PROGRESS.

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NAMED AS REFORMERS.

THE TICKET SUGGESTED FOR THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Count Robert Visart DeBury Named as Mayor and a Number of More or Less Known Common Folks as Aldermen-A Wild Break For Tax Reduction.

The Tax Reform Association started out well, with a programme for civic reform which commended itself to the majority of the citizens.

that first proposed by PROGRESS as long ful as a surgeon, is neither a practical busiago as 1890, and referred to in these columns at occasional intervals since that time. The people had thus been to a certain extent educated to it when the T. R. A. adopted it.

The salient points of the plan as to the reduction of the size of the council and in theory, and can be made effective in practice if the right course is taken. If, however, the T. R. A. show no better judgment in the selection of candidates than | Prince. is evidenced by the choice of the executive on Wednesday night, the history of the "people's party" which once nominated Mr. Charles W. Weldon for mayor seems likely the twenty five present. One of these is to be repeated.

Some of the leaders of the T. R. A. who attended Wednesday night's meeting were in a state of mind on Thursday. They had supposed they were "in executive session" and that the proceedings would be kept from the curious of the outside public, but some of the delegates gave the snap away so badly that the nominations were the current topic on the streets early Thursday eye to the mayor's chair for some years morning.

"I thought I had a big enough mouth," said one of the members, "but some men don't seem to know when to hold their tongues. They seem to have been running around to day with their mouths open at an angle of ninety degrees."

"What is the idea of having any secrecy

bill does not become law and the ward is entitled to two aldermen. Alds. Shaw and White are ignored in

this calculation. So is Ald. Barnes in Kings where it is proposed to run E. G. Kaye, a young man of excellent character who has yet to gain his experience in civic

affairs-and in the running of elections. In Queens, not only is Ald. McLauchlan ignored, but T. Nisbet Robertson, a strong candidate, thoroughly experienced in civic affairs and with a clean record, is put aside The plan in its essential good points was in favor of Dr. Daniels, who however skillness man nor one who has ever been dreamed of in connection with civic affairs. A really good selection has been made in the choice of James Reynolds for Prince.

He has often been named in the past, but has never been willing to run. It is quite possible that he may not want to be a candielection by the citizens at large are sound date now, especially if he thinks the rest of the T. R. A. nominees have any chance of being elected. As an alternative, or running mate, Ex-Ald. Knodell is named for

> The West End had not a strong delegation at the meeting. So far as can be learned it consisted of just two men out of said to have come in response to a note asking him to be present and "bring a friend." He did so. Both of these delegates were connected with one of the men

they nominated as a reform alderman. In addition to the junior alderman for Guys, ex-alderman Baskin has been selected as an alternative for that ward. Mr. Baskin has been reported as having had an

past, but the T. R. A. want him back in the council first. Ald. Smith, who is a quiet but earnest member of the council is ignored.

In Brooks ward, ex-alderman Lockhart, who is already in the field, is recognized as a good choice, while ex-alderman Stackhouse, who was the lowest of four when

THE SOCIETY AFTER THE SCALP OF DR. HUTCHINSON.

American staff of Physicians and Surgeons -How the "Doctor" was Registered-He Things.

A "DOCTOR" IN TROUBLE.

Dr. Hutchison, of the so-called British America staff of surgeons is in trouble. The medical society is after his professional scalp with a sharp knife. The "doctor" is not a native of St. John, though for some months this winter he was a resident of the city, and walked the streets with a high hat and a cane proportionate to his six teet of stature. The first time PROGRESS saw him,

prospecting was his vocation. He was looking around in company with another gentleman from Upper Canada who had some business with newspaper offices. Incidentally Dr. Hutchison at that time inquired the price of ' pure reading matter " advertising in the newspapers, and remarked that be never advertised in any

other way.

