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### THE MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING JOSEPH STEADMAN.

The Correspondent of "Progress" Has an Interview with the Prisoner-How the Authorities Have Allowed Indignation to Overcome Humanity.

Everybody in Moncton, and a good and when he returned to Moncton again is the correspondent's statement:

at the left hand side. The side door, which is the one generally used, is in the centre of the right side, with a broad wooden platform before it. The back door asked is in the ell. It was from this door that the men made their exit, and outside

which the shooting took place. Reports have been current that in the many outside of it, knew "Joe" Steadman, | indignation at the prisoner arrested, he has of the police force. When the city got not been used with common humanity, that its second incorporation, some fifteen years his wounds have not been attended to and ago, he was made town marshal, and con- that in other ways he has been made to tinued to act in that capacity until there feel that he is in custody to suffer all that was a reorganization of the police and he can legally be made to suffer. In order Marshal Thibideau was appointed. Mr. to learn how far this was true, PROGRESS Steadman subsequently went to the United instructed its Moncton correspondent to States and found employment in Boston, enquire into the matter. The following



## AS SEEN IN HIS CELL. endwise to the street, with the front door expression of fright and patience, and he seemed so broken down and tired, that the writer mercifully cut the interview short. "Does your head trouble you?" he was

"Yes, a good deal."

"Does it ache ?"

"Yes, it hurts me all the time." "And your leg too, I suppose ?" "My leg is very bad," laying his hand on the injured limb, "it is so feverish." "Has it been dressed this morning ?" "No, it has only been dressed just the once, and it has been bleeding a good deal since then, so it feels very bad today and it makes me feverish."

Do they treat you pretty well here ?" "No, not very well"-hastily-"as well as I can expect, I suppose."

At the close of the conversation the prisoner limped painfully back to his cot. His left ankle was quite swollen from the wound in his leg, and he seemed to be suf- cuss the matter. fering a great deal, yet in christian-double dyed christian-Moncton, his wound had only been dressed once. He is a criminal, possibly a murderer, but still common hu- their part of the contract every time ferry manity would suggest that he should re- matters come up at the council. Their ceive ordinary care.

the prisoner yesterday, but with only partial success, as he persistently threw his arms over his face on the approach of a photographer or any one with a kodak, and when prevented from so doing, resolutely shut his eyes. The picture forwarded by two cent rate. In the meantime Ald. PROGRESS is the best that could be got.

MR. BERRY OF BERRYVILLE.

He Visits Sussex and is Received by the Leading Dignitaries.

One of the men in the railway ticket fares taken on one side only, and as the office at Sussex has been impressed with east side gives the larger receipts, it would the idea that the man "Jim," wanted as an be chosen as the place of payment. A accessory to the Moncton murder, would person going to Carleton would pay two pass through Sussex in his effort to get out cents on this side and return for nothing. of the country. He has, therefore, kept a If he never returned the city would have a sharp eye on all strangers, and on Tuesday cent to the good. The people of Carleton evening it seemed to him and many of his would come to this side free of charge, but the other about 1.30 in the afternoon. neighbors that a great discovery had been | each would pay two cents to get back unless

made. A stranger to

of

THAT FERRY QUESTION. IT CONTINUES TO WORRY THE WEST END CITIZENS.

They Object to Any Increase in the Rates of Toll-Some of the Figures of This Season and Last-Ald. Baxter's Plan to Effect a RESS picnic at Lepreau. There has been Saving.

proportion of seven churches to its popustrong language when it is hinted that while the ferry must lose at the one cent

rate it can be put on a paying basis by the cents ?" is howled with withering sarcasm them. at the east side man who presumes to dis-

The people of the west end have instructed their aldermen to demand a free ferry, and the aldermen are carrying out

Several efforts were made to photograph meeting in disorder the last time the board assembled.

While the issue of free ferry or secession has not yet been brought squarely to the front, there are threats that it will be should the council insist on restoring the Baxter has been struck with a bright idea. must be retained for a time, the sum of

\$1,764 a year can be saved by dispensing with the services of two collectors and two gatekeepers. To effect this he would have

PROGRESS PICNIC ON TUESDAY. Have you got Your Tickets ?- Some Par ticulars of the Affair.

