

AS AN ACADIAN THINKS.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICES IN THIS PROVINCE.

Why the French Have Failed to Secure the Recognition They Claim—A Correspondent's Opinion of Where the Blame Lies—The Remedy Suggested.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS:—You discussed with great plausibility in a former issue of PROGRESS the chances of the different aspirants to the lieutenant governorship of New Brunswick. Notwithstanding the entire absence of Acadian representation from this province in the Commons at Ottawa, you were still generous enough to mention our influence as an element to be contested with.

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Receiving his fare and placing his customer's valise beside him on the doorstep, he drove wisely off, while the delegate rang the bell, and informing the neat maid servant who answered it, that he was expected, stepped into the hall, valise in hand, and requested her to take his card to her master and tell him he had arrived.

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but just, that, as you put it, "the big plums be more evenly divided among representatives," and in order that it be accomplished let them put forward no protestant candidate to the governorship, and the division in the catholic ranks as to the man will not prevent one of their faith being named. Until they advocate by the nomination of catholic candidate for positions which they admit our numbers give us a right to expect, I will not hold them blameless if we fail.

SELF CONFIDENCE AND CULTURE.

Two instances from which the Public may Draw their Conclusions.

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"Get out of my house sir," shouted the clergyman hotly, I tell you I don't know you I never heard of you and I want you to go at once sir, do you hear sir? at once!"

There upon the now thoroughly alarmed visitor began to retreat, the clergyman assisting him by putting the valise on the door step after which the door was closed with a bang. The unhappy delegate was left to pick himself up as best he could, shoulder his valise and hunt up the nearest hotel, a sadder and a wiser man, as regards the courtesy and hospitality of the St. John clergy.

But his disappointment did not prevent him from attending a prayer meeting at the congregational church that evening, and while the services were proceeding, the delegate who had met with so unfortunate an adventure, turned to a member of the congregation and inquired the name of the brother who was then speaking.

"Oh that is our pastor, Rev. Mr. S." was the answer

"Impossible!" said the delegate emphatically, the memory of his late experience so fresh in his mind that he was sure he should recognize Brother S. if he met him on the summit of the North Pole. "I know Brother S. I saw him this evening."

DISCUSSING A DEAD POET.

An Admirer of Shelley Objects to a Recent Review in "Progress."

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS:—"Why we should be called upon, after a period of over seventy years to drop a tear for Shelley or any one else, I am at a loss to understand. As to the misuse of the word "Elegy" for "Eulogy" in the next sentence, I presume it is a misprint.

I will not dwell upon the very obvious inadequacy of the criticism of "Ave" but will pass on to the mis-statements concerning Shelley's life, and his ideas of what life should be. I admit that his passionate and "compassionate" heart led him where "less gilded" but more self-interested (I take the liberty of substituting "self-interested" for "respectable") people would be likely to venture. That he married an unsuitable wife against the advice of all who had his welfare at heart, and then basely deserted her is erroneous.

The idea of marriage with Harriet Westbrook had not occurred to Shelley, until she threw herself upon his protection and begged him to remove her from a home which she represented as hateful to her. In an impulse of Quixotic chivalry he responded to her appeal and gave her the only release in his power. That he did so reluctantly is amply proved. I refer the critic to Dowden's life of Shelley (should he chance to have heard of the existence of such a work) pages 168 to 174. On the latter page Shelley's letter to his friend Hogg explains the situation. To his own undoing Shelley married Harriet Westbrook on August 28th, 1811 at Edinburgh.

The united ages of bride and bridegroom made thirty-five. That Harriet proved unsuitable is not to be wondered at. That Shelley basely deserted her is false. Less than a month before Harriet went to Southampton with her sister Eliza, Shelley procured a license for the ceremony of re-marriage according to the rites of the church of England, which marriage was duly performed. That he sought reconciliation with Harriet after she left him, and begged her to return to him is not disputed. While affairs were in this state Shelley met Mary Godwin. It was not until after Shelley had become convinced of Harriet's unfaithfulness to him that he went to the continent with Mary. After two years came the news of Harriet's suicide, her desertion by the lover with whom she had consorted herself after the loss of Shelley is probably more accountable for this step than her separation from the poet. Shelley did not consider himself free from the moral restraints which bound less brilliant people. He claimed for all mankind the same freedom from conventional bonds that he claimed for himself. He believed that marriage should last while mutual love remained. That this principle acted upon, the world over, in the present state of affairs would be unpracticable, however agreeable it might be to the mis-mated, goes without saying. That Shelley was an undutiful son is open to question. His disagreements with his father arose from Sir Timothy insisting on precisely those conditions with which it was impossible for his son to comply.

