

KNOWN BY HIS WORKS.

WHAT MR. ALEXANDER STEPHEN HAS ACCOMPLISHED

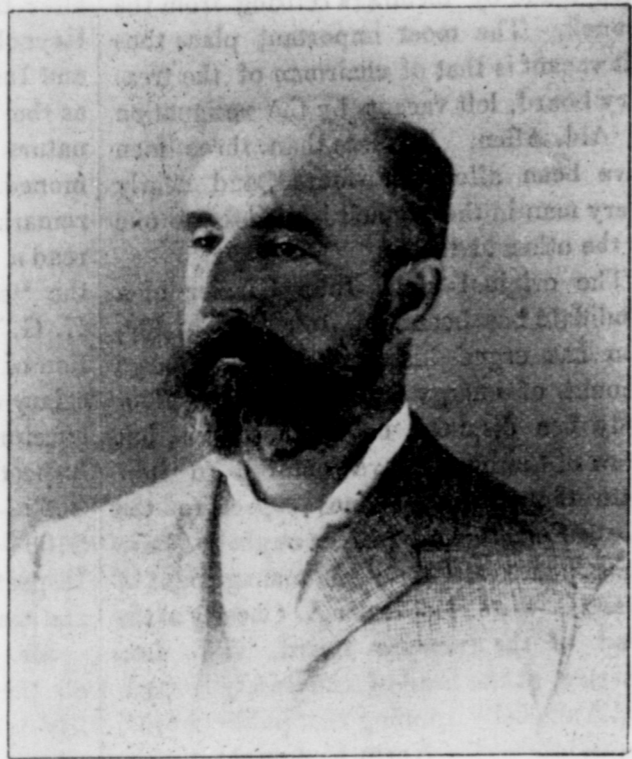
As a Business Man, and Alderman of Halifax—Head of the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company, and Prominent in All Movements for the Public Good.

HALIFAX, April 14.—The name of Alexander Stephen is not strange to the readers of PROGRESS. They knew him all the time as an energetic and successful business man, and they hear of him frequently in connection with the public interests.

After obtaining a thorough education at the Free church academy and Horton College, Mr. Stephen, quite early in life, became associated with his father in the firm of A. Stephen & Son, furniture and wooden ware manufacturers, and, upon his death, some years ago, he continued the business, which, under his management and energetic direction has increased and developed.

In 1888 he gave up the woodenware branch of the business and added that of furniture, carpets, oilcloths, draperies and general house furnishings.

Four years ago a very valuable charter was obtained through the legislature and the business became incorporated under the name of the Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., Ltd., with an authorized capital of \$150,000.00, \$125,000.00 of which is paid up. Mr. Stephens retains a large interest in and is president and managing director of the new concern, which is now the largest of its kind in the Maritime Provinces. In the management of his business he has always evinced considerable pluck and commercial shrewdness of no inferior kind. He is a strong believer in the great future that is in store for Halifax, as the Liverpool of America and has always taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his native city. He is one of the few active business men of the city who has taken his fair share of civic work, having given six years of his valuable time as an alderman in the city council. In the council as in his business he displayed a great deal of energy, push and enterprise. As chairman of the public gardens commission he had many improvements effected and was instrumental in providing the ways and means by which Superintendent Power was enabled to take a trip to the old country on a tour of inspection which



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has resulted in great benefit to the gardens which are not equalled in the Dominion and are surpassed by but few on this continent. But it was as chairman of that most important branch of civic service, the city board of works, that Mr. Stephen brought to bear his business abilities and accomplished so much. The two years he occupied that position were indeed busy ones for the city, many important measures being carried through and important works brought under construction or completed, such as the dry dock, city hall, street railway, telephone service, electric lighting, improvement in the fire department and street watering and cleaning service, and the connecting of Long lake with the Chain lakes by a large conduit capable of letting down at all times sufficient water to supply a city with double the population of Halifax if the recommendations of the late Engineer Keating and Engineer Joane as to the waste of water were carried out—still the present council talk of another pipe line at a cost of \$300,000. It was hoped Mr. Stephen would have been a candidate for the mayoralty at the coming elections on the 27th inst., but his many business obligations, and a contemplated trip to Europe during the summer, inclined him to have nothing to do with it for the present. This is to be regretted by the citizens as from his social position his executive abilities, and his large experience

HOW TO TELL GOOD WHISKEY.