That was the last heard of him for some time. He went on through the provinces trying to find a suitable place to locate, and finally one fine morning returned to this city and paid the newspapers another call. This time he brought his "pure reading matter" with him and very soon the following seductive notice appeared in the newspapers:

THE BRITISH AMERICAN STAFF OF PHYSICIANS AND

Services first three months free. The British American staff of Physicians and Surgeons, who have so long enjoyed unparalleled success in the principal cities of the continent, cured thousands of cases of male and female weakness, catarrh, catarrhal deatness, shin diseases, etc., where others have failed, have opened a permanent office in St. John, at No. 24 Wellington row. All invalids who visit these specialists before Nov. 1st, will receive services for the first three months irce. All forms of chronic

diseases are treated, but no incurable ones accepted. The doctors will examine you carefully and thor-oughly, free of charge, and if incurable will frankly and kindly tell you so, also advise you against spending your money for useless treatment. spending your money for useless treatment. Remember it costs nothing to consult these special-ists, therefore the most humble in circumstances can avail themselves of their professional experience. The St. John office is permanent, but FREE SER-VICE ENDS Nov. 1st. Call at once if you wish to consult them, as their parlors will be crowded during

the layer of dirt remaining on top was fully as hard to pull the cars over as bare ground. Two horses were unable to do the work and four were asked to do it Sunday night and Monday. Then it became too tough even

Representative of the So-called British for them and the cars on bob sleds went into summer quarters, while the only repres-Will be called up to Explain Certain entatives of the line on the route are two old-fashioned wheelers on the Main street and one on the Paradise row. The Company, however, is by no means idle, and by the time the sun and rain have conquered the ice, the new cars to be driven by electricity will be on the route. The necessary machinery is all in the station and in position. It will be in splendid working shape when everything else is ready.

NINETY CENTS A DAY.

The Sick Sailors Will Swell the Funds of the Public Hospital.

Since the government made up its mind to abolish the marine hospital and economise by placing all the sick sailors in the general public hospital at 90 cents per day, that institution has not been forced to discharge many of the tars.

Early this week PROGRESS was informed that none of the sailors who went out of Waterloo street were well enough to be discharged, and the chances were that each and every one of them would be as sound as a nut and ready to ship for South Africa or anywhere else when the hospital commissioners got through with them.

According to the new arrangement th general public bospital commissioners receive 90 cents a day from the government for looking after a sick sailor. When the new arrangement began some weeks ago there were 26 patients, and when PROGRESS made inquiry a few days ago the number had not decreased !

Probably the dominion government made the best bargain possible, but a comparison of the rate paid for the sailors and that given to private patients, inclines one to think that the commissioners will come out

HE HAS WON THE PRIZE. A FREDERICTON MAN LEADS THE

LIST OF "PROGRESS" POETS.

His Verses Take the First Place Because They Are Natural and Pointed-Some Writers of Genius Who Are Entitled to More Than a Passing Mention.

After an examination of the original verses published in PROGRESS from Jan. 21 to those which appeared in the issue of the 4th of February, entitled "The Old Copy Drawer." The author is Alex. Heron, of the Herald office, Fredericton.

The grounds on which the award is made are that the lines are not only rythmical and with what may be called an easy "swing," but that the idea is good and the description true to life. The lines have nothing strained or stilted about them, but tell a story in the most natural manner possible. some of genuine worth, which aimed higher It may be that some of them aimed too high. peared in the same number as did "The scalp renovator and hair tonic. Old Copy Drawer" and was entitled "Separation." It had a peculiar grace of expression and beauty of idea, but there seemed a lack of completeness about it. It

was as if it had been begun and carried to a certain point carefully and well, but resumed later with a different feeling, so that the idea running through it at the first was not carried to completion. Something appeared to be needed to make the connection more clear to the average mind. It may be that the author may supply what is wanting, and when this is done she will have a really graceful and finished poem. Even as it is, so far as "poetry" is concerned it stands on a much higher plane than "The Old Copy Drawer," but it is not "the best original poem" in the

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Board of Works Danny ...

hoped they would be far enough apart. Mr. Tufts smiled in a ghastly sort of a way at this sally, and some were under the impression that he did not think it much of a joke after all.

