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## BACK FOR A THIRD TERM.

### MAYOR PETERS GETS THERE WITH A VERY LARGE MAJORITY.

Some North End Aldermen Take a Back Seat in Their Own Wards—How It Was the Other Candidates Did Not Get a Larger Number of Votes.

Tuesday was a great day for Mayor Peters. He went into the contest smiling and came out of it more smiling still. Well he might do so, for he eclipsed all previous records and had a plurality of 927 over Mr. Sturdee and of 462 over Messrs. Sturdee, Tufts and Jones combined.

Yet for all that only about two thirds of the qualified voters went to the polls, while less than half of the total vote of the city, had all the taxes been paid, was polled.

The fight was an easy one, and that ease was largely the result of effective organization. The mayor had the advantage of being as it were in the top of a tree from which there was an effort to shake him down, while the others were trying to climb the tree, which was a much more difficult process. The majority of the people seemed to have the idea that apart from the anti-third-term theory, there was no particular reason why the present incumbent should be turned out to make room for a new man. There was, too, an idea that, in view of the works in hand and to be put in hand, it was not wise to swap horses while crossing the stream.

The fact that such a gain was made over Mr. Sturdee and the others is no indication of a want of popularity on their part. Hundreds of the personal friends of the others, who would have voted for them under other circumstances, supported Mr. Peters on this occasion. Very many recognized the valuable assistance of Mr. Jones in the past, for instance, but considering that he had no chance in this contest viewed the fight as between Sturdee and Peters and voted for the latter. The same may be said of many of the friends of Mr. Tufts, including the "solid temperance vote," which he did not get.

It is probable, too, that the past experience of Mr. Sturdee as mayor of Portland hurt rather than helped him, especially among the voters of the South end, while the fact that he was from the North end was sufficient of itself to kill his prospects in the West end. It may have been unjust to saddle on Mr. Sturdee the misfeasance of the Portland aldermen, for whose actions he was not responsible, but it seems to be the fact that the reputation of the old council is so well remembered that the majority of the electors still have a deep distrust of all who were connected with it. This may be grossly unfair in individual instances, but it appears to be the fact.

That the sectional feeling did not carry weight, however, is shown by the fact that Mayor Peters received a majority in every ward except Stanley, which is always expected to do something a little out of the usual in some way or other at election times. The North End aldermen who worked for Mr. Sturdee were in every other instance beaten by their opponents. Not the least remarkable, and it may be significant incident of the contest was the fact that Ald. Kelly was vanquished on his own stamping ground in Dufferin.

The same would have happened to Ald. McKelvey had he gone into an active day's campaigning in Prince, but he had business in Fredericton about election time and Ald. Nickerson had everything his own way.

So too had Ald. Baxter and Lockhart in Brooks, where they rolled up a proportionate majority greater even than was secured in Wellington, the mayor's own ward.

The day was one of surprises. Nobody had any idea that Mr. Peters would have so large a majority, and most people thought Mr. Jones would show a great deal more strength than he did. The latter realized his position early in the day, and announced to his friends that he was "not in it."

The aldermen had been so busy electioneering during the last week or two, that they have had no time to bother with committee work, and there was so little prospect of business, that the regular meeting of the council was not called for this week. In the meantime, the bill of the Tax Reduction Association has passed, and the people are to be called to vote on it next September. This is quite contrary to the predictions of one of the North End aldermen, who has been confidently asserting that the house would be prorogued before the bill passed. It will now be in order for him to predict that the people will vote against it. And so they will if he can have his way.

### An Idea That Was Rushed.

The programme of the Amateur Minstrels this time was a departure from ordinary affairs of that nature. Thirty portraits of the members of the organization were engraved in a group and printed as a frontispiece. When it is considered that the group includes the styles of a dozen photographers; that some of them had a background like a black-board and others like a cotton sheet; that some were possessed of "big heads" and others were

of a diminutive size; that the idea was late in arriving and the grouping artist, Mr. Connelly, and the engravers had to rush to get the plate ready Thursday morning, some idea can be had of the difficulties in the way of presenting a well printed programme for that evening. The engraving and printing were done by PROGRESS and the programme will make a good souvenir of the performances of 1893.

