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MAKING A START.

The Tax Reduction Association has made a beginning in the way of organization for the September campaign.

The taxes in the city are not so high this year as was expected, a fact due in part to the panic into which the unfaithful stewards were thrown by the earlier movement of the association.

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That something is needed is very certain. It is equally certain that nothing will be done unless the people who are anxious to have lower taxes give their help to bring about a reform.

UNEMPLOYED CLERGY.

A correspondent is anxious to know where he can find the statement credited to Archdeacon FARRAR to the effect that four thousand clergymen of the church of England are "out of employment."

Our correspondent, possibly, judges of England by the condition of affairs in this country, where the laborers are all too few for the ground to be covered.

hoped the majority of the "unemployed" are actuated by that idea, but the plain sense of Archdeacon FARRAR's words is that they are not regularly engaged in their vocation as vicars, curates or missionaries.

Our correspondent seems to doubt that many more of the clergy in England are miserably underpaid, but it seems to be unfortunately true. The latest Official Year Book is not at hand at the moment of writing, but that for the preceding year shows that the clergy distress funds are far from being unnecessary.

In the face of these and other official reports which could be quoted, our correspondent will see that a man is not always remunerated in proportion to what is in him, and this is notably true of the clergy not only in England, but elsewhere.

Just what is meant by the reference to minds "stocked with such furniture as the ritual of colors and positions" is not quite clear. It is scarcely to be questioned, however, that the most successful missionary work in the church of England, here and elsewhere, of recent years, is to be ascribed to the zeal of so-called "ritualists," and the impulse they have given to their evangelical brethren.

ABOUT BRITISH BEER.

Some of the friends of that excellent and time-honored institution, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, are annoyed because PROGRESS gave an extract from one of the society's publications, a handbook for Colonists in Canada.

It would probably take the tract committee of the S. P. C. K. some time to understand that there was anything improper in their advice, because they look at the matter through English eyes.

From an English point of view therefore, as well as from an "Anglican" standpoint, there seems no reason why the book should be considered as pernicious in its tendencies.

the two hundred and more erroneous statements of fact which appeared in the first edition of "Plain Reasons" were due to the maturation of beer, though from the nature of the errors such a contention would be manifestly absurd.

AN OPINION ON THE BALLOT.

Opinions change a good deal in half a century. A copy of the Quebec Gazette of 30th of March, 1838 has been handed to PROGRESS and in accordance with the news facilities of those times has latest dates from England up to the 24th of February, five weeks before.

When DANIEL O'CONNELL proposed the ballot, in the House of Commons, in 1830, it received only twenty one votes, and voting by ballot in English elections was not adopted until 1872, though the various provinces of Canada had it for many years before that time.

Elsewhere in this issue a Halifax correspondent tells why some of the officers of the 63rd Rifles are not happy. Just what ground they have for complaint is not made very clear by the letter.

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Will Leave Today.

Rev. J. C. Titcombe expects to leave by the Quebec express this afternoon, to take the steamer Vancouver at Rimouski. He will probably return to St. John before the end of the year.

The City Cornet Excursion.

The City Cornet Band Picnic and Excursion takes place on Tuesday. The Band and its friends will go to Moncton and give the usual excellent programme of sports and music.

The I. O. Foresters Convention.

The Foresters meet in this city next week when their great chief, Oronhyatekha will be with them. The programme includes an excursion up river, and the members in this city and province will do all in their power to give the visitors a good time.

A Ticket With a Suit.

Messrs. Scovil, Fraser & Co. are calling attention to their clothing this week by offering an Oddfellows' excursion ticket to Fredericton to any one who makes a purchase of \$10 from them.

PELHAM'S PARAGRAPHS.

This is August. The month named after the Roman Emperor Augustus. When it was called "Sextilis," in the pre-Julian Roman year, it contained only thirty days, but, when re-named after Augustus, another day was added, in order that Augustus might not appear in any way inferior to the great Julius, who had thirty-one days in his month of July.

It is a very pleasant thing in this warm weather to get out in the country and lie under the shade of a tree. There are a great many excursions and picnics to which people can go on week-days at little cost but the Sunday excursion, when conducted in a proper manner is an undoubted blessing to many who have six days and sometimes more of steady toil.

I visited the Bay Shore again during the fullness of the moon last week. The scene there was a beautiful one. I noticed that the editor of one of the daily papers seemed quite overcome by it.

The Mayor of Montreal seems to be something of a crank. After distinguishing himself by a most liberal and appropriate address to the Christian Endeavorers, he has turned about and stultified himself by refusing to receive or pay any attention to the Italian Admiral now visiting Montreal on the Italian war ship, "Etna."

In a "paragraph" in PROGRESS of 22nd of July, referring to the laying of the first successful Atlantic cable, I said "twenty-eight years ago" when I should have said, "twenty-seven years ago," and it seems that this cable was completed and laid, and connection made on 27th., July 1866, instead of 22nd., July.

Perhaps, after all, we are not so far ahead in electricity as we sometimes think. I read recently in a newspaper (and therefore, of course, the information must be correct) that a chair for electrocution had been unearthed at Pompeii and that it seemed much more perfect than those in use in the United States.

Making a Success of It.

