WHAT A ST. JOHN CRAFTSMAN HAS TO SAY ABOUT THEM.

Occasional Comparisions Between the Way Things are Done in the Two Cities-Interesting Features of the Leading Lodges-The Temple and Its Features.

The readers of Progress must have inferred from some recent sketches that freemasonry is a live institution in Nova Scotia, and in particular in the city of Halifax. So it is. The city has no less than eleven chosen few who avail themselves of its lodges, or more than twice as many as the privileges city of St. John, Dartmouth and Carleton not being included in the comparison. Then there are two Royal Arch Chapters, a a good sized apartment, originally used as Preceptory of Knights Templars, and the various bodies, from the Lodge of Perfection to the Consistory in the A. & A. Scottish Rite. It will be seen that it is only in the matter of lodges that it outnumbers this city, but in the province at large, the other bodies have a majority over New Brunswick in all of the bodies named.

There is a good deal of style about Halifax, and it is found within the tyled doors as elsewhere. In Virgin lodge for instance, the dress suit is the rule not only with the officers but the members as well. Virgin 15, and always has been, an eminently respectable lodge with a good proportion of the leading military men on its roll. A military man is in the chair now, and the chaplain to the forces sits in the west. The lodge has certain privileges conceded to it by the grand lodge, and one of these is that so that members of the forces, liable to be called away at any time, may take an active part in it without being called upon to adapt themselves to such changes as they would find in a strict conformity with the Nova Scotia work. One notices a difference in the regalia, too, such as the white collars of office and sleeve gauntlets worn by the officers. In many ways a St. John mason will find much to interest him in Virgin lodge.

Royal Standard lodge, No. 389, on the registry of England, is a purely military and naval body, but it admits to membership no mere privates. The candidate must be an officer of some kind. If a private wants to be made a mason in Halifax, there are ten other lodges in which he can try his chances by the ballot. There is one peculiarity about a mason who is obliged to wear the queen's clothing in public. He never can take part in a public procession of the craft, because he cannot wear an apron, and the reason he cannot is that it is clothing which is not part of his uniform. If he happened to be in St. John and saw the abominably bad marching usually seen on such occasions, he would possibly be thankful that he was not in the ranks. It is probably better in Halifax, because the constant presence of the troops has not been without its effect as an example. Royal Standard is likely to interest the stranger more than any lodge in Halifax. It can be readily understood that everything is done with the precision so essential to good work. A peculiarity about this lodge is, that any number of members, from the master down to the youngest entered apprentice, are liable to be called away at any time in the year, if a regiment is ordered to another station. All the offices can never be vacant, however, because there are enough in the resident departments and the navy to make use of the working tools.

Union lodge is where the colored candidate finds that he is in truth "a man and a brother," as the phrase used to be in the abolition days. The members of Union lodge are generally bright masons, and can prove themselves to be such in any part of

St. Andrew's lodge, No. 1, takes precedence as the senior lodge of Nova Scotia. It has a history full of interest dating as tar back as 1768, and has a style about its way of doing things that shows its members are alive to the position it holds in the craft

The temple itself is well fitted up from basement to root. There are those who say mistakes were made in its construction, just as there are not wanting some who believe errors of judgment were made in the design of the St. John masonic building. In Halifax they appear to have thought the craft was likely to stand still or grow smaller, while in St. John one would think there had been an anticipation of a tidal wave of immigrant masons. If such were the ideas both were somewhat astray in their predictions. Halifax built too small, and St. John too big Halifax finished and furnished its building, while St. John succeeded in finishing and furnishing, in a sort of a way, one room which on all but phenomenal occasions is entirely too big for the uses to which it is put. The craft is increasing in Nova Scotia; for the last two years it has tallen off in New Brunswick. It is hard to have to admit all this, but "truth is mighty and will pre-

The Halifax temple is the third which the craft has built there. The corner-stone of the first was laid by the Queen's father, Edward, Duke of Kent, grand master of Lower Canada in the year 1800. Masonry had, however, been planted in Halitax 50 years before that, with Governor Cornwallis as the master of the first lodge. The corner-stone of the second building was laid by that grand old mason, Alexander Ke ith, in 1850, while grand master Col. J. Wimburn Laurie laid the corner-stone of the present edifice, in August, 1875.

The lodge room, on the top floor, is a good sized apartment, amply large enough, and it is furnished with comfortable settees in a double row. All the seats in the east are luxurious, high-backed arm chairs, those of the master, immediate past master and chaplain, being somewhat more stately than the others. The walls and ceiling are frescoed with due reference to art, while | that the arc light is not blue, but is practiall the principal emblems of the degrees cally the same color as daylight. At night are found here and there looking out from beneath the clouded canopy. The ante rooms are a trifle small, but take it all in

all the lodges are in very snug quarters. John will at no distant day excel those of ed blue.

WITH HALIFAX MASONS. Halifax. Here there will be the advant-

The Royal Arch chapter room is also fully furnished, but it seems wholly too small for its purpose, so far, at least, as the R. A. degree is concerned.