Mr. Tufts has been making a quiet and careful canvass. He finds hundreds of pecple who profess themselves eager to have the reforms which are laid down in his platform, but he is by no means relying on all to Feb. 25, the award of \$5 has been made these reformers to support him. If they vote as they talk, he is sure of a splendid following, but Mr. Tutts admits that it is not so easy to run a mayoralty election as it was to stand in an aldermanic contest.

Mayor Peters is looking his prettiest these times and is a very busy man. He has a great pull on all the other candidates from the fact that his official presence is eagerly sought and cheerfully granted for all sorts of functions. One night he is regaled with a supper at which he has to The number of really meritorious poems make a speech, and another night he is submitted was not large, but there were found leading off in a quadrille at a social gathering. In the intervals he makes himself than that for which the prize has been given. | at home with the public generally, and even while he is out of sight of the oi pollai, he One poem, in particular, may be mentioned is still to the front in the press as the as showing unmistakable genius. It ap- eulogist and champion of the virtues of a

> If the T. R. A. carry their point, the elections will be postponed. Otherwise, there remain only three weeks in which the candidates can hustle.

And the Reform candidate is still to be heard from.

WHERE THE LADIES GO.

Complete Outfits For The Toilet Table-Rare and Delicate Perfumes.

Madame Ramsdell's Establishments in this city and Halifax, have been spoken of in PROGRESS before, but not in any descriptive way. The announcement of Mr. Ramsdell who conducts the store in this city, on the fifth page, show that greater attention is being paid to many necessaries of the toilet room than ever before. The list of goods given there, while not complete in any degree, shows the great variety of the assortment, and the rare nature of some of the perfumes in stock. It is hardly necessary to say that the store is situated on Charlotte street but a few doors from the corner of King. In exterior appearance it compares very favorably with hair-dressing establishments in larger cities; and the excellent taste displayed in making the windows attractive, is but an indication of the neat and striking arrangement of the goods within. In the rear is the reception room, handsomely furnished, and cheery in every respect. Here the hair-dressing, cutting and shampooing are done; while still further in the rear is the workshop. Mr. Ramsdell claims that his stock of perfumes is more complete than any he has ever had; that more of the rare French odors are represented; and that they are better, and in every respect more saleable. His toilet waters, powders, and soaps, correspond to the perfumes; and ladies will thus be able to secure a complete line of the most delicate odors. To speak in detail of everything in the store is not possible in this space-a visit to it will more than repay all interested.

in the matter?" he was asked.

"The idea was that the names would not be made public until it was known whether the men who were named would accept a nomination. If any of them did not accept, the men we went to later would think they ought to have been the first choice. Anybody would suppose that the men who were at the meeting would have had sense enough to see this without having to have an oath of secrecy administered to them."

The indignant member was quite right in assuming that many men would take it as no compliment to be a second choice after some of the names decided on at that meeting. If the T. R. A. is enlisted under the standard of Reform, it seems to have strayed a long distance from its barracks in a search for some of the candidates.

The gentleman nominated for mayor is Count Robert Visart DeBury, who is said to require a few days for consideration before accepting. The count is a gentlemen of means and leisure who has taken a good deal of interest in North End affairs. He was once a candidate for mayor in the old city of Portland and was defeated by Mr. Sturdee, who is another of the candidates in this contest. It may be that the Count has since then developed a new strength, but if so it is not apparent to the ordinary observer. Why he should be selected as the representative reformer of the united cities may be more clear to the nominees than to the public, and should he accept the nomination the chances are pretty safe for some other man's election. The Count may be just the man for the place, but there has been nothing to show it yet, and the people are not hankering after the nobility in civic government.

