

PROGRESS.

VOL. VI., NO. 276.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1893.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY SAFE.

THAT IS WHAT THE ADMIRAL SAYS OF ST. JOHN HARBOR.

Commander Bayley and Flag Lieutenant Sandeman also Express Cordial Opinions on the Subject—What the Admiral said about his Visit—They Will Come Again.

HALIFAX, August 10.—The flagship "Blake" arrived from St. John at three o'clock this afternoon. She spent an hour or two off the harbor in cannon-tube practice. PROGRESS greeted Admiral Sir John Hopkins on his arrival at Admiralty house, a few minutes after the great cruiser had been docked.

The Admiral, who is the very essence of the true English gentleman and thorough sailor, could not speak too highly of the pleasure of his visit to St. John. Enjoyment had been crowded into every hour of the stay there, and the Admiral's only regret was that previous engagements made it impossible to remain longer in the hospitable port.

"In answer to the questions of PROGRESS, Admiral Hopkins spoke very highly of the courtesies and civilities of the citizens of St. John. He supposed the rarity of the visits of British warships made the "Blake" all the more welcome on that account. He referred in glowing terms to "the beauties of St. John," speaking particularly of the scenery up the river, and said he was much indebted to the kindness of Messrs. Thorne and Troop for a sail up the river in the yacht "Dream."

"You may say that I am so well pleased with St. John," said Admiral Hopkins to PROGRESS, "that I hope to visit the port next season and make a longer stay. Had I known we would be as highly appreciated we might have gone to St. John earlier and thus made a longer visit. The city is a clean, bustling place, filled with busy, enterprising, hospitable and courteous people, and I can only repeat my expression of the pleasure I and my officers experienced in the visit."

"What do you think of the harbor as a port to enter and in which to remain?"

"It is an excellent harbor—perfectly, I may say absolutely, safe. Any harbor with an entrance of twenty-six feet at low water is good, and St. John has more than that. The harbor is easy of access, especially when taken at the right time of tide. St. John harbor is very safe inside, as well as easy of access. It has plenty of water for the largest ships of the British fleet at any time of tide."

In speaking of the number of visitors who went aboard the "Blake" the admiral said it was greater per day than at New York, and he added, by way of explanation, that St. John harbor was much more convenient to visitors boarding the ship than New York with its rough water, swift tides and winds.

"The only fog experience during the 'Blake's' absence from Halifax" said Admiral Hopkins "was a few hours on the passage to St. John, when the ship proceeded at slow speed. At St. John the weather was delightful, and quite in harmony with the kindly sentiments and warm welcome extended to us by the citizens of St. John."

Commander Bayley, who was busy superintending the securing of the "Blake" to the dockyard wharf when called upon could only spare a moment or two for conversation. But he was not stinted in his expressions of pleasure at the treatment accorded the visitors by St. John people. "They left nothing undone," he said, "to minister to our enjoyment. There is lots of life in St. John. The people are enterprising and pushing. The city looks like a city, with its handsome shops and clean streets. Halifax has much to do to catch up with St. John in the matter of the appearance of her busy streets."

PROGRESS reminded the commander of the much greater mileage of streets in Halifax than in St. John. Commander Bayley assented to the fact but held to the statement that the condition of the sister city's streets was a pattern which Halifax might do well to copy.

"How do you like St. John harbor?"

"The harbor is all right. I have no fault to find with it. We had no trouble to enter it and found it a fine sheet of water when we had entered," the commander replied.

Flag-Lieutenant Sandeman also added his praises of St. John people, the harbor, and the city. "As safe as a church" was the laconic way Mr. Sandeman described the harbor. He also spoke of the appearance of the city, contrasting the cleanliness of the streets, and the show made by the shops, with what is seen in other cities.

Officers and men all liked their visit to St. John, and they are not slow to say so, and they hope for another sight of, and longer stay in that city next year.

ECHOES OF THE VISIT.

The Admiral and the Governor and How They Made People Talk.

Governor Tilley was at St. Andrews when Admiral Hopkins arrived in St. John, and that fact made a good deal of talk in

military and society circles. Some people were under the impression that the admiral would feel affronted, because it was the place of the governor to call on him as soon as he arrived.