The Chief Analyst of the Canadian Government Informs the People.

A 43-page pamphlet recently issued by the Inland Revenue department, under the title of "Bulletin No. 27," furnishes information concerning the quality of liquors of such an interesting and valuable character as to make it an excellent guide book for importers, retailers and consumers; and one that should be in the hands of all who desire to know the names of reliable distillers and dealers, and the way to tell high-class liquors from inferior grades. The information contained in the pamphlet is very full, and is presented in a manner that reflects credit on the Laboratory branch of the Inland Revenue department.

On page 41, referring to Scotch Whiskies, the Analyst says:—"These whiskies claim, I believe, to be produced by distillation of malted grain, or a mixture of malted and unmalted grain, in pot-stills. They are characterized when new by the very large amount of so-called "emphyreumatic oils" which they contain. The new or raw spirit, being quite unfit for use, is aged in wooden vessels, and in the course of time, through the changes which take place, the oils are oxidized or otherwise converted into products which give the characteristic bouquet or flavor to these whiskies."

Page 33 says:—"Any volatile oils present in a liquor are carried over with the vapor of alcohol, and are therefore found in the alcoholic distillate. Such oils are, as a rule, insoluble in water and rarely insoluble in very dilute alcohol. In consequence of this when water is added to the distillate, so that its volume is double that of the liquor distilled, the oils are largely thrown out of solution, and the emulsion so produced separates decidedly opalescent. In genuine Scotch Whisky such oils are necessarily present. Grain spirit (alcohol) is free from these oils and gives no opalescence on dilution with water. As rye whisky is generally made from such spirit we find no opalescence on diluting the distillate from this liquor. Six samples of artificial liquors were produced in the laboratory from patent still spirit and essences. None of the distillates from them gave any opalescence on diluting with water. It is not unlikely where the opalescence is very slight the liquor is essentially an imitation article, to which a proportion of genuine liquor has been added. Since in every case in which a high degree of certainty exists as to the origin of a pot-still liquor a very decided opalescence has been found."

On page 34 of the report the government analyst, in reference to furfural reaction, quotes M. L. Lindet—Bull. de la Societe Chimique de Paris, tome V, p. 20, as follows:—"The presence of furfural in liquor is believed to be due to the charring of portions of the malt (or other material used) during process of distillation." Continuing the analyst says:—"In patent stills, where steam heat only is used, this charring of the contents of the still does not take place, and in the spirit produced furfural is not found. The ageing of the spirit which causes changes in the nature of most of the secondary constituents of spirits, does not apparently affect the furfural, which is present as largely in old as in new pot-still whiskies. (The analyst quotes the foregoing from the evidence of A. H. Allen before the select committee on spirits appointed by the British House of Commons 1891.)"

The report furnishes on page 21 a list of the Scotch Whiskies analyzed, with the following results:—

Table with 3 columns: Whiskey Name, Opalescence on Dilution, Furfural Reaction. Includes Mackie & Co., J. B. Sheriff, Ballou, Lele & Co., Donald Stuart, Kirker, Greer & Co., 'Heather Bell' Brand, Mitchell's Heather Dew, Thom & Cameron, Ardrish, Scotch prepared in the Laboratory from Spirits and essences.

Several other brands, shipped by blenders and distillers, whose names do not appear, not having been given the inspectors, are not included in this list. These, however, appear in the report in connection with the vendors' names, and are all ranked as more or less inferior to the highest grade above mentioned.

So that, according to the official report of the laboratory branch of the Inland Revenue department, the highest recognized authority in the Dominion of Canada, MACKIE & Co.'s Scotch stands conspicuously at the head of the whiskey list.—Advt.

