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AND THEY ALL WANT IT

NO LAUK OF APPLICANTS FOR THE VACANT JUDGESHIP.

Some of the Wire Pulling that Has Been Going on During the Week-The Opposition to Mr. Peters and How Mr. Forbes Looks At It-Mr. Quigley's Chances.

The fight among the different Conservative factions over the vacant County Court judgeship has been carried on with much vigor during the past two weeks.

On Monday the Telegraph announced that it had it on good authority that Mr. B. Lester Peters had been appointed County Court Judge, with Mr. George G. Gilbert as Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty. The Sun promptly denied that statement and emphatically declared that no appointment had been made. The denial was regarded in some quarters as a after." semi-official declaration that Mr. Peters not only had not been appointed, but that be never would be.

Progress does not know how the Telegraph got its information that Mr. Peters had been appointed, nor is it much concerned on the question. It has every reason to believe, however, that up to this day week the members for the city and city and county of St. John were unanimous in favor of Mr. Peters' appointment as against all comers. Then, why the hitch in his appointment? Many stories are told as to the why and the wherefore. Some of them The too absurd for serious consideration, but some of them no doubt contain a good deal of truth.

Hon. Thos. R. Jones, a prominent conservative, is alleged to have started for Ottawa a few days ago, threatening to "a tale unfold" that would knock Mr. Peters' chances into a cocked hat. He is said to have arrived there and to have obtained the ear of the ministry. It is also said that in consequence of the impression he created against Mr. Peters the latter is as dead as a door nail so far as the appointment is concerned. What has the Hon. Thomas R. Jones against Mr. Peters, anyway? is a question that he has been frequently asked this week. Progress does not know the details of the trouble, but the fact as understood about town is that some 25 years ago a little difference arose between Mr. Peters and Mr. Jones, at banquet, which has made their relations rather strained ever since.

With Peters out of the way, who would be the next strongest candidate for the judgeship? Without appearing to believe that the former is out of the race altogether -for he may still be as strong as everthe consideration of the chances of Messrs. Quigley and Forbes may not be uninteresting. One thing is certain, and that is that the friends of both Quigley and Forbes are united as against Mr. Peters' appointment. It is stated on good authority that among the telegrams sent to Ottawa from St. John this week, was one largely signed by protestants, and which in effect declared against Mr. Peters' appointment. This telegram Mr. Forbes regards as in his

It is also said that in this connection Mr. Forbes induced at least one of Mr. Quigsaying that in the event of Mr. Quigley not getting the office, the appointment of Mr. Forbes would be more satisfactory to the catholics than that of Mr. Peters.

Again, it is whispered that if Mr. Peters is passed over it will be due not to any of a "deal" between Ministers Costigan and Foster and the supporters of each. That "deal," if carried out, will destroy the chances of Senator Boyd ever reaching the governorship-at least in the near future. The story that is told in connection with the proposed arrangements is that the three St. John members wanted Mr. Peters appointed as St. John County Judge and that in this they were supported by Mr. from the province, including Mr. Costigan, favored Mr. Quigley's appointment. After much wire-pulling, the story goes, that Skinner agreed to support Mr. Quigley, provided he was supported by the latter's friends for the governorship; and that Mr. Foster agreed to the arrange- | The various bands are divided by gold ment, provided Mr. Justice Wetmore's place on the Supreme court bench was given to Mr. E. McLeod. These propositions, it is said, have all been agreed to and that the different appointments will be made in due course. On the other hand, Mr. Forbes appears very well satisfied with his prospects of success.

above will have no binding effect, and that the latest proposal is to give the position to Judge Wedderburn, of Kings county, strengthening himself by making an appointment among his Kings county friends to the vacancy caused by Judge Wedderburn's transfer to St. John.

E. Barker and Hon. D. L. Hanington when a train or boat is a few minutes late. late controversy.

would have no reason to be delighted, as it is understood that they are next in turn for judgeships in the supreme court.

Progress makes no prediction. It may still be Mr. Peters or it might be Forbes. One thing is certain, the friends of Mr. Quigley are confident of success.

HOW TRAINS ARE MISSED.

Travellers Carry Standard Time and Citizens

Do Not, and That Explains It. "How soon before the western train leaves?" was the query of a man with a valise, as he approached the officer at "the gate" in the I. C. R. depot the other even-

"It left the station fifteen minutes ago,"

"How is that; why it's only 9 o'clock, and I was told that it left here at a quarter

"So it does, local time, and you have evidently got standard." The traveller murmured and talked, and went away a very disappointed looking man.