The Governor came back from St. Andrews on Monday, and made an official visit to the "Blake," accompanied by Col. Armstrong. By some miscalculation, the call was made when the Admiral was not aboard, but was enjoying the hospitalities of the Union Club. This gave rise to the rumor that the Admiral was offended because the Governor had not been on board at the first, and that when the latter dignity did start to call the admiral skipped away and got ashore. Such an idea was manifestly ridiculous, but a good many people thought that there might be something in it.

So, too, they had an idea that the "Blake" would have remained longer if the Admiral had not been offended. His own words to PROGRESS, in Halifax, dispose of that theory.

Among the gentlemen introduced to the Admiral at the club was a well known citizen with a prefix to his name. He was introduced as plain Mr.—well, say Smith—but subsequently took the introducer soundly to task for not announcing that he was the "Hon. Mr. Smith." The title will be remembered the next time any great dignitary visits the club.

The only noticeably bad feature in connection with the "Blake's" visit, was the way some of the boatmen imposed on visitors. In many instances they took the money of passengers at times when they knew visitors could not get aboard the ship, and when they once got their pay for the round trip, they gave little attention to getting them ashore again. They reaped a big harvest altogether, and it is a pity that a few were grasping enough to give all a bad name.

NELSON AT MOOSEPATH.

Two Great Trotting Events at Moosepath During August.

There will be two notable events at Moosepath this month, first, the regular meeting of the association on the 16th and 17th when the colt races will be trotted as well as the '30 and '40 classes and second, the special one-day meeting arranged by Mr. J. M. Johnson, for Tuesday, August 22, at which the great stallion Nelson—the pride of all New England—with his record of 2.10 will trot exhibition miles. On the same afternoon there will be two other races in the '30 and '40 classes, the entries for which are advertised to close the 15th of this month just before the first meeting at Moosepath. The purses are \$300 for the 2.30 class and \$200 for the 2.40 class and already sufficient entries have been promised to make both keen and exciting events. Mr. Johnson has arranged with all the railways and steamboats to issue excursion tickets at one fare, the particulars of which will be advertised. Already there is an unexpected interest in the event and promises of large excursion parties from all over the province have been freely made. Nelson trots to-day in Portland, Me., to lower his record and if his performance of a half in 2.02½ Wednesday is a true indication of the form he is in he will surely bring it down two and perhaps three seconds. Tuesday, August 22, will be a great day in the history of Moosepath and every man and his neighbor should make it a point to encourage the enterprise that brings such an attraction by being present.

Special attention is being paid to the condition of the track for both events. The races for the 16th and 17th will bring out such good horses as Arc Light, 2.31¼; Helena, 2.32; Dom Pullen, 2.29½; Puss, 2.34; Rattler, 2.31; Harold M., 2.31 and Minnie Grey in the '30 class and in the '40 class, Rosa L., Helena B., Teddy Gold Leaf, Gordon Sim, Wild Flower, Thordale Echo, and a horse entered by Dr. Polly, of Lunenburg, N. S.

These are two great fields of horses and it is probable that the most of them will try conclusions again on the 22nd at Mr. Johnson's special meeting.

Bothered About The Baby.

It is not often that people at this age have the least difficulty christening the youngest member of the family, but more than one minister of the gospel endured more than the usual amount of inconvenience recently writes a correspondent at Shediac Cape. At the appointed day for the ceremony, the infant failed to appear. Another day was appointed and was as barren of results as the first. The clergyman who was to officiate paid a visit in person, but no satisfactory explanation was forthcoming. This infant was the picture of health, but, it is whispered, the difficulty lay in the choice of the name. The christening was again arranged for the following Sunday. The infant appeared, but not so the necessary number of sponsors and again the child was conveyed home still without the fold. Another clergyman was consulted, but a final attempt resulted satisfactorily. The name in prospect was the probable cause of the many delays. The infant now bears the name of the illustrious Canadian Liberal leader.

WILL BE A BOARD OF ONE.

IF MR. CLARKE DOES NOT RESIGN THE OTHERS WILL.

They Have Invited Him to Retire From the Board—The Resolution Based on His Own Admissions—Prompt Action Taken on the Questions Asked by "Progress."

