At this writing we can form a fairly good idea of the general contents, and, while we confess to many imperfections, we trust that the people will be as well satisfied with our first venture as we are ourselves. We can see room for many improvements, and they will be made as speedily as possible. But we want honest opinions of this paper, and will be pleased to get them from any of our readers. The historical question competition will begin next week.

MAKE A GOOD FIGHT.

We are in the midst of a political fight. The contest is becoming warmer every day, the forces on both sides more numerous and their interest, enthusiasm and confidence cannot be measured.

This is as it should be. We love to see a good, square fight, but enjoy it more when we are privileged to take part in it. Fortunately for ourselves, our readers and perchance for some others, this newspaper has no politics. Unlike most of our contemporaries we have nothing to gain and nothing to lose, directly, from the success or failure of either the Conservatives or Liberals. But we have the same stake as every business has in seeing an honest administration and a prosperous country.

Without being partisan we can be slightly political for a few weeks and give the people the news, or, as one of our contemporaries would put it in its characteristic sarcasm, the "tattling trivialities" of the campaign. So long as "tattling trivialities" are facts they are interesting, and our journalistic politician is not too old to make a note of the truth. Incidents of the campaign will not come amiss. They are always entertaining and readable.

There are six candidates. All of them are good citizens and better fellows. If they are equally honest and unselfish it is a pity that they could not draw lots and save themselves sore throats and empty pockets. This would be quite satisfactory it appears to us since all of them are travelling on the same platform and in the same direction—the only difference being that the planks of one trio are a little longer than those of their opponents. Whether they are as strong or not remains to be seen.

ABOUT DIVORCE.

Some of our United States contemporaries are arguing for uniformity in divorce laws. They think it an abomination that a divorce may be granted in one state that will be recognized in no other part of the union and no where else in the world. Not long ago an Englishman settled in Kansas, leaving his wife in the old country. Having seen a woman he liked better, he determined on divorce, and accordingly published a notice of his application in a local paper, which it was morally impossible that his wife would ever see. In due time the divorce was granted and he married the other woman. Of course the English courts refused to recognize the divorce, and it is true that most of the United States courts would have done the same thing; but that such proceedings are possible is a great blot upon the fame of Kansas. Whatever may be our views as to the expediency of annulling the marriage tie, upon this we will surely all agree, that it is monstrous to grant a divorce without notice to the other party, when such notice is possible. It is said that the divorce laws of three contiguous States of the Union are so conflicting that a man may have a different wife lawfully in the three of them. The modus operandi is as follows: Let us call the States A, B and C, to avoid a possible mistake as to names (the statement is otherwise accurate, but the names of the states have escaped us.) The man marries wife No. 1 in B, and having moved to A becomes divorced from her for some

minor cause and marries wife No. 2. He then removes back with wife No. 1 into state B, which will not recognize the divorce in State A, and of course he and No. 1 are lawful man and wife again while they stay in B. He leaves No. 1 in State B, and No. 2 in State A, and moves into State C. Here the divorce in State A is not recognized, consequently the marriage with No. 2 is not, and he can proceed again to get divorced from No. 1 and to marry No. 3. But State B, which is, we think, Massachusetts, will not recognize the divorce in State C any more than it did in State A, so he continues to be the husband of No. 1 as long as he remains in State B. This is, or was lately, a possible state of affairs. At least it was so stated in a paper dealing in detail with some of the anomalies of the divorce laws of the United States.

MEN AND THINGS.

The oft-asked question, Why the young men do not stay at home? is not difficult to answer. One reason, perhaps the principal reason, is that the youth of this province are educated to a degree that unfits them to remain with us. We have in the province of, say 340,000 people, the University of New Brunswick, the University of Mount Allison, and the Memorial College, besides other high grade institutions of learning. These and the Normal School are turning out every year scores of educated young men and young women, and the field afforded by the province is not large enough for them.