### ORDER OF FOME AND CONSTANTINE

#### The First Conclave in America Has Resumed Work in St. John.

The revival of the McLeod Moore Conclave of the Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, with the appendant orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist, in this city, is an important event in the masonic history of this country. The Order itself is of very ancient date and its authentic connection with Freemasonry is admitted by the most able critics in and out of the fraternity. Tradition dates its origin to A. D. 313, by Constantine the Great, after the battle of Saxa Rubra and the vision of the Cross, while both it and the Order of the Holy Sepulchre were revived among the Crusaders in A. D. 1099. Sober historical record traces it from A. D. 1190 under the eastern emperor Isaac Angelus Comnenus, and it remained in Commenian race until 1699 when the last scion of the race sold the dignity of Grand Master to the Duke of Parma. After that date Grand Crosses of the Order continued to exercise the privilege of conferring the Red Cross on men of eminence and worth, and in the eighteenth century an English branch came under the control of the most distinguished Freemasons of Great Britain. The first English Grand Master of the united orders was Lord Radcliffe, elected in 1796, and the Imperial Grand Conclave was organized a few years later. In the early part of the present century H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex was made Grand Sovereign ad vitam but after his death the orders were practically dormant until the revival of the Grand Conclave in 1865. In 1866, Lord Kenlis, now Earl of Bective, became Grand Sovereign. Since then the Grand Sovereigns have been Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and Sir Henry James, Earl of Euston, who now occupies the chair, with Baron de Ferrieres as viceroy. The Earl of Kintore and Marquis of Breadalbane are past Grand Sovereigns of the order for Scotland, and the Earl of Saltoun is the present Grand Sovereign.

In 1869, through the efforts of Hon. Robert Marshall, 33<sup>d</sup>, the order was introduced into this country, Mr. Marshall being named Intendant General for New Brunswick. He subsequently conferred the degrees on Col. McLeod Moore, who became Intendant General for Canada, exclusive of New Brunswick. McLeod Moore conclave was inaugurated in St. John, April 24, 1869, as No. 13 on the registry of England, and was the first on the continent of America. Conclaves were subsequently established in the upper provinces and later in the United States, where there are about 150 at the present time.

The number of Jubilee Conclave, England, is 150 on the roll on which McLeod Moore Conclave, the Premier Conclave of America, is No. 13, for the latter number has been expressly named in the warrant of confirmation recently granted by the Earl of Euston to replace the original warrant lost in the St. John fire of 1877. The patent to Hon. Robert Marshall, 33<sup>d</sup>, as Intendant General has also been specially confirmed, and he has been named in it as Sovereign of McLeod Moore Conclave, with Robert W. Crookshank, 32<sup>d</sup>, as Viceroy. In addition to a number of old members, there has been of late an infusion of younger material, though it is understood to be a body in which an increase of numbers is not the object, so much as to secure the right quality of material.

The officers for the current year are: Hon. Robert Marshall, sovereign; Robert William Crookshank, viceroy; John Alexander Watson, first general; William Bedell Wallace, second general; William Kilby Reynolds, high prelate; Frank Tufts, treasurer; William Alexander Ewing, recorder; Arthur Isaac Trueman, prefect; Charles McLaughlan, standard bearer; George Black Hegan, herald; Dingee Scribner, sentinel.

### The Small Boy's Conclusion.

At a recent reception at the residence of Mr. H. D. McLeod, King street east, a small boy got off a rather good joke. He was playing in the street when a wandering milkman came along. At the same time two carriages drove hastily up to the door of Mr. McLeod's residence, the blinds of which were closely drawn, and the occupants, a doctor and a minister jumped out and entered the door. The milkman stopped, looked and finally spied the small boy. "Say sonny" began his query, "what's the trouble here." The boy had evidently been considering the question, for his answer was prompt. "I don't know unless somebody is dead in there."

## ABOUT AS BAD AS CAN BE.

### THE ALLEGED ACCOMMODATIONS OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Work For the New Chairman of the Board—A Place Which Requires Attention Before the Cholera Gets to St. John—The Present State of Affairs.