One cannot but sympathize with the vexation and bewilderment of a respectable country gentleman of kindly heart, irritable temper, and not too perspicacious brain, to whom the Fairy Mab had assigned such a son as Bysshe. The tirade beginning "Shelley's breast was not only devoid of compassion for those having the nearest claim upon him, but his reckless brutality and utter disregard of the feelings of all but himself made love in his hands not a rapt evangel to assuage all wrong" but a fiery curse to scorch and consume all upon whom its baleful eye lighted," etc., etc., can only be the utterance of presumptuous ignorance. "The baleful eye of a fiery curse," above alluded to is a soaring flight of rhetoric that most minds will fail to grasp, my own among the number. It sounds like something out of a dime novel; what it means I leave to a more perspicacious brain to discover. The critic seems to have no conception of love beyond that between the sexes. I venture to say that Professor Roberts had no such limited vision when he wrote the lines "Thou on whose lips the word of Love became A rapt evangel to assuage all wrong."

Shelley's deep and abiding love for his true and tried friends (witness his magnanimity to Hogg after his confession of love to Harriet, then Mrs. Shelley), and for all humanity which he sought to enable, is too well known to need comment. His devotion to Mary Godwin, and the fact that he filled her life with happiness proves that this "fiery curse" did not "scorch all upon whom its baleful influence lighted." I again refer the critic to Dowden's life which contains the tender picture of Shelley's ideal wanderings through Europe with Mary, up to the time of the tragedy in the Bay of Spezia. His love for his children, for Mary then his lawful wife, for his Lares and Penates is therein set forth upon indisputable authority. That Shelley was without faults I do not claim, but for the manfully incompetent critic to deliver a judgment on the question of his faults or virtues, is to take an unpardonable liberty with the illustrious and illuminated dead.

A STUDENT OF SHELLEY.

Cover Nova Scotia and Vancouver. One of the firms in the maritime provinces who can always be relied upon to be well up to the times is Messrs. Dunlap, Cooke & Co., of Amherst. The reputation of this concern for their custom made clothing was established some time ago and their customers can be found not only in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia but as far west as Vancouver, where their trade was so full of promise that some time ago they determined to establish a branch in that city. The success of it has been simply the success of the parent house in Amherst. They have also branches in Nova Scotia which are equally prosperous. Within the past year or two the firm has gone quite extensively into the manufacture and sale of furs. This was brought to the attention of the readers of PROGRESS early in the winter by an attractive announcement of theirs which appeared on the seventh page. There are some well known fur houses in Canada, and one or two in Montreal and

Quebec advertise so generously that up to this time they have secured a considerable portion of the made to order trade in the maritime provinces. This year Messrs. Dunlap, Cooke & Co., were their competitors in this direction, and their previous reputation assisted them to secure a splendid trade in their new departure. Mr. Cooke the junior member of the firm is now in the west securing choice furs for their next year's business. PROGRESS is glad to record their success.

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Mr. Geo. H. McKay has bought the stock of Messrs. Welsh, Hunter & Hamilton (now dissolved) for \$6,000 spot cash. The stock was valued at \$11,000 and Mr. McKay promises the public the benefit of his great bargain. It is hardly necessary to say that the goods will be sold for cash. It is perhaps by this Mr. McKay stands or falls and the success he has made of it so far is encouraging others to follow his example. The stock will be sold at the old stand of Messrs. Welsh, Hunter & Hamilton and will indeed go with a rush.

THE DOMINION SAFETY FUND LIFE ASSOCIATION.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association was held yesterday at the head office. The following was the auditors' statement of the financial position of the association:

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Value of stocks, bonds, debentures and other securities owned by the association, Agents' and other ledger balances, Accrued interest, Office furniture, Cash in bank. Liabilities include Safety fund, Outstanding claims, Re-insurance reserve, Premiums paid in advance.