Then there is another class which swells the outgoing tide—the young mechanics. For these there cannot be in a comparatively sparsely settled country like this the opportunities they require. A third class, the farmers' sons, emigrate—well, if those who philosophize on the matter and lament the exodus could learn by experience what the ordinary life of a farmer's son is like, he would not wonder that so many of them go away.

The great reason is, however, that the migratory instinct is born in the young people. Away back, in a past so remote that the date cannot be fixed with certainty, the race we now call Anglo-Saxon was inspired with a desire to go west. Whether it is a survival of the old days when our ancestors were sun-worshippers, and turned their faces westward, to gaze with wonder upon the many hued realm into which their god disappeared; whether it is the echo of the command given to ABRAHAM to go west, and we are obeying it as his descendants, it is hopeless now to determine, but it is a ruling passion in our race and all the legislation and diplomacy in the world cannot eradicate it.

Speaking of our being the descendants of Abraham, it is quite surprising how many people believe in the Anglo-Israel theory. Its apostles are not as successful as they might be if they tried to prove less. As the Anglo-Saxon race came from the east, there is really no good reason why they should not be of Israelitish descent. They must have had some origin and this is as likely as any other; but the Anglo-Israelites are not content with anything so general as this; they are more specific and undertake to tell us that the United States represents the tribe of Manasseh, and they have other points equally unreasonable, which they put forward with extreme gravity.

The United States can hardly be claimed to be representative of any race, for such another mixture of people is to be found nowhere. Will the process of assimilation be a success and what will the resulting type be like? When another century or so has rolled around and the blood of the Saxon, the Celt, the German, the Frank, the Spaniard, the Italian, the Moor, the Turk, the Assynan, the Arab, the African, and the Chinese becomes combined, what will the product be like.

If the doctrine of the survival of the fittest holds good and the conglomerate posterity shall retain all the best qualities of its ancestry, it will be a race such as the world has never seen.

But are we sure that the "fittest" a hundred or more years hence will be what we now think the best? Not if some ethnologists are to be believed, who tell us that the natural history of the American continent shows it to be unfitted for the development of a high type of humanity, and that after another century has rolled around and the continent becomes crowded, it will be the scene of a struggle for existence in which brute force will prevail, and thereafter the western hemisphere will relapse into barbarism.

Canon ZINCH says that in the year 1990, there will be 800,000,000 people living in the United States. The Canon is said to be a great authority on this subject, but his estimate seems very high. Taking the whole continent and estimating upon a twenty per cent increase every decade, and this is not excessive, we find that a century from now there will be living in the United States and Canada, more than 430,000,000 people. This vast multitude, if they live as we do now, will require

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86,000,000 horses, 16,000,000 mules, 258,000,000 cattle, 260,000,000 sheep, and 400,000,000 swine, and to feed themselves, their flocks and herds, will lay under tribute over 2,000,000,000 (two thousand million) acres of land. Now there is not that much arable and pastoral land in the whole of North America, or anything like as much, and if there were it could not be utilized, because unless a large area is left in forest our rivers will dry up, and we must have wood for a thousand purposes. The available arable and pastoral area on the continent is about 800,000,000 acres or two-fifths of what will be wanted in 1990. Big problem, isn't it, to puzzle out how our great grandchildren are going to get along, and lucky for us that we don't have to solve the puzzle.

Carried Back Among Friends.

A King street firm sends PROGRESS the following extract from a letter just received from Bahia Blanca, Chile, South America:—

Many thanks for PROGRESS. Continue to think of us seafarers, and we shall ever bless you. I can assure you that we (my husband and I) enjoy reading it very much. We seem for the time to be carried back among old friends and acquaintances. As I am particularly interested in my native city St. John, I admire the bold manner in which PROGRESS speaks in regard to any jobbery or underhand work. I think such a paper must do much good, and too much praise cannot be given to its editor. We wish PROGRESS all the success it richly deserves.

The Bijou's Great Week.