It is understood that Mr. Charles W. Weldon is to be chairman of the board of school trustees, in the place of Mr. Henry J. Thorne, who has resigned after ten years of faithful service. Referring to the appointment, the Sun remarks that his career as an educational official begins auspiciously with the advent of women trustees.

Such a remark as this coming from such a source is neither wise, witty nor in good taste, but it is keeping with the spirit which sneered at Mr. Sturdee, in his defeat, by congratulating him on a majority in Stanley ward. It seems difficult for a party paper to look at anything save through the distorted lenses of mere party politics.

PROGRESS is not a party paper, and it has within a comparatively recent period spoken very plainly in regard to Mr. Weldon and his political ideas. It has also in the past had references to Mr. Sturdee, which were doubtless more amusing to the people than to him, yet it would be sorry to taunt him with his defeat in a conclave which he was fully justified in entering, nor whatever may be thought of the choice of Mr. Weldon would it riot ulc him as being an old woman. Mr. Weldon is a good citizen, who has much at stake in the city, and is entitled to at least common courtesy when mentioned in connection with a position which it is probable he neither sought nor desired.

There is no salary attached to the position. It is an office of honor rather than emolument, but it is also one in which the holder is liable to be bothered by all sorts of people at all sorts of times. There may or may not be an opportunity to bring about some needed reforms in school matters in St. John, but if Mr. Weldon wants to distinguish himself in this line he can do so within a hundred feet or so of his own doorway. The grammar school is just across the street.

It is situated in the Oddfellows' building, and the sanitary accommodation, in the language of a prominent citizen, would disgrace a Kafir settlement situated on the borders of Zululand. An examination of the premises shows that the language is pretty closely in accordance with the facts.

It is not easy to give the details of all the conditions which militate against health and decency in respect to the accommodation for the 140 boys who attend this school. If any citizen who is interested will take the trouble to go into the basement he can see—and smell—for himself. He should take a lamp with him so that he will not break his neck in descending the narrow stairway which goes down into this black-hole, and it would not be an unwise precaution to plug his nostrils with cotton wool and carry a bottle of disinfecting fluid. When he reaches the objective and objectionable point he will find the accommodations not only antiquated but wholly insufficient. The arrangements are such as to be offensive to the senses, injurious to health and opposed to common decency. There are no self-flushing appliances, and there are times when the sewer leading to the main sewer "backs up" and sends back its poisonous exhalations into the building. The arrangement seems to be about as bad as it can be, and there seems no easy way of making it much better.

A week or two ago an accurate test of the air in Mr. Devitt's room showed 22 parts of carbonic acid gas to 10,000 parts of air fit for breathing. This showed about three times as much poisoned air as there should have been, and this too in the face of the fact that the windows were open. There are 35 pupils in this room and 43 in the adjacent room occupied by Mr. Cox, but there is air space for about only half of this number.

The class-rooms up stairs have about twice the number of pupils for which there is air space. The ceilings are high, it is true, but there is a far from sufficient provision for ventilation. For lack of coat-rooms, the hats and overcoats of the pupils are hung around the walls, and when wet, as they very often are in winter, they continue to send out their exhalations until they are dried by the heat of the room. The provision for ventilation, if it may be called such, is wholly inadequate. In the summer, it is true, the windows can be opened, but in the winter the air surcharged with foulness is breathed over and over again, by the unfortunate teachers and pupils.

A citizen who spoke to one of the trustees about this school was told that he did not like the accommodations he could send his boy to some other school. There was no money to make the improvements, he added, but was not so emphatic on this point when reminded that the board had very recently had money enough to make an increase in teachers' salaries.

The school board has been a gainer to

the extent of thousands of dollars by the funds of the old grammar school, but the present grammar school accommodations are inferior to those of the old grammar school where the new chairman went when he was a boy.

All of which will show Mr. Weldon that he will have an opportunity to distinguish himself as a reformer.

### WILL YOU MOVE THIS YEAR?

#### If So, It Will Cost You Nothing to Let Your Friends Know It.

Last year PROGRESS proved as useful as a city directory as in other ways about the first of May, for it published a fairly complete list of the people who were moving and the places in which they would be found after the date in question. It is intended to carry out the same idea this year, and PROGRESS hopes that its city readers will again kindly assist in what is a really useful work.