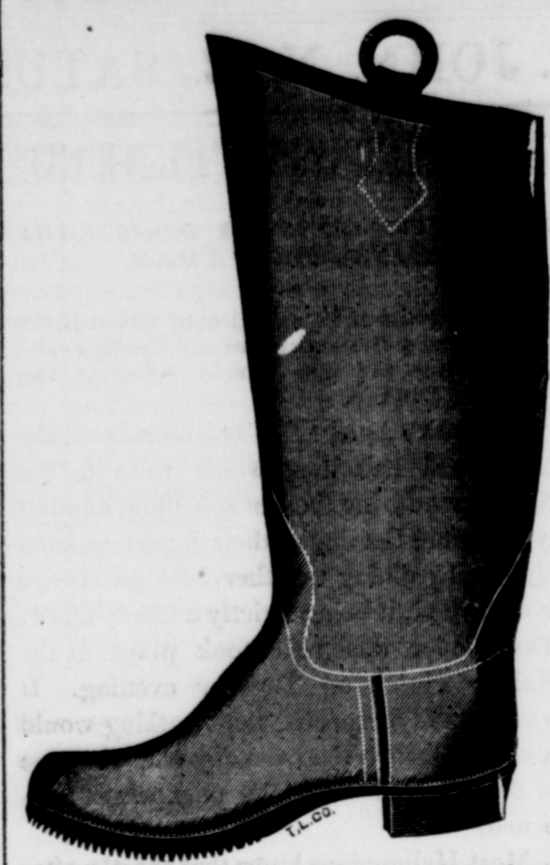
And Yet It Gets Here.

A publication called The Ironmonger, with offices in London and in Australia, comes to a company in this city with the address of "St. John, Nova Scotia, U. S. A." That is the idea some of the bold Britons have of the fourth city in Canada is it?

A Prudent Man Eats to Live.

And he eats choice Breakfast Cereals and Hygienic Foods, such as Desiccated Wheat, Pearl and Flake Hominy, Wheat Germ Meal, Granulated Wheat, Farina, Rye Flour, S. R. Buckwheat, etc., and buys them from J. S. ARMSTRONG & Bro., 32 Charlotte St.

WOONSOCKET Rubber Boots.



We have in stock and can ship same day order received at Lowest Boston Prices with duty added. MEN'S D. F. SHORT RUBBER BOOTS. MEN'S PEBBLE LEG SHORT RUBBER BOOTS. MEN'S D. F. HIP RUBBER BOOTS. MEN'S D. F. STORM KING RUBBER BOOTS. BOY'S D. F. RUBBER BOOTS. BOY'S PEBBLE LEG RUBBER BOOTS. WOMEN'S PEBBLE LEG RUBBER BOOTS. MISSES' PEBBLE LEG RUBBER BOOTS. CHILD'S PEBBLE LEG RUBBER BOOTS.

Also a full line of Dull Finish and Pebble Leg Boots of the Rhode Island Brand. Orders by mail or through our travellers will receive prompt attention.

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The Subscriber has just received his Full Line of Spring Cloths in Over Coating, Suitings and Trouserings.

Inspection Solicited, Satisfaction Guaranteed.

A. R. CAMPBELL - 64 Germain St.

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St. John Co. Spring Lambs. Albert Co. Steers. Kings Co. Veal and Mutton. Tuskeys, Fowls, Fresh Pork, HAMS, BACON AND LARD.

Cucumbers and all Green Stuff in Season.

THOMAS DEAN, 13 and 14 CITY MARKET.

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BUSY MEN WHO have no time to look after their advertisements and make them attractive and readable, can have this work done in a way that will pay them. Printed samples furnished on application. Address "WRITER," Box 21, St. John.

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NEW GOODS! WORSTED COATINGS and Suitings, Scotch and English Tweeds, Light Overcoatings, Flans, Checked and striped Trousers. Prices—Suits from \$14.00; Pants from \$4.00; Overcoats from \$13.00. A. GILMOUR, Tailor.