> It is not necessary perhaps to remind those who have thought of going that next Tuesday is the day set apart for PROG-

a good deal of talk about it this week, both As a red rag waved at an exasperated inside and outside of PROGRESS office. rooster, or as a tin can tied to a dog's tail, The newsboys have had a hundred and so is any proposition to raise the ferry tolls one questions to ask, all of which, so far, when mentioned to the people of the west have been answered to their satisfaction. Some of them said they were too small to The fact that Carleton has the liberal go alone and wanted tickets for other members of their family. Of course not lation does not always prevent the use of only they got them but any others of the boys who requested them.

Quite a number of subscribers in the country living near this city have written retwo cent rate. "Why not make it ten questing tickets, which have been sent

> It is not the intention of PROGRESS to make any elaborate preparation for the day. The providing of the trains and the entertainment of the boys while there is about all that it will attempt.

Arrangements have been made for general refreshment table for the sake of zeal in this respect nearly broke up the those who go to the picnic without any basket or anything of that sort. This will be conducted by the person who has secured the privilege on the usual plan. A number of people have asked if buying the paper regularly each week does not entitle them to the same privilege as subscribers. To this it may be said that if any one of them will request the dealer This is that, admitting the one-cent rate from whom he buys his paper to procure him tickets, he will have no difficulty in getting them.

> The arrangements for the trains will b announced in PROGRESS' advertising space in the Globe on Monday night. It is possible that three trains may go to the grounds if the crowd is too large to go in two, but on the other hand, two full trains will probably be quite sufficient to contain all who intend to go; if so one of these will leave about 9 o'clock in the morning and

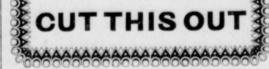
For the second time PROGRESS extends

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Guaranteed, valued at \$45



THIS BEATS HALIFAX COUNCIL.

St. John Has a Very Temperate Crowd to Manage City Affairs.

The Halitax Recorder seems rather proud of the composition of the city council of that city as regards the principles of temperance. From a list which it gives of the mayor and eighteen aldermen, all appear to be temperance men and five are total abstainers. The classifications given are "total abstainers," "very nearly a teetotaller," and "oceasional glass of wine." Taking the same classification for the St. John council, and premising that the term wine includes ale, etc., the following is the showing:

Those who take an occasional glass of wine are Mayor Peters, Alds Barnes, Mc-Lauchlan, Jack, Colwell, Knox, Shaw, White, McKelvey, W. A. Chesley, Christie, John A. Chesley, McGoldrick, Nickerson, Kelly, Vincent.-16.

Very nearly teetotallers, Blizard, Law, Seaton.-3.

Those who are claimed as total abstain-

OLSEN IN HIS CELL OBJECTS TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED.

became a member of the police force. He [ was a good officer and a man who had was about 44 years of age.

fully told by the daily papers. The store of the people seems to have been entirely of W. Wilson & Co., Chatham, was robbed on Friday night of last week and about \$260 in cash secured. On Monday two strangers staying at the house of Mrs. Donnelly, Telegraph street. excited the suspicion of the Moncton police, and it was determined to arrest them that night. At 9 o'clock Marshal Foster went to the house, accompanied by officers Steadman and Scott and special constable Colborn. These men were stationed at the exits of the building, while the marshal entered to find the men. Steadman was at the side door. When Foster entered, the alarm was given by an inmate of the house, and suspected men ran for the the two rear. Then was heard the sound of pistol shots, and when Scott ran to the spot he found Steadman grappling with one of the men. Scott seized and handcuffed the fellow, whereupon Steadman staggered away, exclaiming that he was shot, and fell dead. The bullet had entered his left breast between the second and third ribs.

It is believed the man now in custody, who gives his name as Robert Olsen, a Norwegian, is the man who fired the shot. He himself received rough usage, and when taken to the police station it was found that his head was badly cut and there was a bullet wound in his leg. It is supposed the latter was caused by his own pistol being knocked down in the struggle with Steadman. No weapon was found on him but a Smith & Wesson revolver was picked up near by, with two of the five chambers empty. As several shots were fired, the other fugitive must also have used a revolver.