The way in which assistance can be given with the least trouble to the giver and the office is by sending the information arranged in the following condensed form:

Do, John, 199 Horsfield, to 350 Broad.

It is not necessary to use the word "street," but if a "row," "avenue" or "place," the fact should be stated. As far as possible the numbers of the houses should be given, and especially of those to which removals are made.

Information sent by letter should be accompanied by the name of the sender, in order to guard against any attempt at hoaxes by mischievous and evil minded persons.

It is intended that the list shall be published in PROGRESS on the 29th instant, but it is desirable that the required information should be sent in as early as possible and not later than Wednesday the 26th.

### The First Pneumatic Writing.

Some correspondent writing from the country a few days ago spoke of a "first pneumatic sulky" being brought into the province. This seems to be a mistake for PROGRESS saw two sulkeys of this pattern in the warehouse of Messrs. Crothers, Henderson & Wilson more than a month ago. This firm is always up with the times. The latest patterns in carriages, the latest in sulkeys, can always be found there. Scores of horsemen have visited their warehouses and inspected the "pneumatics" and the chances are that not a few of them will find their way to local tracks this summer. An engraving of an open "Bangor" illustrates this firm's advertisement in this issue. The "Bangor" is one of the most comfortable open wagons made. There are many in use about St. John and their popularity shows no signs of waning.

### Carry Your Own Towels.

Travelers who go through the Union railway station in this city usually come to the conclusion that if it is a fair indication of the town, St. John is not a bad sort of place. The conveniences of the station are many, and dusty and car worn passengers could enter the spacious lavatories and indulge in a pleasant and comfortable wash and cold water brace. The marble basins are more elaborate than many a pretentious residence boasts of. But a change has come over the appearance of these pleasant spots of late, and the person who bathes before he looks around, finds out that the spirit of economy that has been shadowing the management of late, has also carried off the liberal supply of clean towels that hung upon the rollers, and hereafter passengers must carry their own complete toilet outfit.

### Haystead's Matinee Pony.

When Zera Semon comes around the public expect gifts by the score, and all the accompaniments of a variety show. They are not disappointed. They get just what they expect. But it is something new for a 50 cent show to offer a gift pony in order to draw a matinee crowd. This is the latest freak of Haystead, the manager of the Josie Mills Company, who gave away a pony to induce the school children to attend his matinee last Saturday. Fate is strange and the pupil who won the prize probably has not attended school since the school law of 1871 was passed. From good attendance last week the drop to very poor attendance this week was sudden. Did the variety feature break the spell?

### Officer Rankine's Literary Effort.

Probably the funniest bit of literature that the police force has to father, always excepting the chief's lectures, came from the pen of officer Rankine a few days ago, and appeared in a morning paper. His fearful and awkward attempt to "butter" the chief leads to the suspicion that "he has him on the list." To repeat a chestnut "he never would be missed."

### In Aid of the Blind.

Between forty and fifty young ladies are to meet at the residence of Lady Tilley, Germain street, St. John, on Saturday, April 15, at 3 p. m., to arrange for the doll's carnival and bazaar. This bazaar will be held in St. John on Thursday, June 1st.

## HE THREW THE STRAWS.

### HOW BILLY CAMERON OCCUPIED HIS LEISURE HOURS.

The Story of a Woman Who Thought Her Son a Lucky Boy When He Got His Sentence—The Missing Express Agent Hooper Is All Right.

"Billy" Cameron who was arrested this week, charged with passing counterfeit money has done nothing for years except walk the streets. He patronized the street cars when he knew the driver well enough to take liberties, and everyone who knew him had a suspicion that all was not well with him.

Long ago, the H. R., police gave him his walking ticket out of the station where the guillies hang around by the score.

Cameron was a countryman and knew more King and Queens county farmers than the majority of people who deal with them. Times were dull with him in cold weather and so he made the mistake of "touching up" poor old Isaac Oulton, who is known as the North End miser. Oulton's eyes are not as sharp as his wits and when he changed the money for Cameron he failed to note that the bills were all of defunct banks. In consequence Cameron now has apartments in the county jail where he will remain until the magistrates and judges are through with him.