SMALL TOWNS LIKE BUCTOUCHE, Norton, Marysville, Chatham, Harvey, Vancouver, Upper Woodstock, Presque Isle, Carleton, Fort Fairfield, Weymouth and scores of other places should each have a boy willing to make money. He can make it easily by selling PROGRESS. Splendid profit and little work. Address for information, Circulation Department PROGRESS St. John N. B.

EVERY ONE IN NEED OF INFORMATION on the subject of advertising will do well to obtain a copy of "Book for Advertisers," 368 pages, price one dollar. Mailed, postage paid, on receipt of price. Contains a careful compilation from the American Newspaper Directory of the best papers and class journals; gives the circulation rating of everyone, and a good deal of information about rates and other matters pertaining to the business of advertising.—Address "BOWELL'S ADVERTISING BUREAU," 10 Spruce street, N. Y.

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FOR SALE. HALLETT, DAVIS & CO. round corners. Cost \$600.00, only a short time in use; must be sold; price, \$250.00.—C. FLOOD & SONS, 31 and 33 King street. aug 1.

BOARDING. A FEW PERMANENT or Transient Boarders can be accommodated with large and pleasant rooms, in that very centrally located house, 78 Sidney street.—Mrs. McINNIS. May 2.

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The KEELEY INSTITUTE, NORTH CONWAY, N. H.

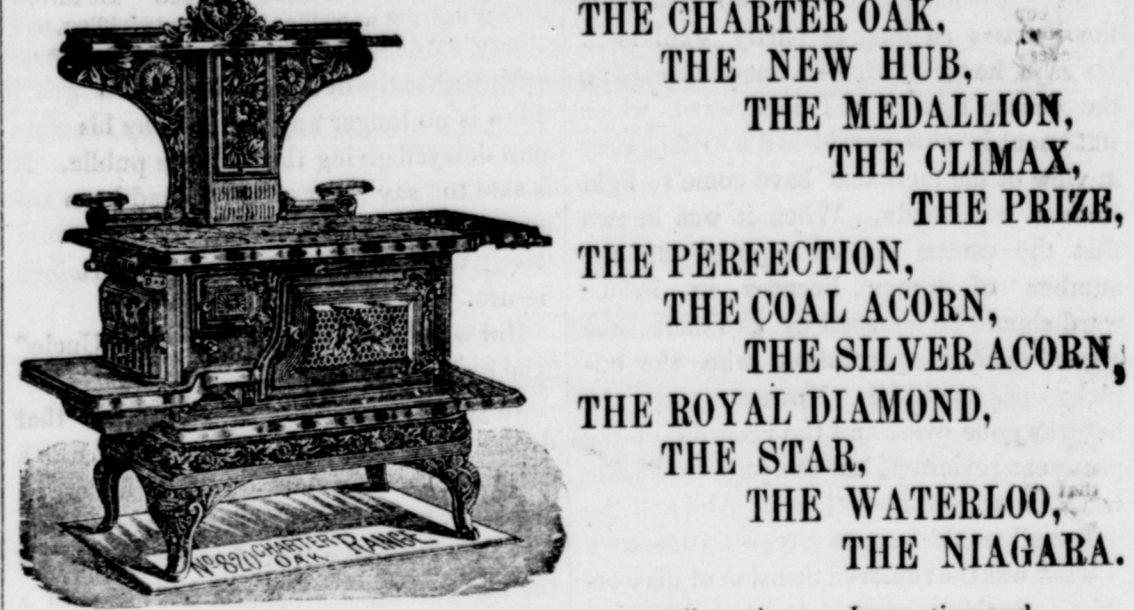
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This branch of the famous Institute at Dwight, Ill., continues the same practice by the same remedies and methods. An experienced physician will weigh in attendance. House delightfully situated; quiet home; modern conveniences; Forest Hill, 2 1/2 ins. Reached by mountain division of Maine Central R. R., 69 miles from Portland, Me. Price for treatment \$25.00 per week; Board \$5.00 to \$8.00 per week. Confidential. Write for full particulars to Messrs. Keeley Institute, North Conway, N. H.