This man, who is known only as "Jim," but who is said to be James Willis, who formerly worked in Chatham, escaped, and is still at large, though he may be captured before PROGRESS reaches its readers. A reward of \$250 has been offered by the city of Moncton and this is sypplemented by \$500 offered by the proabout 30 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, or four weeks' growth.

The house from which the shooting took

came to the office and This man has been condemned many ber times over already, and in spite of the fact many friends. At the time of his death he that he is sately under lock and key, and so for the present past all possibility of doing The particulars of the tragedy have been further harm, the judgment of the majority subverted by their imagination.

At the time of the shooting lynching was freely spoken of, and although allowance must be made for the wild excitement of the moment, regrets have been frequently expressed since that the idea had not been carried out and the danger of his escaping justice placed beyond the range of a possibility. The wish has been freely expressed even by the rosy lips of lovely women that the marshal had struck him harder on the night of his capture and dashed out his brains on the spot. and the mildest threats of vengeance have been used. Marvellous stories of the prisoner's horrible appearance were circulated and florid descriptions given of his "brutish" countenance and generally unhuman character. "More like an animal than a man" was the frequent verdict, and "He looks capable of anything-a murderous looking brute."

The correspondent of PROGRESS visited the prisoper in his cell Wednesday morning and to the unbiased and receptive mind this is the picture he presented.

A rather small, fair man, who might have been anywhere between 30 and 40, or even younger, so baffling is a fair complexion where age is concerned, lying wearily on his cot, with the oilcloth cushion of a chair doubled up under his head for a pillow, manacled hands, and singularly small feet. He looked pale and ill, but on being told that someone had come to see him, moved stiffly to his feet and sat up civilly to be looked at and questioned. He had been removed from the dark cell and occupied

the last of a row of grated cells. Seen in the morning light, his face could scarcely be termed prepossessing, but few men look well with three weeks growth of beard on their faces and a bruise on their foreheads, and this man was no worse looking than scores of others one meets every day on the street. His features were not cast vincial government. He is described as in a Greek mould and his cheek bones were undeniably high, but plain faces and wearing black clothes, dark shirt, necktie high cheek bones are quite common, and with black spots and had whiskers of three | his small round light blue eyes were rather shifty and frightened than vicious. In short the man's whole personality seemed

know him. So will the folks at the hotel. to say "sailor" from his broad shoulders place is a rather large two story and a half and tanned, fair skin, to his bare feet and one of very ordinary appearance, situated knotted, seamed hands, which bore every Why the Organ Would Not Play. on Telegraph street, a short distance above evidence of hard work. In fact he The organ of a city church refused to rethe Park hotel, on the opposite side of the reminded one forcibly of several of spond to the touch of the organist one street. A vacant lot is at the left hand the man-of-war sailors who passed through evening recently, and an expert was called side and at the back a high board fence. In spite of the unsavory reputation it has Moncton some months ago, and had he to examine it. He found a flask lying long "enjoyed," it is rather a respectable been dressed in blue serge and on the deck across two of the pipes from which no looking house for the locality, having lace of a ship, instead of in the police cells, music could be extracted. This looked sash curtains in one or two of the windows | would have excited little comment, except | suspicious, until it was explained that the and potted plants. It has three different that he looked as if he had recently recov- organ blower used to take a flask of tea to entrances, and seems specially adapted for | ered from a bad "spree," and was still | drink behind the organ. He had left the the rapid and easy escape of anyone desir- feeling the effects. So far from looking flask on the bellows and they had dropped ous of avoiding observation. It stands like a desperado, his face wore a mingled | into the organ.

ticket seller he chose to walk around by the bridge, in which case he would have a wholly free made a numroutes, trip to

pay toll a second time.