"We have cases like that nearly every night," remarked the officer, "and it shows what a nuisance the difference in time makes. Travellers as a rule carry standard time, and when they go to a hotel or boarding house, or ask anybody on the street what time a train leaves, they are nearly always given local time, and consequently miss the train."

When things reach this stage it is time something was done in the way of the city's adopting standard time, for there is very little possibility of the railways running by any other. In many cases it means something for a man to lose a train, and in St. John it is more likely that he will do so than otherwise. Very few people, except those directly connected with the transportation companies, ever think of explaining the difference between local and standard time, and in some of the hotels or boarding houses it seems that they are not over-particular whether a guest loses a train or not. able dissatisfaction. Even to those who are not travelling it is very unsatisfactory to have to spend time figuring up the hour of a train's departure or arrival by the watch one carries, and at the best the possibility of getting mixed up, when there are other things to think about, is very apparent. In no place will the adoption of one time for the city and the railroads be welcomed more than at the depot, where every query in regard to the departure or arrival of a train is invariably accompanied by a lengthy explanation of the two systems, which is often times difficult for the questioner to

THE ARTIST AT WORK.

What Is Now Being Done At the New

The work in the scenic department of the St. John opera house has been commenced by Sydney Chidley, the New York scenic artist, who arrived last week by the City of Columbia to take charge of the stage arrangements. Mr. Chidley has had a long experience of the highest class of work, having been for some years one of the artists of the New York casino, and also for several seasons second artist on ley's chief wirepullers to send a despatch | the permanent staff of Palmer's and Madison Square theatres under the management of A. M. Palmer.

Mr. Chidley is now senior artist of the Jersey City opera house. He has commenced work upon a fancy chamber, the general design of which Progress has had the causes mentioned above, but because of | the opportunity of inspecting. It is divided, like most modern interiors, into the dado, the field of the wall, and the frieze or cornice. The latter consists of a heavy ornamented moulding of ivory color, supported at intervals, by brackets; below the moulding a band of indented bars in ashes of rose color, and a deep architrave of ivory with sunken panels of ivory bosses on an azure ground. The field is of a delicate blue resembling the Foster, while the catholic conservatives turquoise or celadon blue, damasked with an elaborate pattern of a slightly different tint of the same blue; from the cornice hang large festoons of blush roses tied with pale orange ribbons. The dado is of a rich golden brown in embossed panels and ornamented with a band of ivory.

This is the first of fourteen scenes which Mr. Chidley will paint, and it is estimated that out of these about 40 different stage settings can be made.

It Makes the Hackmen Hustle.

The coachmen have to hustle these days Just before going to press (at noon on in order to make the business pay; in the strange conduct on the part of the Friday), PROGRESS hears of another pos- other words if they had the making of the curate is that he had boarded at the home sible "deal," by which the one mentioned | time tables of the different railway and steamboat lines, the time of arrival in St. John would be very much different. The International boats, the Monticello, and which would give Mr. Foster a chance of the Halifax express all arrive at about the same time, and how to get passengers from each is what worries the hackmen. There is usually some hustling in order to make connections; in the evening very little Should the "deal" giving the judgeship time is lost in getting over the ground be- an answer to Mr. Quigley's book, which Prince Tinymite the contrast in the two to Mr. Quigley be carried out, Dr. Fred. tween the railway depot and Reed's point,

IT WAS VERY EXCITING.

THE SCENE IN A CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM.

The Curate's "Quick Temper" was the Cause of It, and a Young Teacher the Victim-Order Finally Restored By the Super-

One of the latest ministerial arrivals in town has succeeded in gaining a large amount of notoriety in a very short time, and has caused a good deal of surprise and excitement among the members of his conpulpit this spring.

He first attracted more than the ordinary amount of attention by exhibiting a total ig-Sir John A. Macdonald ever existed; and in St. John who are working these schemes, this, too, at a time when every newspaper in the country devoted half its space to de- People soon get on to them, however, and the minister proved himself an excellent preacher and a devoted worker among the sick and needy of the parish even in so short a time, his lack of knowledge in regard to the premier was probably attributed | highly colored nasal organ who was short stranger in the country.

impossibility for them to assume that lack those of maturer years. The new curate, however, thought that even a giggle would be out of place in a choir boy, and the first youth that gave vent to his mirthfulness found himself no longer a member of the choir. Two or three boys were disposed voices, and had been formerly considered

A number of little incidents like these occurred, but they were all attributed to the new man's "quick temper," and as he drunk Saturday night, but when their had showed many good qualities he was monied friends have disappeared, and the pitied for his misfortune.

