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SIX WEEKS IN THE JAIL.

"PROGRESS" SETS A PERSECUTED MAN AT LIBERTY.

He Had Begun to Think He Was Imprisoned for Life—The Story of Brunswick Belyea's Persecutions by the Law and Without the Law.

On Thursday last, J. Brunswick Belyea, of Hampton, completed his 42nd day as a prisoner in the common jail of the city and county of St. John.

This is not usually supposed to be a crime, but the law which is the boast of the age and the country landed Mr. Belyea in jail.

The direct cause of his arrest and incarceration in this ill-savored bastille was the fact that he had insulted the county court of Kings.

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This view was that Belyea had been persecuted enough. It seemed monstrous that a man in poor health who had lain in jail six weeks for no moral offence should be allowed to stay there another hour.

Mr. Belyea's house is at Hampton, and he had had one McLean for a tenant. McLean owed for the rent, and as there was no way of reaching any effects by a distraint, Mr. Belyea incautiously brought suit in a justice's court.

The suit, for a few dollars, was brought in the court of Squire Piers, who seems to have acted fairly enough, and Mr. Belyea got a verdict. Then Lawyer Tweedie, who was on the other side, went before Judge Wedderburn and had the verdict set aside.

In February, Belyea came to this city on business, and while here was arrested under an attachment for the costs. That is why he has been in the jail at St. John instead of in the jail at Hampton.

In contemplation of the law, when the costs of court are not paid the delinquent is guilty of contempt. He insults the court as much as if he called the judge a frowsey-headed, blue-eyed old son of a gun from Backawayback.

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CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Some of the Surprises that the Last Week Has Brought—Men who Got In and Men who Expected to, but Did Not—Probabilities for the Next Term.

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WILL UNITE TO GET IT.

WOOD WORKERS WILL FIGHT FOR A NINE HOUR DAY.

Young Men Who Enjoy Themselves in Church—A Sunday Evening Incident—Paragraphs of Interest to City People and Others.

As spring advances the workmen of the city are beginning to meet and discuss their plans for the season. The nine hour day is pretty fairly established, but there are some things to be remedied and made uniform, and these at present are engaging their attention.

Those wood working factories who have conceded nine hours object to competition from those that work ten hours, and they look to the Carpenters' Union to make things right. This is part of the proposed business, and it will readily be seen that any move the men make will result in a difficulty.

That some action is necessary is very true for it is unfair for one factory to work nine hours a day and his competing neighbor, ten.

The James Harris Co. employees are working ten hours and while the firm says they are making out first rate there is a different impression among the skilled workmen who are out.

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HAS HAD ENOUGH OF THEM.

Breen's Backers Write a Letter—How the Public Was Prejudiced Against Him.

"One of Breen's backers" has published a letter in which he claims that Breen was used better than any athlete ever known in the city, because he got all the stakes won in the recent races.

Breen is a young man and this was his first experience with sporting men. He has learned a great deal. Before he left St. John Breen remarked that he would have nothing more to do with the men who backed him this year, and those who know all about it say he is justified in his decision.

The greatest injustice done the skater by his backers was the publication of the letter to Laidlaw. It was an abusive, blow-hard effusion, and as few people knew Breen at that time, those who read it could not form a very favorable opinion of him.

That it gave the people an unfavorable impression of him, was evident from the reception he received at the rink compared to that accorded McCormick.

Breen is at Kennebecasis Island devoting all his energies to boat building.

The St. Johns Take It Up and Will Make It the Game For May 24.

This will be a great summer for lacrosse in St. John. It will be the 24th of May game at the St. John A. A. grounds, and that is saying a good deal.

From what can be learned, lacrosse in this city at least, will boom during the coming summer, and once the public see the fine points of the game, as much interest will probably be manifested in it here as in the west—Cornwall, Ont., for instance—where the merchants have a printed notice as follows: "Closed on account of lacrosse match."

The St. Johns will probably have the strongest team, but will be closely followed by the Beavers and Shamrocks. The former club has appointed a strong lacrosse committee composed of Frith, Robinson, Milligan and Allingham, and intend getting on a good match on the queen's birthday.

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HE WAS A COLONEL.

But He Had to Open His Baggage All The Same.

A few days ago the customs officer at the railway station found three heavy trunks strongly strapped and three boxes securely nailed, among the baggage on the western train.

That doesn't make you any better than these men opening trunks all around you. Baggage must be opened." And it was opened and 75 cents duty collected.