The present system of checking appears

teams, etc., that pay toll on the gate at

pass at the floats on the other side. While

this check is not always absolutely correct

poses, and is usually within a few cents of

With all the care that can be taken, the

ferry is bound to run behind. Last year

there was about \$1,000 a month deficiency

This year the indications are that it will be

inquiries as These are the outlines of the idea which distances, connections and fares to the United States. He wanted to get a train the alderman has worked out in detail, as that would enable him to get away by the to the manner of collecting, watching the International steamer, which would neces- floats, etc., and he will probably lay his sitate his getting out of Sussex very early plans before the ferry committee.

in the morning. The stranger appeared so In the meantime the ferry is paying excited and in so much of a hurry that the better under the one-cent for all system suspicions of the official become aroused. than it paid a year ago. In July 1891 It seemed to him that this might be the passenger receipts were \$1045.04, "Jim," and so word was sent over to the while in the month just closed they were hotel where the stranger sought shelter for \$1312.92. That means that 131,292 persons the night. Everything he did was constru- paid toll. In July, a year ago, the east ed into a suspicious act, even to the way side receipts were \$67.88 in excess of those he began to undress when shown to a bedof the west side. At the same rate the room. It was determined to effect his difference this year would have been \$85.20, but as a matter of fact it was only capture.

News of the arrival of the mysterious \$42.92. Much of the excess in both years stranger was sent to the leading officials seems to have been due to people passing and other dignitaries of the village, and a the east side gate, taking a trip on the posse of the boldest spirits was soon steamer and not passing the west side gathered at the hotel to determine on a gate. The differences are the the larger plan of campaign. Every man had some on fine Sundays, and at such times as when kind of a gun in his pocket, for it was there is a war vessel in port, of which the believed that the fugitive at bay might people can see the size and shape by a show fight unless overawed by an imposing ferryboat excursion. display of weapons. It was deemed impolitic to force an issue at arms by going to some, though not a very heavy, difference the man's bedroom, as he would un- in the east side receipts. People sometimes doubtedly shoot somebody. Wiser counsels pass the turnstile and either become sudsuggested that, as the man had to get up to denly thirsty or remember something they

catch an early train, the best strategy would had forgotten, in which case they return to be shown by the crowd sitting in the wait- the street by the way of the gate on the ing room until he came down stairs. Then floats. Formerly they were allowed to he could be surprised, surrounded and come back in the same way, free of charge, forced to yield before he had a chance to but now they have to take the turnstile and defend himself.

As the time for the stranger to come down stairs drew near the excitement, to be about as close to accuracy as it can though suppressed, was intense. At last very well be got. As everybody pays at the his step was heard, each man prepared for turnstile its record of passages means just action, and stood ready to play a decisive that number of cents, whereas under the part at the critical moment. The step old system with monthly tickets, etc., only came nearer, the door was flung open, an approximation could be had. The and-

Mr. Berry, of Berryville (that will do as one side are counted and recorded as they well as any other name), walked serenely into the presence of the excited posse. Nearly every man in the room knew him it is quite near enough for all practical puras a peaceable young tarmer from one of the adjacent districts. He had come to the actual receipts. The difference is usu-Sussex to get a marriage license, and that ally due to passengers getting on or off was what had made him in so much of a teams on the way across. hurry and so anxious to know about routes for a honeymoon.

The posse retired in good order. The next time Mr. Berry of Berryville comes to Sussex the man at the ticket office will

a cordial invitation to all of its friends and patrons to come to the picnic.

#### How Lepreau Mill Beat the Record.

The Fredericton Herald is quite correct in claiming that the best provincial record for one day's sawing of one gang belongs to the Lepreau mill, which was burned several years ago. The mill was built by W. K. Reynolds in 1854, and was in many respects the most complete in the maritime provinces. Mr. Reynolds leased it to King & Gibson, and during their time, in 1860, the quantity of 67,300 feet was passed through a gang, edged and surveyed, in ten hours. The logs were taken from the pond without any previoms sorting. There was then no machinery for hauling the edger table, but had there been the record would have been considerably exceeded, as at the close of the day the edger horses were piled to the height of a man's head with deal not edged and not included in the count. Had it been surveyed the record would have been nearer 72,000 teet. When Mr. Gibson built the Nashwaak mills he adopted many of the features that had made the Lepreau mill so complete, but the old record never was There is another thing which makes and has not yet been beaten. The splendid water power which drove this mill has been idle for years, and picnic visitors see only the ruins of what wan once a veritable hive of industry.