Last Sunday morning, however, there are indeed pitiable sights. was a scene in the Sunday school room that has caused considerable comment, and at the time more excitement than was probably ever seen in a Sunday school before. The curate's "quick temper" was the cause

When the school opened there was a little confusion, owing to a lack of teachers, and the curate was annoyed by loud talking. He expressed his opinion of it rather forcibly, and at last called one of the teachers, who is the daughter of one of the leading members of the congregation, by name and told her not to talk so loud. This caused some surprise and not a little embarrassment on the part of the lady. But this was nothing compared to what

eye rested for a moment upon a young man who was teaching a class next to her. The effect upon him seemed magical. He jumped up and ordered the young man out of the room. As the teacher had been conducting himself in the most orderly manner possible this created a sensation, and every man, woman and child in the room stood up and awaited further developments with the greatest astonishment. And they developed.

upon the curate approached him and caught hold of his coat collar. At this point the superintendent interfered and tried to reason with the "quick-tempered" clergyman, but it was no use; the young man must go out. The curate wouldn't stay in the same room with him, so he ran high, and the curate conducted a dis- another matter. cussion, principally with himself, as to who should go and who should stay. All the reasoning of the superintendent was of no avail. At last the curate called upon somebody to go for a policeman, and wanted the rector sent for, while the teachers and scholars crowded round or stood up on benches, and the greatest excitement prevailed. This was kept up for some time, but the boy who started after a policeman was stopped before he got past the door, and the rector was not sent for, and, through the efforts of the superintendent, order was at last restored.

The only reason that is assigned for of the young man for a time, and had had some difficulty with the family; also that on the preceding Sunday the young man had arrived late, and when the curate, standing on the platform, requested him to step up to the front, he turned and left the

It is Now in Press.

Rev. Father Davenport has now in press will be welcomed by those interested in the

HOW THEY RAISE MONEY.

Thirsty Individuals Who Collect Coppers and Some of the Methods Used.

"Say, just a moment, boss; have you got three cents about you? I've got a letter here to send to Bangor where all my clothes are, but I haven't enough money to buy a stamp," and the seedy looking individual produced a letter addressed as he had stated. But whether it ever reached such address ever existed is a conundrum that many people who have dived down others who did not, would like to have solved. The stamp idea is one of the best for raising enough money to buy a drink of and their methods are many and varied.

a clergyman. When he became connected has been given up. Then again the numwith the church he was given charge of the ber of the same kind of characters who choir, which is composed of boys, and of have not had anything to eat for a day or course their being boys made it almost an two, is very large, and the people generally thing to eat, is likely to go hungry awhile in

there is more to be gained by being candid and that to tell the 'truth with a proper | toned church of the city. of in this way, and as they possessed good | show of feeling will touch the sympathetic ceived. On Sunday morning one runs way they get enough liquor to set them

A FEW POLICE INCIDENTS.

They Show How Things are Done and the

The crop of queer things in connection with the police department never seems to grow less. Recently a number of people found h hard to understand why a man referred to. who left a deposit of \$8 for his appearance Monday morning, did not have \$2 of that sum refunded when he was fined \$6 by the was "deposited by the department, that it could not be taken from its resting place again, but just why this seould be he cannot readily understand.

A number of men on Prince William street were somewhat indignant at the When speaking to the lady, the curate's | treatment a stranger with a few drinks of liquor on board received from the police a short time ago. The stranger had arrived in the city that day and had his supper at a Prince William street hotel. A few hours later he was wandering around not many blocks away, but uncertain as to the direction to take to get back to the hotel. It was then two policemen saw him and asked him where he was going. He said he hardly knew, but wanted to get back to the church of England. his hotel. "Oh, we'll find a hotel for The young man refused to depart, where- you," said the officers, and then began to take him in the direction of the police station. Some men who saw them protested and offered to take the stranger home, but the officers evidently wanted to make an arrest, and had him before the magistrate in the morning. It is cases of this kind that make the police court receipts look said. If the teacher did not leave the large when the yearly accounts are made schoolroom, he would, and as the young up, but whether the citizens approve of tion through our patronage, seek tone elseman absolutely refused to do so, words this method of earning the revenue is

They Want Plenty of Room.