The commissioners of the General Public Hospital acted very promptly in dealing with the case of Mr. Geo. H. Clark. Within a week from the time PROGRESS asked the question in regard to the sampling of supplies, the matter was investigated and the essential truth of the allegations established. The commissioners met last Friday, heard what Mr. Clark had to say for himself, and on his own admissions decided to ask him to resign. He has not yet resigned, however, and he is reported as saying that he does not intend to do so. If he chooses to assume that attitude, and the county council does not displace him, the commissioners have no power to compel his retirement.

"Supposing he does not choose to resign?" was asked of one of the commissioners.

"In that case he will be the board himself for the rest of us will resign," was the reply.

This is the sentiment of more than one commissioner with whom PROGRESS has talked this week. They feel that they have "let him down gently," as one of them expressed it, and have done only what they were compelled to do as managers of an institution in which every ratepayer has a direct interest. They found that he had been injudicious, and that his usefulness as a commissioner was so seriously impaired that it was necessary for him to retire.

It was the intention of PROGRESS to make but a brief reference to the matter this week, leaving the people to judge how far it had done right in saying what it had on the subject. It is necessary, however, to further justify itself because of certain misleading statements which have appeared in the Globe, which quotes Dr. Bayard as saying that "the commissioners had carefully inquired into the matter and had advised Mr. Clark to resign. The charges made against him, he said, were very greatly exaggerated. From this enquiry the most that could be said was that Mr. Clark had acted injudiciously in taking to his home articles which he should have inspected in the institution. All that he had taken, so far as they had been able to ascertain after most careful enquiry, would not equal in value \$2. Dr. Bayard said that the commissioners did not consider Mr. Clark's acts as stealing, but felt that he had shown bad judgment, which seriously impaired his usefulness as a member of the board."

The statements of Dr. Bayard, while in accordance with the facts, are so put by the Globe as to reflect upon the story told by PROGRESS. The Globe asserted that "the meeting was held to investigate certain charges made in last Saturday's PROGRESS to the effect that Mr. Clark had carried away from the institution quantities of provisions and medicines."

Now the meeting was not held to investigate any charges made by PROGRESS, but to ascertain if it was true, as asserted by PROGRESS that Mr. Clark had been sampling the supplies. PROGRESS was not called upon to prove any charges or to take any part in the investigation. The evidence heard was chiefly that of Mr. Clark himself, and when he admitted taking any samples, it was considered that no further enquiry was necessary. He was called upon to make a statement and did so, admitting that he took samples consisting of about a pound and a half of coffee, a quarter of a pound of tea, some cakes of soap, and some essence of vanilla. Also that he had in the past had prescriptions made up by the resident physician and had taken whiskey and alcohol for the use of convalescents who had been in the institution. The witnesses called were simply examined to corroborate what Mr. Clark had said. They were, with one exception, all comparatively recent comers to the hospital. No attempt was made to prove that Mr. Clark had done any more than he admitted, or to go back into his record as a commissioner for the last twenty years. His own admissions were amply sufficient, and it is quite correct to say that, so far as there was any evidence adduced, the value of the articles taken did not equal two dollars. PROGRESS admitted, last week, that it was not precise as to the quantity taken away the month of July, but it held precisely what the commissioners have held, that quantity was not a material factor in the matter.

When the evidence had been heard, Mr. Clark retired from the room, and a resolution was passed by the commissioners asking him to resign. This, with the evidence taken, was ordered to be placed upon the minutes. The painful duty of informing Mr. Clark of the verdict was performed by Dr. Bayard.

Some of the commissioners were of the opinion that the proceedings should be kept strictly private, and only the general result given to the public. The morning papers, therefore, had very little to say

about the matter. While the board has undoubtedly a technical right to keep its proceedings private, it is very bad policy for it to do so in a case of this kind.

Mr. Clark being a conservative, the Sun did not notice the matter, until compelled to by the resolution of the commissioners.

PROGRESS is quite content to leave the matter where it is now, but it does no more than voice public sentiment in expressing the opinion that Mr. Clark ought to resign. Putting the mildest construction on his own admissions, he has been injudicious, and it is well understood that his course as a commissioner has more than once provoked discussion at meetings of the board. These have never been an assertion that he did anything corrupt, but it has been objected that he did things, which, when done by a commissioner, might lead to a suspicion that he was misusing his position. It is not now worth while to quote instances of this, though it is quite pertinent to the question to say that the rule limiting the monthly expenditure by a commissioner was a consequence of Mr. Clark's tendency to exercise his patronage very freely, sometimes leaving little, in the way of patronage, for the commissioner who followed him the next month.