This has been a great week at the Bijou. The show has been the best given since the theatre was opened, the second week performers appearing to even better advantage than before. The great attraction, however, was the heavy lifting of C. F. Blatt and Miss Whollurth. Both of these performers have a world wide reputation, and Mr. Blatt claims to be the only man in the world who can break horseshoes with his hands. The performances they gave this week surpassed anything of the kind ever seen in the city, and was all the show bills claimed.

It will Be By Ballot.

The old custom of selection by ballot will be a feature of the carnival at the Palace rink, Wednesday evening. In times past a great deal of interest used to be manifested in contests of this kind, and as carnivals seem to be coming into favor again, a revival of the interest is looked for. The boys will have a chance to do some canvassing Wednesday night, aside from the election.

More Correspondents Wanted.

PROGRESS wants good society correspondents in Chatham, Pictou, New Glasgow, Kentville, Wolfville, Yarmouth, Annapolis, Windsor, Charlottetown, Summerside, Bridgewater, Maitland, and in any other place where there is anything going on. Bright young ladies will find it to their advantage to write to the editor for information.

Still More Hotel Room.

The Royal Hotel has made arrangements to enlarge May 1st, by including the building now occupied by Mitchell's restaurant on Germain street, the rear of which adjoins the rear of the Royal. This will give Mr. Raymond several splendid rooms and a fine sample room as well.

DORCHESTER.

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FEB. 11.—A very pleasant social event took place at the Rectory on Thursday evening. The usual meeting of the Women's Guild was made the occasion of the presentation of a handsome dinner set to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. Mr. Campbell expressed their surprise and pleasure in his usual happy vein, and with conversation, music and refreshments, an exceedingly pleasant evening wore away. May the affection existing between priest and people never grow less warm and sincere.

On Monday evening Mrs. Forster gave a driving party, which was very much enjoyed by her guests. The conveyances were wood sleds, filled with robes, and anything more comfortable can hardly be imagined.

After a delightful drive the party returned to the house for coffee and refreshments.

Last Tuesday evening, the Misses Backhouse gave a small tea party, for several friends. Their charming home is filled with rare and beautiful things, and it is a great treat to spend an evening with them.

Last evening, the younger portion of Mrs. Hanington's family, assisted by some young friends, gave an entertainment at their home, consisting of a comedy, tableaux, songs, etc. The young people are to be congratulated upon their success, and the guests, about 30, enjoyed the evening immensely. There is a great charm about anything of the sort done by children. One newsboy's youth in watching their enthusiasm.

Miss Violet Street, who has spent several weeks with Miss Blanche Hanington, returned to St. John today.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewson with their little daughter, returned to Moncton on Monday.

Miss Chandler, who is visiting Mrs. Hanington, has been quite ill for some days. The doctor pronounces her malady to be "la grippe," which we had hoped was extinct; she is improving now, and will soon be herself again, I hope.

Mr. R. W. Hanington has also been laid up with a severe cold. Indeed it is a cunning man or woman who escapes one just now. This winter has been one well-filled to give one almost any ailment particularly a bad temper.

Mr. Richards' friends are glad to see him about again, his ankle having recovered from its recent sprain.

Mrs. Allen, of Point de Bute, and a sister of our young political candidate, spent Saturday and Sunday in Dorchester.

I hear that a concert is to take place this evening under the auspices of St. Edward's (R. C.) church. Probably the object justifies its being held on Ash Wednesday. The orchestra of St. Joseph's College is to furnish instrumental music, and there will be songs by local talent, with tableaux, pantomimes and an address by Judge Landry. No doubt it will be a great success.

I am very glad to say Mr. J. H. Hickman is rapidly improving, and will be strong enough to seek a summer climate before long.

Mr. Welch's many friends sympathize with him in his heavy loss in his father's death, which occurred quite suddenly on Sunday.

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Locally,

PROGRESS will be brighter and better than ever. Fearlessness and impartiality will continue to characterize its comments upon local affairs. It will always aim to give timely attention to the methods of civic politicians and wire-pullers. It will not be hampered by any political preferences or tongue-tied by any advertising sop. Above all, it will aim to make this portion of the paper even more entertaining and popular than it has ever been.