A correspondent who has evidently no desire to "keep in the middle of the road," has the following to say about the way sidewalks are encumbered: "Anybody who wants an illustration of the way the police perform their duty and of a specimen of assurance should take a look at the way the Messrs. Lantalum have the sidewalk blockaded on Water street. They have actually got a board nailed up from the telegraph post across the sidewalk to their building, making an enclosure for their junk, and this for two or three days, and no report by any policeman."

Another Great Attraction.

There was a new attraction at the parlor musee this week, and although in such a show as is given by Mr. Somerby for so small an admission fee, further attractions would have been considered unnecessary, this one is now one of the greatest features. Miss Muller is said to weigh 865 pounds, and she certainly looks large enough to weigh that much. On the same stage with specimens of humanity is probably greater than was ever seen before.

LONGER BAPTISTS.

THE COMPLAINT OF A MEMBER OF THAT DENOMINATION.

He Thinks that the Catholics are not the Only Ones Who Have Reason to Complain-Some Instances which Illustrate His Remarks.

goers generally should thank "A Catholic" the address on the envelope, or whether for his letter in last week's Progress. Nearly every religious body has its "select few" who act as though they thought themgregation since he first appeared in the into their pockets for the three cents, and selves better than the people whose favors gave them almost entirely any standing which they have.

As a baptist I desire, somewhat after norance of the fact that such a person as liquor. There is always a number of men the fashion of "A Catholic" (though I lay claim to no such able pen as his) to call attention to a few matters that have caused more than a little discussion among our spatches from the premier's bedside. As | then these professional dead beats have to | people because of the action of some sowork or dry up. But they never seem to called baptists. It is surprising what earnest baptists some young men from the Before the fare to Carleton was reduced | country are while they are obtaining a to one cent, nearly every individual with a foothold in the community. None are more energetic or devoted in matters of to genius and the fact of his being a of money seemed possessed with a desire to church work than they are, but having get across the harbor, but begging one come to the front many of them kick away But he soon began to act in a manner cent at a time has evidently made their the ladder by which they rose, and look for which, to say the least, appeared strange in work on this scheme too laborious and it tone among other churches. Here are a few illustrations:

More than a quarter of a century ago a baptist young man from one of the outside counties began the practice of law here. have become so used to hearing the request | The baptists, recognizing in him some of gleefulness which can be acquired by for money to buy "a few biscuits," that a little ability, did everything to advance his poor fellow who is really in need of some- interests. He grew in wealth-largely the result of the patronage of his co-religionists-and afterwards became a politician. Some of these fellows, however, think Some few years ago he left his old church and joined what is regarded as the high-

A prominent business man also withdrew side of a man's nature with more force from the baptist church, after years of deabout the most valuable in the choir, the than would be the case if the solicited per- voted work. Why did he do so? Was it actions of the new curate caused consider- son had the least suspicion of being de- that he could no longer agree with the teachings of our church or was it that he across unfortunates of this sort. In some desired to be in a more fashionable community of church goers?

> I have in my mind at the moment another politician. He still retains a sitting appetite comes on stronger than ever, they there but he worships almost entirely in episcopal circles. He comes round to see us semi-occasionally and his coming is generally regarded as an evidence that an election is soon to be held.

> > I could name another case, that of a man at one time prominent in railway circles, who left his old baptist love and followed the example of those cases already

I could also give you other examples within and without the city, all of which go to show that too many of those who have magistrate. He was told that once money risen in our church frequently adopt courses, as they get on in the world, which suggests that baptists are socially not the equal of those of other denominations. wish to protest against any such reflection on our people; yet we have little reason to complain as to what other religious bodies think of us, considering that we are so frequently deserted by those, some of whom would never have attained to any position but for our assistance.

Here is another case that I think should be referred to: It is that of a somewhat prominent provincial educationalist, not living in St. John. He was a first class baptist while he was stuggling for position. Having secured it he became a member of

While I deeply sympathize with "A Catholic" in his showing up of the would-be aristocrats in his church, I think he will admit that his is not the only church where reform is needed among some of the members. He ought to be thankful that those within the church who think themselves better than their co-religionists do not leave the church altogether, as do some of our people who after having attained posi-

What is the cure for all this? Is it not to clip the wings of any of our "coming men" whose attitude suggests that they are better than their co-religionists on whose support they are so largely depend-A BAPTIST.