Under the supposition that the bill will become law, the T. R. A. has nominated one alderman each for the thirteen wards and two to run at large. The latter are Ald. McCarthy, an excellent choice, and Edward Sears, jr., a former alderman and the author of a number of newspaper letters on the decline and fall of economy in municipal administration. Were all the ticket as good as these two men there would be

The supposition was that a good many many hundreds, if not thousands of withstanding the duty, they find this diffi-Charlotte. mayor of St. John for the next year. of the present council would be omitted people will no doubt avail themselves cult. The Press associations of the United About the New Year he disappeared and Should Count De Bury accept the nominafrom the programme of the T. R. A., and of the chance to look through the medical society thought that all their States, which issue stereotype plates for tion of the T. R. A., Mr. Sturdee's chances it were desirable to nominate a member of the majority of them are. Apart from Commercial Establishment, modern in newspapers, employ the very best literary trouble had been in vain but the papers will not be so good. A good many people the executive. all he would have to do in Ald. McCarthy, the only members of the every respect, the like of which has never talent that can be procured, and furnish and reports were carefully filed away in are under the impression that on whichorder to be eligible would be to resign. board put forward as reformers are Ald. been erected in this city for years. The their customers with original matter in case he did return. When the announceever end of the ticket Mr. Sturdee is found Blizard-who unquestionably has never building, engravings of which have already ment appeared in the newspapers that he connection with the selected miscellany. at the close of the poll, he will be nearer originated an extravagant measure-Ald. been prepared by PROGRESS Engraving This latter work is not done merely with was to return this week the information to Mr Peters than are any of the other Bureau, and will appear in a later issue is Lewis, who has become a reformer very scissors and paste-pot as formerly, but | was made out and on Wednesday a new he could not drive a coach and four. candidates. suddenly, Ald. O'Brien and the junior an ornament to the street and the city, and special editing is given to it, with the caller rang the bell of the doctor's office. a fitting monument to the enterprise of the Apropos of this Mayor Peters made a alderman for Guys. All of these, result that there has been a marked im- He was a constable, not a patient, and he firm and the business that demanded its A New Feature in Insurance. point on Mr. Tufts at one of the numerous with the probable exception 0 provement in the quality of the matter. | called upon the representative of the British | erection. The Semi-Centennial year of the Mutual functions, social and fraternal, His Worship Ald. O'Brien will be likely to accept the no-Still, "plate" will always be "plate" so | America staff of Physicians and Surgeons has been attending of late. The chairman | Life Insurance Company introduces to the Their Condition is not Healthful. mination, and of at least one of them-Ald. long as the public can recognize the differ- in this city to explain certain things before had humorously referred to the fact that public two new forms of insurance, viz: The parents of the boys who attend the Blizard-it may be truthfully said his apence in its appearance from the rest of the the medical council in this city on the 11th two candidates were present, but as they | The "Continuous Instalment Policy," and Grammar School are complaining greatly pearance, manners and conversation will do letter press. To be nearer their customers, day of April next. were at opposite ends of the table they the "Five per cent, Debenture." The concerning the sanitary condiiton of the no discredit to any body. The proposition the Central Press Agency is about to start were kept well away from each other. Company under the Instalment Policy really building. Two of the masters have been Too Tough for the Street Railway. of the T. R. A. is to nominate Ald. O'Brien the manufacture of "plate" in this city. When it came the mayor's turn to speak, assumes the guardianship of the wife upon The street railway cars vanished this quite ill recently, it is said for no other for Wellington, where he might or might PROGRESS understands, in the office of the he said that while he and Mr. Tufts were the death of the husband and pays her ancause than this, and those parents who have week for the first time since they made their not be elected, whereas he has a pretty sure Sun Publishing Company. The work to be appearance in St. John. The clerk of the inspected the apartments have but one op- far enough apart then he hoped there would nually during her life the sum provided for W. Hawkesley Merrit is also named for Wellington, as an alternative to Ald. done here, will be simply mechanical, the editing and typesetting being done in Toronto, and the matrices sent here to be thing of it in Kings and is aware of the fact. weather was responsible wholly for the tem- inion regarding their condition. The mat- be a still greater distance between them on in the policy. The premium rate for this election day. He would not say which form of insurance is less than that charged would be ahead, he remarked, but he for the ordinary life policy. ed the ice and snow in the streets so that of the trustees at once. O'Brien, or as his running mate in case the stereotyped from.

