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SOMETHING DONE AT LAST.

The common council has yielded to the pressure of public opinion and voted for harbor improvements at Sand Point.

It was well understood by the public that the council would take the course it did, though it was not expected that it would do so by a nearly unanimous vote.

Progress may modestly claim to have accomplished the work. The general public knew very little about the merits of either of the sites until Progress pointed out, beyond the possibility of misunderstanding, the great advantages of Sand Point.

Now that the choice has been made, it remains for the city to decide upon the details of the work, prudently and promptly.

THE FEDERAL SYSTEM IN CITIES.

Several weeks ago, reference was made to what was termed the federal system, in vogue in the state of Ohio, for the government of cities of certain grades.

The best evidence of the efficiency of this system is shown by the results previously quoted. How would the federal plan, or a modification of it, do for St. John?

to twenty, which is six less than is considered necessary for the city of St. John.

A strict watch is kept over the payment of money. No order for any expenditure can be passed until a week has elapsed after its introduction into the council.

The salaries are not extravagant when the size of the city and the duties of the officials are considered.

The mayor is an important personage. He, with the treasurer, police judge, prosecuting attorney of the police court and clerk of that court are elected.

The mayor is obliged to keep the council informed from time to time of the condition of the finances of the city.

The council meets weekly and each member receives \$5 for his attendance at each meeting.

The departments are six in number—public works, police, fire, accounts, law charities and correction.

These are some of the features of the federal system, and one of the main points in it seems to be the bestowing of a great many of executive functions on officials who are held responsible for their acts.

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lack of cohesion found today is the great stumbling block in the way of the party. It may or may not be that the liberals are fit to assume the reins of power, but one may infer from the existing state of things that they are not.

The chief causes for the non-success of liberals appear to be the want of proper leaders and the lack of a definite and well understood policy.

From the liberal point of view, this is unfortunate, but until the liberal party gives some evidence of unity and ability, its prospects are not likely to be better.

There is one other point, not brought out in the article but referred to in the interview, and that is that the liberal press and speakers should cease to run down the country.

The liberals have a great deal to consider, and not a little to do, if they have an ambition to be something more than a party of opposition.

SOME RAINY DAYS.

There was, without doubt, some grumbling about the wet weather last Monday. Numbers were put to inconvenience and some to actual discomfort by the rain.

There would have been people equally discontented had there been rain on the same days of the month fifteen years ago.

The amount of the Anning bequest is \$1,000, to which is to be added \$100 lately received from the estate.

PERTINENT AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. F. Dorman, son of Mr. Fred Dorman, of this city, is visiting his parents in this city.

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the parting is but for a time, yet our lives are made dark and our hearts rebel and suffer. And this is a world of separations, from friends, by death and by circumstance.

Yet, in the course of the times and seasons, there are more bright days than dark days, more sunshine than rain.

There is a higher view than this. If we earnestly strive to do what is right, not the least event in our lives is without its influence in shaping us for our ultimate good.

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Relic hunting is a disease with some people, or it is at least charitable to think so. A negro was lynched at Port Jervis, N. Y., the other day, and after the wretch was put in his coffin the police had to guard it to prevent people from cutting off locks of his hair and pieces of his clothing.

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A NEW PERIL.

What an American Paper Says About St. John's Lady Soldiers.

Progress, a weekly paper printed in St. John, New Brunswick, a city as far east almost as you can go on this continent without falling off, publishes an account of a parade of two companies of infantry, one of cavalry and an ambulance corps.

We are quite prepared for the assurance that the evolutions of a corps of young ladies thus attired were so charming as to call forth enthusiastic approval from the spectators.

But these be troublous times and patriotism ought to keep tight rein upon that fondness for grace and beauty which we all possess; that is the fondness, not the grace and beauty. The latter qualities were omitted in the make-up of the majority of the male sex on this unhappy planet.

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CHATS ABOUT BOOKS.

The Memoir of Le Baron Botsford, M. D., by his niece, Frances Elizabeth Murray, recently issued from the press of J. & A. McMillan, is a book which cannot fail to be of deep interest, not only to the people of St. John, amongst whom the late Dr. Botsford's life was spent, but also to the numerous connection throughout the province, with whom his life work brought him into intimate contact.

Miss Murray has performed her task with a conscientious faithfulness which shows that it was a labor of love; and in giving this sketch of Dr. Botsford's life to the world has also imparted some invaluable information with regard to the early life of the Loyalist settlers of St. John. Interesting pictures of St. John in its early days are drawn, and many names familiar to the older inhabitants and which have now passed almost into tradition are mentioned.