GENTLEMEN,—We have examined the books and accounts of the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association to 31st December, 1892, and beg to report that the above statement is a true and correct exhibit of the position of the association.

The books of the association are accurately kept; vouchers for all expenditure were exhibited and every opportunity and assistance in a careful inspection and rigid scrutiny was given us by your secretary in our work as auditors.

We are, sir, your obedient servants, R. WHITESIDE, Auditor of Municipality.

J. H. McROBBIE, J. C. MACINTYRE, Policyholders.

Comparing the above exhibit with that of the previous year a considerable increase in financial strength appears, viz.: 1891, total assets, \$66,727.75; total liabilities, \$25,571.61; surplus, \$41,156.14. 1892, total assets, \$73,542.50; total liabilities, \$19,773.39; surplus, \$53,769.11. The surplus to policyholders is now \$26,546.84, being relatively greater than that of any other company in Canada, while the premium rates of the association are more economical to the public than those of any other licensed company. The association and its policyholders are to be congratulated on the above results.

The following were re-elected directors: J. deWolfe Spurr, president; W. H. Thorne, John McMillan, J. T. Steeves, M. D. C. W. Weldon, Q. C. Thos. Temple, M. P., D. Allison, L. L. D.

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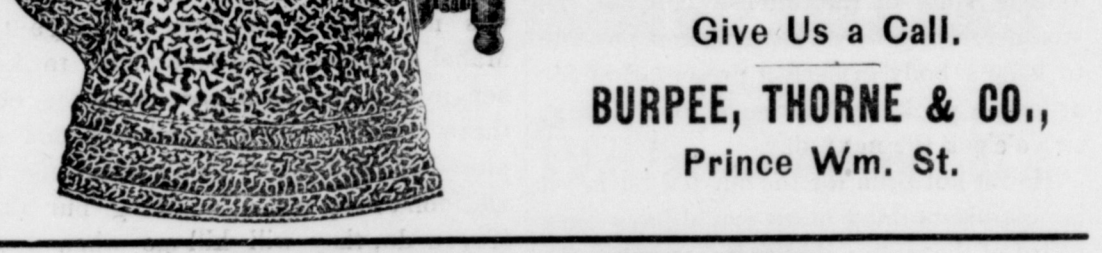


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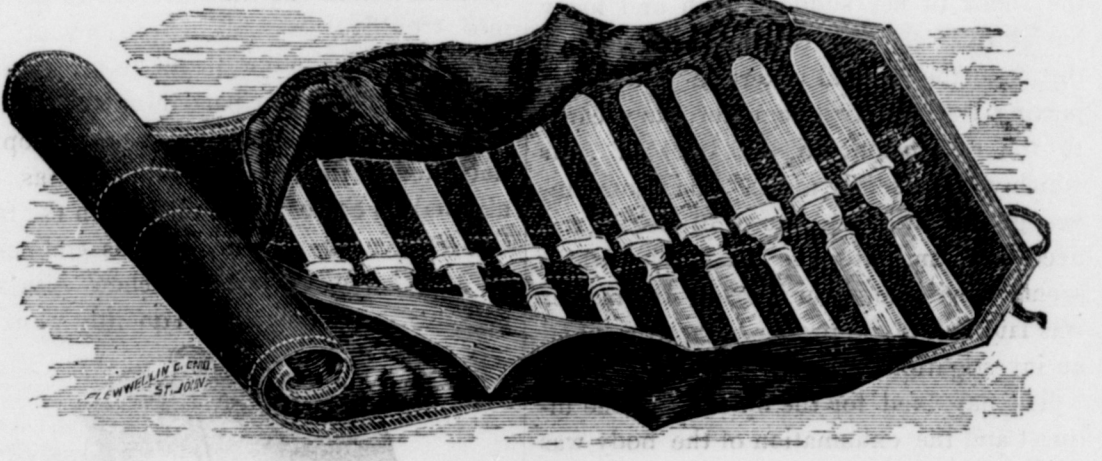


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