The same may be said of the Knights Templars asylum, which is furnished with veritable stalls, and has all the paraphernalia in position ready for the conferring of the orders. The encampment of St. John of this city, can, however, boast of what the Nova Scotia Preceptory has not—an armory handsomely furnished and expensively maintained for the benefit of the

There is, however, a recreation room for the craft, supplied with billiard and pool tables and tacilities for other games. It is the grand lodge library, but when the club applied for it, not only were the books bundled into the grand secretary's office, but the room was donated to the fraternity free of charge. They do things differently in St. John. A few years ago a few unofficial members of the fraternity here formed a sduadron. Her masonic club which should be open to all length on water members of the craft for a merely nominal line, is 26 feet; annual fee. The rent charged for a room in the masonic building was, however, a draft, 6 ft., 3 in.; good deal larger than a membership about as large as that of the Halifax club warranted. For want of encouragement in over all, 37 ft. quarters where it had the most right to ex- | She was designed pect it, the club ceased to live after the first | by Wm. Fife, jr., year of its existence.

The grand secretary has an office in the Scotch designer, Halitax temple, and Mr. Ross appears to and built by the be a man who feels it his duty to show Nova Scotia ship himself at the lodge meetings and otherwise | building company keep in touch with the craft.

On the ground floor is a large hall which can be used either for public meetthough on the registry of Nova Scotia it can be used either for public meet-retains the English work. This is allowed ings, grand lodge sessions or banquets. There is also a smaller lowing prizes: banqueting hall, and a kitchen in the June 13, Chaunbasement where the banquet can be made

The masons of Halifax, and especially those who are at the head and front of the nah cup August them, but if there are they do not appear to antagonize others or to retard the prosperity of the craft. So far as the stranger of interest among Nova Scotia yachtsmen. can see, there exists "that noble conten- It was over a 23 mile course, and the starttion, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

The Canadian Democrat.\* BY THE EDITOR.

\* The name of the cart which I have on my peddling trips through the country.—Editor of But-

It comes not with the roll of drums Or bugle's shrill alarms, But with a message of good will And every gate is opened wide And every door unbars Whene'er its banner heaves in sight Beneath the evening stars.

CHORUS. Over hill and valley, Over moor and flat, Creak the rusty axles Of the Democrat.

The children know it when they see Me toiling up the hill;
And run with merry shouts and glee
To help with ready will,
And the good wite puts the kettle on
And spreads the bounteous fare,
And hastily steps forth to set
The ever welcome chair.

(Ch.) Over hill and valley, Over moor and flat.
Creek the rusty axles

The supper o'er, we gather all Around the cheerful hearth; And crown the happy festival With songs of joy and mirth; Till nine approaches and we lay Aside our converse sweet, And gaily scamper on our way To bed with flying feet.

(Ch.) Over hill and valley, Over moor and flat, Creak the rusky axles Of the Democrat.

Beneath the blankets cosily It sleeping with a mate, We gossip o'er the latest news, Or wondrous tales relate Unto each other, tales of love, And dangers past and gone, Of future prospects, hopes and fears, And battles to be won.

(Ch.) Over hill and valley, Over moor and flat, Creak the rusty axles Of the Democrat.

So passes life, in storm and calm, In country and in town, As day by day upon my way I wander up and down. Love is there to light the way, Courage to proceed, And kindly hospitality To help in time of need.

(Ch.) Over hill and valley, Over moor and flat, Creak the rusty axles Of the Democrat.

I envy not the rich and great Nor sigh for wealth and fame; Nor waste my time in vain regrets Or unavailing pain.
Content to plod my weary way
Until the daylights' close,
And then, beneath six feet of clay,
Enjoy a long repose.

(Ch.) Over hill and valley, Over moor and flat, Of the Democrat. -Butler's Journal.

# Whistling Speeches.

I have read somewhere that there is a whistling language in use in the Canary Islands. The natives of these islands communicate at very long distances with each other by whistling the words. There is nothing new about this; they have done so for centuries. When I was in Oaxaca last summer I learned quite accidentally that there are two tribes of Indians who for ages past have conversed understandingly with each other across ravines from hillside to hillside by whistling. These people are the mountain Zapotecs on the Ixtlan range and the Chinantecas of the Usila Mountains. And we all know that the coachmen and gamins of the streets of this ancient Aztec capital have series of whistling signals by which they convey valuable information to each other .- Two Republics.

# Color of the Arc Light.

It will astonish many people to be told the eyes are accustomed to a strongly yellow light, and the parts of the eye that see vellow light get fatigued. An arc therefore looks blue, not only by contrast, but The Scottish Rite hall is small, but it is also because the parts of the eye that see fitted up in the most complete manner, blue are fresh and sensitive. In order to ready for the work of any of the degrees at obtain artificial daylight, ordinary gaslight, any time. It may be said, however, that for instance, would have to be filtered in this respect, the arrangements in con- through blue glass, or else the various obtemplation by the bodies of the Rite in St. jects intended to look white should be tint-

# TWO SPEEDY YACHTS.

THEY ARE OWNED IN HALIFAX AND WILL RACE TODAY.