#### Mr. Currie and Mr. Crisp.

Editor D. D. Currie, of the Shelburne Budget, is evidently on the war path from the tone of an article in the last issue of his paper. Mr.Currie, it will be remembered, was once the talented pastor of a prominent church in this city, and held a high position among his brother officers until charged with a moral offence that required investigation by the conference. That trial and its results, the endless law suits and disputes, are still fresh in the minds of the public. As PROGRESS understands it, one of those very prominent in the prosecution was a brother clergyman, the Rev.R. S. Crisp. It seems almost a case of "tit for tat" to see Mr. Currie now accusing his former accuser. There is only one thing for Mr. Crisp to do. He placed Mr. Currie upon his defence once, Mr. Currie has now placed him upon his detence, and unless he does defend the charges made, people will be likely to think there is too much truth in them.

#### Easy to Be Mistaken.

less, but run behind it must and will so Mr. Stevens of the I. C. R. depot, found long as the present system is continued. out this week how easy it is for a man to Nor is this to be wondered at when it is be mistaken. The coachmen are always remembered that in the year when the rate which they were handled and left. intringing upon Mr. Stevens' rules, or of toll was reduced from three cents to one cent, the salaries of employees were acturather the rules of the station, and he really increased \$1,000 per annum They Are to Be Congratulated. ported one of them to the court, but it ap-The ferry that could be run without loss peared that he made a mistake in the on this principle does not belong to this name. Two of the coachmen look very world. It Makes a Difference. The members of the prohibition commission do not appear to be in search of may make some difference in the case. all, was quite a graceful act on his part. been at the head of affairs.

ers are Alds. O'Brien, McCarthy, Lewis, Smith, Baxter, Davis, Lingley, Connor.

This is away ahead of Halifax, as all our aldermen are temperate and more than a third of them never take anything, unless it is something that is very soft indeed. The council is a temperate enough body, save in the matter of some debates in which the West end is interested.

#### Bequests Should Be Acknowledged.

When the late David S. Kerr made his will he provided that after the death of his widow the sum of \$2,090 should go to the Old Ladies' Home and \$1,000 to the Protestant Orphan asylum. These amounts were paid over immediately after the burial of Mrs. Kerr, last week. The \$2,000 bequest has been acknowledged in the daily papers, but that of \$1,000 has not. Would it not be a good idea for institution which receive legacies to acknowledge them as publicly as possible, in order to stimulate other people to generosity? The of some idea officials that when people know an institution has received a gift they will think it does not need any more is not the correct one. PROGRESS thinks that the good deeds ot men should not be hidden, and for this reason it not long ago gave the particulars of the bequest of Thomas Chubb to the Old Ladies' Home, a story that was new to the public because, though made a year before, the management of the home had said nothing about it.

#### Making It Unpleasant for Travellers.

Customs officer Rigby has a opportunity to make himself popular or unpopular with the travelling public. He is one of the officers who manipulate the baggage at the I. C. R station, examines the trunks and makes himself pleasant or unpleasant. In one case at least that has come under the notice of PROGRESS, he made himself unpleasant. A lady who has spent her summers in St. John for the last eight years arrived in this city a few days a go. Among her effects in her trunk was a pair of boots she had worn but once in Boston and a pair of pillow shams that she was bringing to this city for a present. After turning her trunks inside out, Officer Rigby seized upon these articles and demanded duty to the extent of \$1.00. The amount was not troublesome, but the lady said that five times that amount of damage was done to her dresses and effects by the rough way in

The Knights of Pythias are to be congratulated on the splendid appearance they much alike and after Mr. Stevens had made in the decoration day procession. sworn that he was quite sure it was So and They are a fine body of young men, well So, the court could only be convinced to uniformed and well drilled, and the turnthe contrary by So and So bringing two out was the best made by any society in temperance hotels in their travels. They witnesses who proved that he was not at the St. John for many years. It is quite eviwant the best that is going and the Royal is their headquarters in St. John. The government pays the hotel bills, which might have made a mistake which, after St. John for many years. It is quite evi-tel. Mr. Stevens then admitted that he might have made a mistake which, after that the right kind of men are and have