The descriptions the author gives of the domestic life of Dr. and Mrs. Botsford are minute and faithful, the only objection to which they are open being that they attract almost too much attention to small details but, taken as a whole, the book is a valuable addition to local biographical literature. The extracts from Mrs. Botsford's journal give a glimpse of such healthy, wholesome domestic life, and such unselfish thought for others, and such absolute devotion on the part of husband and wife to each other, and simple, earnest piety, that the reader cannot fail to feel the better for the mere perusal of it. The description of the St. John fire, or rather of the scenes immediately succeeding it, is graphic in the extreme, and the glimpses we have of Dr. Botsford as chairman of both the general relief committee and the special Church of England Relief committee, working heart and soul for the relief of the sufferers, throws a strong light on his unselfishness and kindness of heart. The story of Mrs. Botsford's failing health and the final separation of this devoted couple, is told with simple pathos, and the description of the journey to California in which Miss Murray was the doctor's companion, is very graphic. The lecture delivered by Dr. Botsford on his return is also given and is most interesting. The description of the old home at Westcock is a word picture which brings vividly before the mind the early days of the present century, when the homes were separated by miles of forest, or marsh, and when hospitality was dispensed with a royal hand.

The illustrations include views of old and new Trinity, of the Botsford home at Westcock, and the little parish church of St. Ann's, the P.M. school house, and some California views.

Miss Murray, in dedicating her book to Sir Leonard Tilley and to Dr. Botsford's other friends and fellow citizens of St. John, has paid a graceful tribute both to her late uncle and to his friends as showing her certainty of the affectionate remembrance in which Dr. Botsford is held by those who had the privilege of knowing him in life.

HILLSBORO.

JUNE 22.—The ladies of the baptist church gave a very successful concert last Friday evening on the parsonage grounds. The programme consisted of choruses, solos, recitations and readings. The young ladies who read and recited were: Miss Mabel Gross, Miss May Steeves, Miss Addy Jump, Mr. Burns also gave a reading. At the end of the programme refreshments were served. The ground were lighted with lanterns, as the evening was warm and pleasant making the whole affair very enjoyable.

The pleasant little steamer *Excalibur*, Capt. Corbett, of Annapolis, made her first trip between Hillsboro, Hillsboro and Moncton on Saturday.

I hear rumors of a large picnic for Dominion day to go down to Alma by train.

The members of "Francis Willard" lodge, I.O.G.T., are preparing for a grand concert to be given some time next month.

Mrs. Long, and her daughter, Miss Minnie Long, of Fairville, who are visiting Mrs. Camp, expect to sail for England the last of July. They will spend two years in Germany.

Mr. Edgar Rowe, who spent some weeks with his sister here, Mrs. J. L. St. John, has returned to his home in St. John.

Miss Florence F. Randolph has returned from the U. S. seminary at St. Martins.

Mrs. Beatty Steeves spent last week at Moncton, the guest of her brother, Mr. Beantson.

Mr. George E. Day, of Hillsboro, is visiting Hillsboro, the guest of Mrs. E. M. F. Randolph.

Mrs. Jump and her daughter Addy returned home from Boston last week, where they have been spending the winter.

Miss Annie Wood, of Boston, is visiting friends here, she is the guest of Miss Addy Jump.

Miss Maud Dawson is home from the N. B. Seminary, St. Martins.

The Missionary Society held their annual meeting in the Baptist church Sunday evening. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Mr. Camp, Mr. Barrie, Mr. Colwell and Mr. Cornwall.

Dr. Randall has purchased and moved his family into the Walter's house, and is now having it newly painted and improved in various ways.

CHATHAM.

JUNE 22.—Mr. D. G. Smith, editor of the Miramichi Advertiser, left last week for New York.

Dr. W. A. Wilson, of Derby, spent Monday in town.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place in St. Mary's church on Monday morning last when Mr. Harris Pallen and Miss Bessie Gunn were united in marriage by the Rev. Canon Forsythe. The bride looked very pretty in her traveling dress of pale grey with hat and gloves to match. Immediate after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Pallen drove to the station and took the train for Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. Vaughn, of New York, accompanied by her son, Master Harry, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. G. Smith.

Miss Marshall is visiting friends in Newcastle. On Friday evening last a very enjoyable concert was given by the children of the Methodist church Sunday school, under the leadership of Mrs. Snowball.

Mrs. Sweet, of Newcastle, was in town on Friday making some farewell visits before departing for England, where she and Mr. Sweet expect to spend a year.

Mrs. W. C. Winslow entertained a number of her friends on Tuesday evening, and I believe is to be "At Home" to her friends every Tuesday evening during the summer months. Miss Jennie Harrison, of New York, spent Sunday and Sunday in town, the guest of the M. Snowball.

Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen went up to Newcastle on Thursday last to attend the church of England sale which was a great success. Miss Minnie Muirhead, of Boston, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. Johnston. The musical examination by the pupils at the Hotel Dieu, on Wednesday afternoon, was very much appreciated by those who attended it.

BILLEE.

Don't All Speak at Once.

Mr. George H. McKay is evidently somewhat skeptical of the advertising merits of Progress, and he asks all those who order Butterick's patterns from his advertisement on the ninth page to say that they saw the "ad" in this paper in return for which he will send free an illustrated catalogue of Butterick's patterns. This is, no doubt, one of the most useful books a woman can have, since the numbers of the patterns, the sizes, and the prices are all given there, but if every lady who sees the "ad" should ask for a book Mr. McKay will need a large edition to supply the demand.