The Hose Had an Experience.

One section of the hose belonging to the fire department had a novel experience Wednesday afternoon. It was hoisted up as far as the clock on Trinity spire, but for what purpose was evidently not considered until after the feat was accomplished There was a slight fire in the vicinity of the chimes, and the ever-present idea of the firemen-to get water on the flamesprobably accounts for the experiment. Leather buckets full of water, however, proved more effective, but the hose got there just the same.

They Will Swell the Population.

The Irish literary and benevolent society have their annual excursion to St. Stephen on Monday. It will be in connection with Father Dollard's picnic at that place, and there will be the additional attractions of excursions from Fredericton and WoodWHO WILL GET THEM?

Some Vacancies that the Legislature Must Fill-Some Applicants.

The local government has been in session this week at Fredericton-some say only for the purpose of fixing the date for the Kent county election, while others state that matters of general interest will be To the Editor of Progress: Church | disposed of. Among the latter it is said will be the appointment of some one to fill the vacancy in the legislative council by the appointment of Hon. D. McLellan to the registrarship of wills and deeds. The names of Mr. John McMillan, ex-mayor Thorne and Dr. D. E. Berryman from the city proper are mentioned. On the other hand it is said that as Mr. McLellan belonged to the north end the position should go to some one living there. Should that claim be recognized it is believed that Mr. James Holly might be again in the field for his old position and the names of Mr. Daniel J. Purdy, Count DeBury, Mr. Michael Coll and Mr. David Lynch are also mentioned.

> There is also a vacancy on the provincial board of health, caused by Judge Watters' death. If it be given to a catholic, Dr. Travers will probably have the inside track.

> There is still another vacancy caused by Judge Watters' death-that of commissioner for the St. John public hospital. Several names are mentioned in connection with this position. Alderman' John McGoldrick seems to have been first in the field. The position will undoubtedly go to a catholic, and as Alderman McGoldrick's application is endorsed by the great majority of his co-religionists-both grit and tory-his friends regard him as a sure

He Has an Eye to Business.

About that time when a young man thinks something should be appearing above his upper lip, and he should be investing in a razor, there is usually a crop of little pimples on his face that causes more annoyanee than the appearance of a moustache would. There is a man in town who is on the lookout for young fellows at about this stage. He has something which he claims will make the pimples disappear in no time, and in his opinion they should be got rid of as soon as possible. This is all very well, but it is the way that this benefactor of mankind does his canvassing that is most interesting. If he passes a victim on the street, no matter how much of a hurry he may be in, there is usually a surprise in store for the young man. "Ah, excuse me for a moment," is the first thing he hears. "Do you want to know how to get rid of those pimples on your face?" The young fellow explains that they will go off of their own accord, but the philanthropist knows better. "I have a little medicine that dries them up-cured clerks right behind the counters where they were at workcan't get anything like this." There is nothing the matter with this gentleman's

His Ghostship on Deck.

The young people on City road have been having some fun with a ghost this week, and the number of people who claim to have seen his ghostship is as large as usual. He is said to make his camping ground on the paths that lead from Charles street to the City road, and of having made the countenances of several females who passed that way as white as his own alleged robes. Some courageous youths who paid him a visit, say they "walked right through him, but he wasn't there."

They Have to Stand Up.

Germain street looked lively Monday morning. Scores of little toddlers surrounded the office of the school board waiting for permits, with which they could get their first experiences of school. The number of new scholars this year is larger than ever before, and in some of the schools there is considerable overcrowding. In one department it is said that there are not enough chairs for the boys, and some have to stand up. Those who are absent in future will lose a seat, if they have one, when they return.

A Grand Opening.

Mr. L. C. Ansley, who has charge of the sample rooms in the new Dockrill block. gave all the commercial men in the city a supper Wednesday evening, and their first acquaintance with the new rooms was a very pleasant one. Fourteen rooms in the building will be devoted to the commercial men, and they will have conveniences that they were never able to secure in St. John

They Knew Them All.

The success of the letter carriers' excursion shows that the men who bring both good news and bad have plenty of triends in town. They sold their tickets themselves, and were personally acquainted with all who were present; and, judging by the class of people who were on the boat, the carriers should be proud of their