Many persons who knew him used to ask him occasionally "Well Billy, what are you doing?" and his invariable reply was "Throwing straws against the wind."

"Throwing straws" does not appear to be a desirable or safe occupation.

### He Was a Lucky Boy.

Referring to the sentences passed under the speedy trials act, of which mention was made last week, it has been pointed out that the prisoner who beat his mother and was sentenced for three years got the full penalty the law allows. The other, who got four years for stealing, could have been imprisoned for fourteen years.

The story is told that the mother of the first named prisoner was very anxious to have him sent to jail instead of to Dorchester penitentiary, as none of the name had ever been in that institution. She tried to bring influence to bear on the judge to have this favor granted, but he, while sympathizing with her grief, could take no milder course than the law directed. The poor woman was in great distress about it, and, after the sentence had passed was telling her griefs to one of the policemen. He undertook to console her.

"Your boy will be better off at Dorchester than in jail," he said. "He has been sent up for three years, but if he behaves, as he always does when he is not drinking, he will have the sentence shortened six months. So, you see, he will only be away two years and a half, and when he is discharged he will get a present of a new suit of clothes and twenty dollars in money."

"Is it true that you're telling me? Will he get all that?" asked the mother eagerly.

"Yes, he will be sure to do so," was the reply.

"Ah, then, but he's the lucky boy!" exclaimed the woman, as she went away apparently delighted.

### He Is All Right.

It is hardly fair for the press or the public, to jump at hasty conclusions, when a citizen is absent for a few days, and make the place so full of absurd and groundless rumors, that a man might hesitate to return. PROGRESS has it on good authority that Mr. Hooper who went away openly enough, but neglected to publish the fact in the press, is in New York, and that a telegram sent to relatives in Fredericton, was to the effect that he was all right, and not to worry about him. Still, a man in his semi-public position owes enough to the corporation that employed him, and the reputation of himself and his family, not to take too long a trip, without making some preparations for the same.

### Three Great Band Performances.

A good portrait of the late Gilmore adorns the advertisement of that famous band in today's PROGRESS. Many readers of this paper will recognize the features of America's greatest band master and think of the rare enjoyment they have experienced at his concerts in large American cities. Gilmore is no more, but his band survives him and represents the result of his life-long labor. The seats for the three performances of next week are so well taken up that Saturday night is about the only date for which the majority of the chairs are not taken. There is to be a Saturday matinee for children.

### A Novel Idea.

A novel idea is that of Groder's. Men are now persuaded by their attractive circulars to wade in Groder's Syrup, to drink it before each meal and the last thing at night if it will make them walking examples of its worth and excellence. The conditions of the contest are set forth elsewhere and are worth reading. There are plenty of people in ill health who would give the price of scores of World's Fair

tickets if they could find their wanted vigor and health, and they should be more than willing to try and win both good health and passage money to the great attraction of the year.

### WHO CONTRIBUTED DONATIONS.

#### List of the Articles Offered at the C. C. B.'s Fair.

Almost unexpected success has greeted the efforts of the City Cornet band in their Columbian Fair. The attendance has been good and the receipts from the sale of tickets better than they hoped for. The list of donations is as follows:

Parlor suite, by hand; dinner set, 100 pieces, by Mother Augustine and Sisters of Charity; music stand, R. McCarthy; picture, D. J. Jennings; fancy flower stand, M. J. Higgins; Japanese table, Miss J. Dolan; painting, Miss H. Dolan; silk umbrella, Mr. J. Vassie; fire screen, Manchester, Robertson & Allison; barrel oysters, J. D. Turner; chair, Mrs. J. Conolly; picture, Mrs. D. J. Gallagher and Mrs. Grace; opera glasses, P. L. Quinn; porridge set, Countess DeBury; hat tree, Mrs. J. Murphy and the Misses Murphy; perfume stand, A. C. Smith & Co.; china tea set, Messrs. Cranly and Cullinan; black ebony gold-headed cane, Rev. J. J. O'Donovan; sideboard, Messrs. McDevitt, O'Neill and P. Higgins; fire screen, Miss McDevitt; hand painted sofa cushion, Miss Jennings; panel, Miss Dolan; bannerette, Miss Davis; light overcoat to order, Hazen Brown; silk hat to order, D. Magee's Sons; genuine briar pipe, T. Sweeney; pair gent's call boots to order, P. McMullin; shaving set, C. McLaughlan; hand painted sofa cushion, Miss J. Donohoe; chair rest, Misses Bardsley and Kelly; fire screen, Miss Ryan; fancy clock, Tremaine Gard; pickle stand, E. Harvey; lionomatie set, Joe Murphy; fancy tidy, Miss Dolan; sofa pillow, Miss Flood; Dickens' complete works, B. O'Brien; parlor lamp, Vince Maguire; sofa cushion and mantle drapery, Mrs. T. P. Whalen; sofa pillow and pin cushion, Miss M. Giffin; picture, T. O'Brien & Co.; butter cooler, Miss McManus; curtain poles, J. McManis; pair vases and pair tides, Miss L. Beck; handkerchief case, Miss Branford; bannerette, Miss Dwyer; hub steam cooker, Keenan & Rathford; tidy, Miss Cunningham; pair curtains, Miss McGrovy; picture, Mrs. D. Conolly and the Misses Conolly; pair whilk holders and tidy, Mrs. Newcombe; oyster set, Mrs. J. B. Travers; bannerette, Miss McCullough; handkerchief satchel, match case and chair rest, Mrs. C. H. Williams; sofa pillow, table cover and easel throw, Mrs. T. W. Peters; ink stand and paper knife, Mr. W. McCarthy; dra. pery, Miss Duffy; jewel cases, Miss Carey; pair curtain poles, W. J. Higgins, jr.; girls' gold watch, T. Cronin; sofa cushion, Miss Barnett; sofa cushion, Daniel & Robertson; cash donation, \$10.00, Mr. J. McGaffigan; cash donation, \$5.00, Mr. D. McCarthy.

A list of other articles not mentioned will be furnished next week, also all the donations to the refreshment table.

The fair will continue next week.

### The Minstrel Performances.

At the opera house on Thursday evening the Amateur Minstrels gave their first performance for the season, and as usual every seat was taken. Of the production PROGRESS has only space to say that it was an exceedingly satisfactory one with many novel features. Last evening the house was again crowded, and every one was happy. This afternoon there will be a matinee and as the admission is the same for adults and children there will likely be another large attendance. The little ones should not miss the march of the young Zulus in the latter piece. It is exceedingly well done.

### Wants a Rest for a Year.

Rev. J. C. Titcombe, of the church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, has asked the bishop to permit him to resign, so that he may have a rest for a year and be enabled to visit his home in England for a few months during that period. He has been seven years at Fairville, and during that time has seen the church and clergy house built and everything paid for. He feels now that he has earned a rest, and his health demands one. It is probable, however, that an arrangement will be made by which he will have the place supplied for a year without his resigning.

### Their Stock is Coming up.

A Halifax lady writes that she observes a marked improvement in the quality of the verse published in March over that of February—that is, for the most part. This is encouraging both to the poets and to PROGRESS for it implies there are still greater possibilities for the future. Only two weeks remain in which poems for competition can be published. Poets who have not yet come to the front should now spur up the lagging muse and come in with a spurt at the finish.

### Learning How To Wheel.

The Singer Cycle Academy conducted by St. John Cycle Company in the Palace Rink is instructing persons in the art of riding the wheel who, perhaps, never thought of doing so before. The sale of bicycles this year promises to be much larger than it has ever been since they were invented. The Academy is a very pleasant place to enjoy oneself, especially at this season when the roads are not in a condition for wheeling. Many old timers can be seen on the track in the rink getting into trim for the longer journeys they will take in the open air in the summer time.

### Clover Leaf Bologna.

Mr. John Hopkins, the well known victualler on Union street, is now pushing a new branch of bologna called the Clover Leaf. It has a most delicate flavor and is regarded by those who have tried it as being a superior article in every respect for family use.