The "Youla's" One Year Record a Good One-Mr. Murray's "Lenore" and her Victories - A Great Event in Halifax Yachting Circles.

Everything favorable, today will see a pretty scene and some excitement in Halifax harbor. Yachting is a popular sport in Halifax, and has hundreds of devotees and numbers of good yachts. The race today is over the inside course for the Lansdowne cup, and a good deal of interest is felt in the result. Two leading Halitax yachts which will start in the race are the Lenore and Youla. Both these yachts have brought fame and honor to their

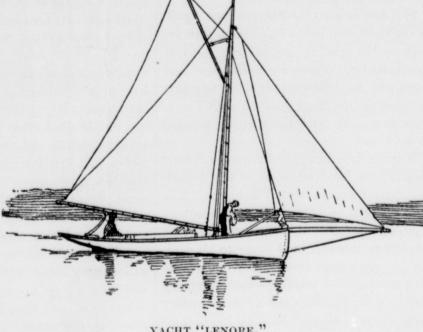
The cutter Youla is owned by Mr. H. W. Wylde, secretary of the Royal

Nova Scotia yacht registered tonnage, 5.75; length the celebrated of Halifax. Last year was her first appearance, when she took the folcey cup; July 18, Lansdowne cup;

July 23, Weno-

August 14 of last year there was a match race at Chester which excited a great deal ers were the Youla, Lenore and Esme. The race was a good one from start to finish. The Youla won, beating the Lenore by tour seconds. This shows how evenly matched the two boats are, and it is small wonder that excitement runs high over a yacht race in Halitax.

Mr. Fred H. Murray, chief clerk of the Queen hotel is the owner of the Lenore and he has a yacht to be proud of. Her list of victories is a long one. A race between the Lenore and Youla is one of the prettiest sights to be seen in Halifax harbor. Each yacht has crossed a winner, and a race between them is a great event in yachting circles. In the match race August 1, 1891, in which the Lenore, Youla and Hebe were entered, the *Lenore* won. This cutter was designed by Mr. H. C. McLeod, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and built by Messrs. Chambers, Turner and Layton, of Truro, in 1887 Her length on water line is 27tt. 1in., beam 7ft. 11in, depth 4ft. 1in., registered tonnage 4.58, length over all 30ft. 2in. The *Lenore* sailed her first race July 9, 1887, and won it, taking the Lorne | shortly after the jubilee regatta a few races



ard Russell's cup.

St. John people.

YACHT "LENORE."

various bodies, are a fine class of men. 8, Ladies' race; Sept. 5, Lord the harbor was a popular sport. There There may or may not be "bosses" among Alex. Russeli's cup; Sept. 22, Ruth cup. | were a number of good yachts, and

Archibald cup; was not in commission in

1890 owing to absence of owner; June 6,

1891, Archibald cup, (final win); Aug.1st,

match race between Lenore, Youla and

Hebe won by Lenore; Aug. 29, Capt. Leon-

The result of today's contest will be awaited with a good deal of interest among

the yachstmen in St. John. In this city

the interest is certainly not so great as in

Halifax, nevertheless the men who own

yachts are not inactive, and before the

summer is over, there will probably be

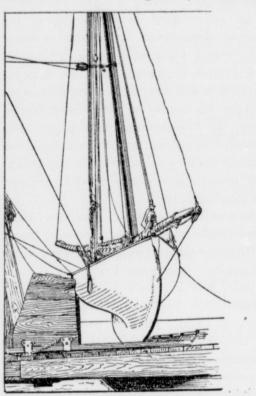
some lively contests. If a race is arranged

between Halifax and St. John yachts the

winner today will probably be in it, and

everything about her will be of interest to

Four or five years ago yacht racing in



"LENORE" ON THE BLOCKS.

cup. Since that time she has distinguished were sailed that attracted hundreds of

people to the wharves. The harbor, however, now seems to have given way to the river. Last summer a number of good races were started from Rothesay, and interest in this form of sport reached a high pitch. All that is needed now to bring yachting to its proper place, is a race between St. John and Halifax.

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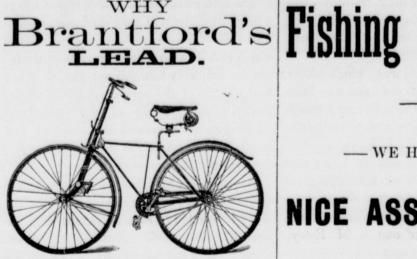
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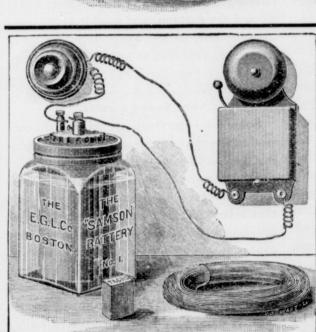
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