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We offer the following well known and reliable Stoves, viz:



An unequalled variety at prices that cannot fail to please. Inspection and comparison solicited.

EMERSON & FISHER, 75 to 79 Prince Wm. Street.

ENGLISH CUTLERY.

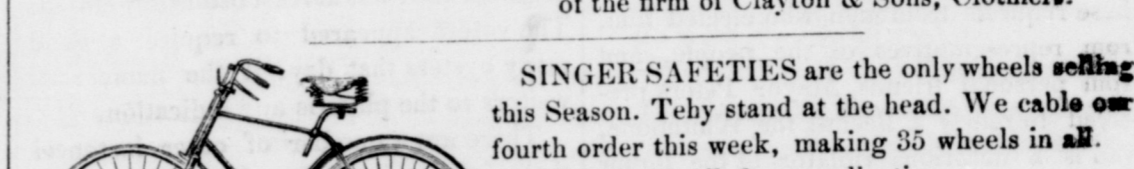


For Hotel and Family use, Fine Electro Plated Table Ware. T. McAVITY & SONS, - St. John, N. B.

SINGER SAFETY BICYCLES

Read the following testimonial to

Messrs. C. E. BURNHAM & SON, St. John, N. B. Gentlemen.—In reply to yours of the 7th inst., we suppose that there are about three dozen Singer Safeties in use in this city, all of which, so far as I can learn, are giving the greatest satisfaction, some of the owners being very enthusiastic over their wheels. I have ridden one for two years, and it gives me every satisfaction. Yours truly, E. CLAYTON, of the firm of Clayton & Sons, Clothiers.



SINGER SAFETIES are the only wheels selling this season. They stand at the head. We cable our fourth order this week, making 35 wheels in all. Catalogues mailed on application. C. E. BURNHAM & SON, 83 and 85 CHARLOTTE ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

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25 lb. Boxes, 50 lb. Boxes, or 5 and 10 Case lots. CAN FILL ORDERS PROMPTLY.

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Those who are thinking about getting New Furniture for this Spring have A GRAND CHANCE. CHEAP FURNITURE

Is the rule, as the Stock must be closed out. G. E. REYNOLDS, - 101 CHARLOTTE ST.

HE WAS A TAKING MAN.

Comeau Got a Recommendation that Everybody Was Willing to Sign.

All small towns have one or more public "nuisances," and Bathurst, abreast of the times in most ways, is by no means behind hand in this particular. Prominent among local specimens of this class, was a party by the name of Comeau, who used to be employed as man-of-all-work around the office of a popular banker and insurance agent, and who was known as the "Private Secretary" or "Trios Quarters."

The ideas of this individual regarding the intent and meaning of *meum et tuum* were so hopelessly mixed as to be rather annoying than otherwise to the neighborhood in general and to his employer in particular. Whether acting on his own responsibility or fired by the brilliancy of the prospects held out to him by the exasperated victims of his appropriating proclivities, I do not know; but one fine morning he announced his intention of going to "de States," and requested that his employer (in recognition of his years of faithful service) should write him a recommendation to the charity and appeal to the large heartedness of the community for the necessary monetary aid to cover travelling expenses, and here is a copy of the letter which called smiles to the faces and dimes from the pockets of all who read it:

"The bearer, Mr. David Comeau, more familiarly known as 'Trois Quarters' contemplates taking his departure from Bathurst to the town of Orono, Me., thus helping to strengthen moral and religious fibre of the neighboring republic. Since his arrival here he has been a taking man, and has earned a reputation he richly deserves. In consideration of the amounts opposite our respective names, the said, and only David Comeau or 'Trois Quarters' is to leave his country (for his country's good) and hopes that at this season of the year he can confidently appeal to the warm and changeable impulses of a generous public, for the necessary 'sneves of war,' to enable him to go upon his journey. The comforting knowledge that they have performed a wise act, will be ample recompense, for any contributions."