Mr. W. C. Archibald, representing the Wolfville Land Improvement Co. Fruit Grower's Association, was in the city this week in the interests of this concern.

Taylor (to applicant for a job)—We want a good cutter. Have you had experience in tailoring?

The Calendar of the Ladies College of Sackville is out and presents the claims of that well known institution for public support. A splendid engraving of Mount Allison and its educational institutions

makes an attractive frontispiece while in the Art Department are three very handsome half tone engraving reproductions from views of the Owens' Art gallery which is now placed at Sackville.

AS TO INTONED SERVICES.

Another Correspondent has Something to Say on the Subject. TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: I am not one of the critics whom your correspondent "X" expects to fall upon and rend him, because it seems to me that such a letter is beyond criticism, both in its premises and conclusions.

August 1.—Rev. Mr. McKay was in town on Friday, visiting friends. The rev. gentleman is about moving to New Glasgow, where he intends making it his home for the present.

PRECENTOR.

Clergymen Out of Employment.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: In your issue of 29th inst., page 11, "News and Notabilia" you give a statement of Canon Farrar's to the effect that 4000 clergymen of the church of England "are out of employment."

Science Does not Worry Them.

The scientific man is very frequently represented to us as an individual of mean physique, but the figures recently quoted by Lord Kelvin at the anniversary meeting of the Royal Society show in the most unmistakable manner that the pursuit of science is in no way unfavourable to the prolongation of life.

Fully Qualified.

Taylor (to applicant for a job)—We want a good cutter. Have you had experience in tailoring?

Progress wishes to add three or four capable male or female composers to its force. Application should be made at once.

SHEDIAC CAPE.

Aug. 3.—At the last regular meeting of the Young Men's Club a committee was appointed to complete arrangements for an evening party and dance to be conducted, under the auspices of that organization.

Mrs. Hooper wife of Rev. E. B. Hooper of Moncton, and her sister, Miss Foster, are here this week, enjoying the invigorating sea breezes. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hamilton.

Mr. Harry F. Deal, of Boston, Mass., is spending his annual vacation here at the residence of his parents. It is many years since Harry has lived in the republic but he never fails to spend his vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Milner of Sackville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scovil this week.

Miss Bertha Welling, who has been visiting friends in Sackville and vicinity, returned home Tuesday.

Rev. J. Eastman Brown, of Moncton, is sojourning here this month.

Mrs. E. C. Cole and children, of Moncton, are spending a few weeks here at the residence of Mr. Alfred Wilbur.

BAIE VERTE.

August 1.—Rev. Mr. McKay was in town on Friday, visiting friends. The rev. gentleman is about moving to New Glasgow, where he intends making it his home for the present.

Mrs. Thomas Magee of St. John, is visiting friends in Baie Verte.

Rev. W. W. Hamilton of Bayfield, is visiting at Tidnish, before leaving for Chicago.

Messrs. George Thomas and Henderson of Moncton, have been here on a fishing trip.

Mrs. Rebecca Wood, who has been spending the winter in Boston, has returned. We are sorry to hear she is quite ill.

A combined picnic of Sunday schools, connected with the episcopal and Methodist churches, takes place at Fort Moncton on Wednesday.

Mrs. R. E. Black of Sackville, was in town on Monday.

Mrs. Bromell arrived from St. John on Monday evening.

SHEDIAC.

Aug. 1.—Mr. Cochrane of the "Peoples Bank" of Halifax is at present enjoying his holidays. Mr. Richey of Halifax is filling his place.

A very successful picnic in connection with the catholic church was held at Barachois on three days of last week. The sum of \$1,000 was realized.

Mrs. Copp and her daughter Mrs. Annie Copp of St. John former residents of Shediac are the guests of Mrs. Deacon, Spruce Villa.

Mr. W. C. Milner wife and son of Sackville are visiting at Mrs. H. A. Scovil at Shediac Cape.

Among the visitors in town the last few days I noticed Misses Fairweather, Frost and Commenau of St. John Mr. Le Plouch of Montreal, Mr. G. L. Hamilton of Truro Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Willett of Moncton were the guests of Mr. C. C. Hamilton on Saturday.

Aug 1.—Mrs. Cleveland of Somerville is visiting Mrs. Redmond.

Miss Eva Holmes has returned to her home in Eastport.

Mrs. Reynolds of Lubec is visiting her father Mr. Cronk.

Dr. Price returned from Fredericton on Tuesday. On Saturday evening the residence of Mr. Philip Newton was the scene of a very pleasant event in which Miss Katie Newton and Mr. Whiting were the principals.

I hear of another wedding that is to take place in the near future.

Mr. F. M. Covert returned to New York on Saturday.

Dr. Jack gave a very pleasant party on Tuesday evening to a number of his friends.

Mr. W. H. Covert of Halifax is visiting his parents Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Covert at the rectory.

Miss Thurston went to Eastport on Saturday.

Miss Faulerton of St. John is visiting Mrs. Keat.

BATHURST.

Aug. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop of Montreal, with their family, are visiting friends here.

Her many Bathurst friends are delighted to see Mrs. C. H. Cowperthwaite, who is spending a few weeks here, but regret that her stay is to be such a short one.