Society,

The large demand upon our space by this department has been one of the levers that forced the enlargement. This is an unanswerable argument in favor of its popularity and interest. SOCIAL AND PERSONAL will be made even more complete and more entertaining than usual. To do this we want the help of the people. It is a mistake to suppose that this department is what is called "select." It may be true that the news supplied by this or by that correspondent comes under the head "select," but the columns of PROGRESS are open to all the people, and not simply to a part of the people. All accounts of social gatherings are gladly welcomed and printed by PROGRESS, provided they are accompanied by the name and address of the writer.

Illustrations,

The very best illustrations that money can procure will illumine the pages of PROGRESS each week. They will be both general and particular in their character. Arrangements have already been made to publish regularly the portraits of men prominent in the maritime provinces. These will be accompanied by admirably written sketches, which will add to their value from an historical standpoint. The general illustrations will be the best production of famous painters, which will go very far toward enhancing the appearance of the paper.

Sunday Reading,

That there may be nothing in PROGRESS unfit to read on Sunday or any other day will be one of the cares of the editor, who at the same time, however, is well aware of the fact that there is a large class of people who lay aside the purely secular newspaper on Sunday. PROGRESS "SUNDAY READING" department will be selected with the greatest care; it will endeavor at all times to obtain the best thoughts of the greatest thinkers for its readers, and the men who preach pure gospel, who are broad in their views, simple and plain in their presentation of the Christian religion, will find a place in its columns.

Fashions,

The large addition to its space, will allow particular attention to the WORLD OF FASHION. We have made arrangements that cannot fail to make this department one of the most interesting and entertaining in the paper. Beside two regular fashion letters from New York—which are specially written and beautifully illustrated for PROGRESS, and which will show the very latest whims in dress, there will be something of a more elastic and entertaining vein, also attractively illustrated, which will show the gay side of life. Local contributions by bright people, will make this department unusually complete.

Humorous,

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men." The fact that this is a chestnut does not detract anything from its truth. The best anecdotes, the brightest sayings, laughable sketches, original and selected cartoons on every phase of life will add every week to the variety and spice of the paper. This department will permit no "blues." It will be as funny as pen, scissors and engravers can make it.

Musical, Theatrical, Literary,

These columns have already been interestingly and ably conducted in PROGRESS. Each of them is in hands well competent to do honest, impartial work. The writers have no instructions except to give their best opinion of what they hear, see and read. They are not hampered by the "counting room"—advertisement or no advertisement their opinions are not affected. They give them for what they are worth. That they are appreciated is shown by the popularity of the departments.

Fiction,

One of the most popular features of a paper with many of its readers is a good story—either a long complete one—in

fact a short novel—or an interesting serial. PROGRESS will have one or both of these features. They will be written for the most part, by authors who have won popular favor by good work. Complete stories by FITZGERALD MOLLOY, "CAIMEN SYLVA" and "THE DUCH-ESS" have been engaged exclusively for publication in PROGRESS in Canada. "They come high, but we must have them."

Opinions,

Every effort will be put forth to make the editorial page of PROGRESS as timely and strong as possible. The ablest writers in the province have been engaged to contribute to this department from time to time. Party politics will find no place in it, though the right to support, oppose or criticize any political move of importance is, of course, reserved. PROGRESS proposes to get, when it can, the best opinion on every subject, local and general, in which the people are interested. This will mean money, but we believe it will pay.

Prize Dollar Contests.

Every Boy and Girl who is going to day school or to Sunday-school or in fact any person, young or old, who is interested in the study of History or in the Bible will find two interesting Prize Questions departments in each PROGRESS, the full particulars and conditions of which will be announced in the first Sixteen Page Paper. It is enough to say here that the one who sends in the first correct answer to the questions in either department will receive a bright new dollar bill in return for his or her trouble. These prizes will be awarded every week. They are given with two ideas—first, giving even children a keen interest in the paper and second that the search for correct answer will result in practical benefit to many readers.