the votes were counted last year, is not so good a choice. Ald. Baxter is left to fight his own battle outside of the T. R A. The choice of men in the North End.

generally speaking, is an improvement on the majority of the selections on the old city and Carleton. They are all new men-John H. Parks, and David Lynch, for Dufferin: Henry Maher and Henry Hilyard, for Landsdowne; T. Barclay Robinson, for Victoria, and Ernest H. Turnbull, for Stanley. The T. R. A., do not appear to have much of an opinion of the present members. It would be interesting to learn the opinions of the present members con-

cerning the T. R. A. There is a general impression that the ticket proposed by the executive of the T. R. A. might be wisely amended by striking out the majority of the names, and making a fresh deal. The weakness of it is that most of the old candidates on it are men who would never have got into the council by a vote of the whole city, while most of the new men are decidedly too new to be of much use.

The T. R. A. is likely to find a good many more people to agree with its theories than with its practices, if the selection of candidates is any indication. It is a pity that this should be. Reform is urgently needed, and it can be accomplished on the lines laid down, if the right kind of men are at the helm. It is quite safe to say, however, that the public will not accept a ticket chosen under the system, or want of system, so far developed. It does not appear to have represented much of anything in the way of popular sentiment, and judging from some of the names on the ticket the outside wire-puller has had a pretty soft snap.

If the T. R. A. wants to gain power and command the attention of the people it will have to go to work in a little better way the next time.

A New Manufactory.

The Central Press Agency of Toronto, which supplies many Canadian papers with plate matter, is trying to push trade in the maritime provinces and persuade maritime publishers to use the Canadian plate to the exclusion of the American article. Not-

the latter days of free service. Head office: 272 Yonge street, Toronto. Hours: 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Sundays, 10 to 3. All correspondence punctually answered.

According to this advertisement the new concern was a purely philanthropic one, with officers all over Canada. The St. John office was a new departure for the

benefit of the afflicted in this city. But Dr. Hutchison had taken the precaution before hanging out his sign, of interviewing the medical registrar and procuring from him the necessary certificate of registration. This he was able to do by

means of certificates, which the medical council now claim not to be what they were represented. In other words they are of the opinion that they are not properly signed. When making application for registration Dr. Hutchison made affidavit to their correctness, and, of course, will be called

upon to prove what he swore to. Once registered he issued the above advertisement, which certainly came in the nature of a surprise to the medical men of this city. The officials of the society

began to make inquiries at once, in other cities of Canada, and the reports forwarded fo them, opened their eyes to the true state of the case. 'The "doctor" was wellknown in almost every place they made inquiry, and there was a wonderful agreement in the reports.

By this time, however, the doctor finding business difficult to push in this healthy place, resorted to an old dodge and headed his notice with the following :

For the benefit of the afflicted who have been turned away owing to our inability to attend to all, and for those who may yet wish to consult us, we have decided to extend the term of FREE SER-VICES until Dec. 25th inst.

In other words he proposed to give a Christmas box to all his patients. It the truth was known he would probably be the only receiver of Christmas boxes, for which he advertised his consultations tree. The poor dupes that consulted him found that his medicine was rare and precious stuff for which they paid dearly.

And yet notwithstanding the rush of business, Dr. Hutchison found more time than ever to enjoy walking the streets. His portly form could be seen almost any time of day on the thoroughfares of King or

If a person is ill and wants to go to the hospital he or she can procure a good private room, board and attendence for \$7 per week. That is one dollar per day. The sailors probably get just as good attendance as the private patient, but there is more money in them in one ward at

\$6.30 a week than in the other at \$7. When asked about the report that the sailors appeared to like the atmosphere on the hin so much that none of them had been discharged yet, one of the commissioners smiled and remarked meditatively, "Ninety cents a day."