If Mr. Clark declines to send in his resignation, the situation is likely to be interesting.

DID NOT STOP THE MUSIC.

The Happy Thought Of Captain Butler and Its Surprising Result.

HALIFAX, August 9.—A funny story is told at the expense of the City Club and W. J. Butler, captain in the 63rd Rifles and a school commissioner. Mr. Butler is an influential catholic and is wealthy. He is also a member of the City Club. The building adjoining the club is the large brick hall of St. Mary's Y. M. T. A. & B. society. St. Mary's has a brass band which practices every night and sends out waves of melody in which volume and harshness are as prominent as sweetness, to say the least. When forte passages are being rendered by the band in its diurnal practice conversation is to a certain extent impracticable in some of the club rooms. There seemed to be no remedy. Talk of building a high brick wall between the club and the society hall was indulged in. One day Mr. Butler, when the band was worse than usual, and the grumbling more ferocious, said to the club committee; "Leave the matter to me; I'll fix it up; I hold the mortgage on the hall."

Mr. Butler went to his lawyer, Hector McInnes, and told him to write St. Mary's Society that unless the objectionable band playing ceased he would withdraw his money and close the mortgage on their building. The letter was written. It was not pleasant information, but the St. Mary's boys at once went to work and interviewed several money lenders. At last they were successful in their quest and obtained a new mortgage on favorable terms, from the Cronan estate. Before many days Mr. Butler's lawyer had a letter which ran to the effect that when the interest next came due it would be paid, together with the principal. Mr. Butler will in a few days have his money on his hands uninvested, and the City Club people are probably again considering the high brick wall scheme. Mr. Butler was well meaning but unsuccessful. Others besides the three hundred members of St. Mary's Society are smiling.

Woes of Warlike Bankers.

HALIFAX, August 10.—A case was settled on the quiet in the courts last week, though had the principals not been so well known in "Society" they would probably have had the privilege of a public trial. Captain King's company of the 60th P. L. F. in which the two bankers are private—is a swell company but that was not allowed to interfere with military discipline. The two had been frequently warned against neglect of duty, but they proved obdurate and could not be prevailed upon to drill as regularly as they should. The captain determined to make an example and the two privates were arraigned in court. Before the case came to a trial they settled, on the quiet, paying the fine for infraction of the militia regulations. They were also mulcted for costs. Will they now remain in the battalion and serve Queen and country, or will they not?

Another Enjoyable Evening.

The St. John A. A. club will repeat their electric light sports, with some slight changes on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock. Some foreign bicycle riders and sprinters have been invited and may possibly compete. There will be one or two amusing events, such as potato and wheelbarrow races instead of the broad and high jumps, which to a majority of the spectators at the last sports proved rather slow. A strong feature of the evening entertainment will be the promenade concert at the conclusion of the sports. The programme will be timed to finish about 9.30 and then the spectators may take possession of the grounds and enjoy the beautiful playing of the popular Artillery band.

WANT TO CLAIM EXTRAS.

CONNOLLY'S BOOK-KEEPER HAS NOT MADE OUT THE BILL.

The Wharves are Completed, but the Account Is not yet Settled—The Contractors Get Something on Account—The City Holds on to the Balance.

The Connolly wharves are completed, and the contractors got an order on the chamberlain for something over \$24,000 this week. This represents the balance due them with the exception of \$8,000 still retained by the city as a sort of lever to be used in case of any claims for extras.

The board of works held a meeting last Monday, and Directors Smith and City Engineer Peters stated that the work had been completed according to the plans and specifications. The engineer said that the dredging had been done to the proper depth, and he was required to furnish a detailed statement of the fact, so that it might be made a matter of record. There was an impression among some of the members that there was not sufficient depth along the harbor front, and there certainly was not when the harbor master took soundings there on the 1st and 2nd of the month. He found a sufficient depth in the slip, but not more than 24 feet where there should be 27 feet in places along the harbor front. The dredge was at work after this, however, and it is assumed that the city engineer took his soundings at a later date.