The Bearer is still at a loss to account for "What make de peeps laff, to read my paper."

What it Costs to Run a Circus.

It costs within a fraction of \$7,000 a day to maintain the circus at the Madison Square Garden. The receipts, however, average some \$10,000 day. Upon this enormous profit Mr. Bailey and the Barnum heirs might soon become millionaires. But circus entertainments of this colossal nature are practical only eight months in the year. During the winter period, extending from November until March, the animals are securely housed from cold in the vast stables at Bridgeport, and the amount of food they eat in idleness, joined to the wages of an army of keepers, depletes very considerably the profits of the business. But there is enough balance after paying the yearly expenses to make the proprietors of the Barnum and Bailey Show exceedingly rich. The salaries paid during the travelling season to performers touch opposite extremes. A first class bareback rider or acrobat earns from \$200 to \$450 a week. As a reverse to these salaries, the chorus girls in the Kirally spectacle receive only twenty-five cents a night.

ADVANCE SHEETS.

Of a New and Improved Dictionary of Popular Words.

BOODLE.—This word is yet in its infancy in Canada, having been imported with other enterprising schemes from the free and United States of America, but for an infant, it "don't do too bad," and means the "reward of virtue," if you're in it, but in the opposition, the gates of Dorchester and Kingston are gaping awaiting your arrival. Those who partake of it are generally considered martyrs.

CONFEDERATION.—A thing that ruined the lower provinces by going into, and Newfoundland by going out of. In this rendition we trust all may be suited.

DUDE.—A composition of pre-Adamic clay—being unlike the rest of mankind—and more particularly recognized by height of collar, length of cuffs, bagless knees, well worn head of cane caused by sucking, and occasionally a lone eye glass, while the possession of intellectual attributes appears to be of small moment, at least, he is seldom lionized for these qualities.

ELECTION.—An unproclaimed holiday, bar-rooms closed by law, but candidates don't mind trifles like that, while the voters rarely go thirsty, but how they get it! Some of the enterprising newspapers would do well to offer pianos or diamond rings for the solution, that is of the puzzle, the voters get the solution all right. Elections are noted for the "peace on earth" and "good will toward men" they produce previous to them, on the part of candidates, chiefly noticeable by their affable manners followed soon after by an utter disinterestedness, they stop you before but if you stop them after an election, you are apt to be treated to ice cream deprived of its sweetening and pleasant flavor. Elections should be encouraged!

GENTLEMAN.—A custom house officer.

SHEOL.—A cooler term for a hotter place, hence since its adoption the old style is not so significant of future disfigurement and a noticeable decrease in hot sermons is very apparent; still for "cuss" purposes this word will never take the place of the other word with the same meaning. JAY BEK.

A New Great Seal.

A new Great Seal for Ireland has just been completed by Mr. Allan Wyon, chief engraver of her Majesty's seals to take the place of the seal designed on the accession of the Queen, which is now worn out. The new seal is an exact replica of its predecessor, and is similar in all respects to the Great Seal of England, save that in the exergue a harp with shamrock leaves takes the place of the trident head and sprays of oak which form the distinctive mark of the English seal. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with state seals or their impressions, it may be explained that, inasmuch as, like coins, they have two faces, styled respectively the "seal" and "counterseal," they are necessarily made in two parts, which are pressed together with the wax between. The material is silver, and the weight of the whole about 15 pounds. The diameter of the impression is 6 1/2 inches, which is larger than the seal of any previous sovereign. It is interesting to observe, as illustrating the much greater frequency with which the English seal is used, as compared with the Irish, that whereas the latter has withstood the wear of 54 years, the English has already been twice renewed in the present reign, once in January, 1860, and again in August, 1878. A discarded seal on being detached becomes the perquisite of the Lord Chancellor.