THEY COST A PRETTY PENNY. Any Man Can be a Publisher With a Type

Among the commercial men who visited St. John this week, was Mr. Flint, of Montreal, who represents the Canadian patent owners of one of the improved type-setting machines. Naturally enough, Mr. Flint was enthusiastic over the advantages of the machine composition, and carried many pamphlets and papers to prove his statement. It is the boast of many an old printer, publisher, and editor, that he never used to bother committing his thoughts to paper when in a rush, but would let his mind keep time with his fingers which produced his thoughts ready for the press.

task: the man who can learn to manipulate a type-writer, will not find it more difficult to strike the keys of his type-setting machine; and as the letters fall into place by a truly ingenious contrivance, the words of each line stand out clearly indicated on the side of the matrices, and by keeping his eves on composing copy and result, an expert operator makes but few errors.

The morning dailies of this city were talking of introducing the type-setting maehines, but so far, have not done so. Those who have made the estimate, state that four would be required for each daily. As the machine costs \$3,000 each, it can easily be seen that much saving will be necessary to warrant their purchase.

"At Home" ToDay,

Macaulay Bros & Co., announce the anything like the vote John A. Chesley little ground for criticism, but it is not. opening of their new building today, and took in the dominion election he will be the

contest, from the fact that, aiming high, it is subject to more rigid criticism than most others, and fails to fully satisfy the requirements of its class. It is quite clear, however, that "Atropos" has the poetical instinct in a high degree.

So in the case of other verses of special merit, they were in some instances not unworthy of magazine prominence, and it is no reflection on the ability of the writers that one unpretending ballad has been preferred before them.

Some of the verses published were rather below the mark, but it may be some consolation to their authors to learn that they were selected out of a large pile of very much inferior efforts.

It is quite possible that some verses sent for the February competition may stand a chance in the competition for March, as a number of them have not vet been published, but will be reached in due order. The conditions of the competition for March and April are of course similar to those for February, and this means that there are practically no conditions. It would be better, however, for all writers to use other signatures than their own names, it being understood that the latter will be disclosed only when the owners are winners of prizes.

NOT COUNTING "THE DARK HORSE."

The Three Candidates for the Mayoralty and How They Feel.

The most confident man in the contest tor the mayoralty is Hon. Thomas R. Jones, who has figured out his election on premises which he thinks can hardly be himself as sorry for the others who are deluding themselves with false hopes as to the result of the fight. Mr. Jones has been to speak advisedly on the subject, and there can be no doubt he is working pretty hard. | fect :

Mr. Sturdee is making a close and vigorous personal canvass and has some good workers enlisted on his side. The elements which might combine to make him the leading candidate were pointed out when his name were first mentioned. If he can take

ONE WAY OUT OF IT.

It Is a Queer Resolution that Cannot Be Broken if Necessary.

At a recent meeting of the Tax Reform Association, a resolution was moved by Mr. Greany, and carried, that no member of the executive be a candidate in the civic overturned. He is reported as expressing elections. Close upon the heels of this came the nomination of vice-president the Count De Bury as well as of Mr. Knodell, who has been active in the work of reform. over the ground often enough in the past A member who was asked how this had happened gave an explanation to this ef-

> The matter, he said, had been mentioned at the meeting and the supposition was that it was merely to be an understood thing, which the executive would feel bound to abide. Mr. Greany, however took a notion to put it as a motion, and was declared carried. The executive did not feel bound by the vote, and anyway, there was no law to compel them to abide by it. In any case, he added, it

It was the great reformer, Daniel O'Connell, who once remarked that he would like to see an act of parliament through which.

Under the new method this will be no hard