Specials,

From its start, PROGRESS has tried to obtain the best special contributors that could be had. It has not been able to offer flattering inducements in every case, but it has done the best it could, and can count more special contributors than all the city papers. The bright work of "Geoffrey, Cutbert Strange," "Bildad," "Jimmy Smith," "Astra," "Johnny Mulcahey," Mrs. J. E. U. Nealis, "Pastor Felix," "Casey Tap," and many others, whose nom de plumes are familiar to PROGRESS readers, have added much to the interest of the paper. These have been supplemented by others, whose work will speak for itself.

General,

So many features and departments have been omitted in the foregoing incomplete summary that, after a hasty reading of it, before it goes to the printer, it seems to convey but a faint idea of what the enlarged paper will really consist of. So much is omitted that it will be useless to attempt to include the forgotten in this paragraph. They will all be found in the paper, for which we ask an honest impartial trial. If results can speak, we have satisfied the people with an eight page one dollar paper. We will be content to allow results to speak for the 16 page two dollar paper.

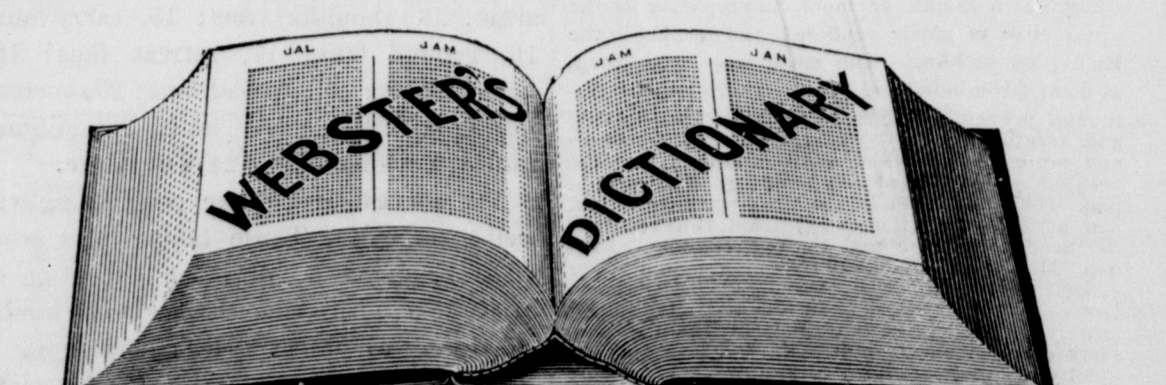
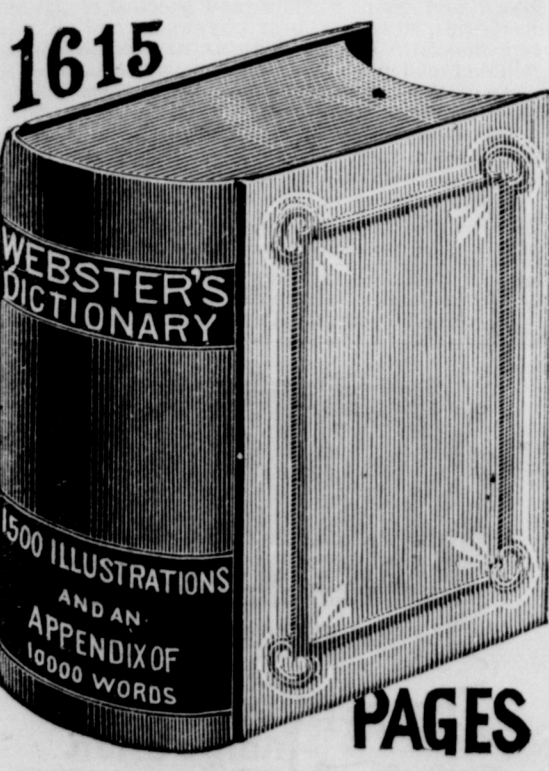
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