The question under discussion was as to how the city and Mr. Connolly were to square accounts. One motion was that he be paid the full sum of about \$32,800, which included his deposit of \$6,000, on his executing a release of all claims against the city. Others thought he ought to be asked for his "bill," to find out how much he claimed. This was a North End idea, and seemed to find favor with the Aids. Kelly and W. A. Chesley. The point taken by the recorder, Aids. Baxter, McCarthy and others, was that there was no "bill" recognized by the city. There had been a contrast for a certain sum on which a number of payments had been made from time to time. It was a simple matter of arithmetic to find out how much was due now, whereas the asking for a bill implied that the city expected extras to be charged. The advocates of a "bill" prevailed, however, and another session of the board was held the next day, when Mr. Connolly was present.

He had no bill with him, and when the subject of a release was mentioned he declined to sign any such document. He could not tell how much the city owed him until his book-keeper returned from Quebec and that would not be for five or six weeks. When asked as to what kind of charges there could be, he instanced extra labor in connection with the southerly wharf, on account of the slope of the beach having changed, and also claimed remuneration for placing mooring posts which he did not think the contract compelled him to place. He could not tell what charges there might be until his book-keeper made up the account.

Ald. Chesley seemed to think the contractor was entitled to all he could get.

Then Ald. Baxter pointed out that by the terms of the contract there was a forfeiture of \$50 a day for every day beyond the time limited for the completion of the work and that there were 160 of such days, which would make the city's claim \$8,000. Mr. Connolly denied that there were that many days, and that he was liable to any penalty.

Then it was moved that \$8,000 be retained by the city until the account was settled, this amount including the \$6,000 held as a deposit.

A North End amendment that only the \$6,000 be retained failed to carry and the \$8,000 motion passed.

In case of a fight, the city could either claim the \$6,000 as a forfeited deposit or insist on the \$50 a day for delays.

In the meantime the matter stands until the arrival of Mr. Connolly's book-keeper.

RECEPTION TO REV. MR. CAREY.

The New Pastor of the Brussels Street Church Gets a Hearty Welcome.

On Thursday evening the members and congregation of the Brussels street baptist church gave a recognition and reception service to their new pastor, the Rev. G. M. W. Carey. The church has lately undergone a thorough renovating and cleaning, and being handsomely decorated with flowers presented a very fine appearance.

The service opened with an anthem by the choir, followed by reading and prayers by Rev. Mr. Baker. Rev. Dr. Hopper presided, and on behalf of the church and congregation gave a warm welcome to Rev. Mr. Carey.

Dr. Hopper then called on the senior pastor of each denomination represented and the following gentlemen spoke in the highest terms of their friendly relations with Mr. Carey during his long pastorate in St. John twelve years ago. The speakers were Rev. G. O. Gates, baptist, Rev.

Mr. Clark, methodist, Rev. Dr. Macrae, presbyterian, Rev. Job Shenton, methodist, Rev. Mr. Howie, congregationalist, Rev. Mr. Stewart, baptist.

During the course of his reply Mr. Carey spoke of the different ministers that preceded him in the Brussels street church and paid a warm tribute to the Rev. Saml. Robinson, the first pastor and founder of the church. He also spoke in glowing terms of the Rev. J. E. Hopper, formerly pastor of the church and who has been conducting the services for the past four months.

Among others present were: Revs. Dr. Pope, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Teasdale, Mr. Campbell, T. F. Fotheringham, Dr. Bennett, J. A. Gordon, Mr. Manning, A. J. Kempson, H. G. Mellick, F. M. Young, McC. Black, George Bruce, A. E. Ingram, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Camp, J. E. B. McCreedy, Alderman Lewis, James Harding and F. H. Harding.

At the conclusion of the service in the church, the Rev. Dr. Hopper on behalf of the Ladies association invited all present to the vestry below, where ice cream and cake were passed around by the ladies after which the choir furnished some choice music, bringing the entertainment to a close by singing the National Anthem.

IT WAS ANOTHER BROWN.

Why Members of the Union Club Think They Ought to Laugh.

A prominent citizen, who is a merchant and a member of the Union Club, got a telephone message the other Saturday that Mr.—well, say Mr. Brown—of Boston wanted to call on him and to show him some samples, and would like an hour named. The merchant was busy that day, but he had pleasant memories of Mr. Dexter Brown, a Boston commercial traveller, and he therefore sent a reply that while he could not see him before Monday, he would in the meantime procure him a card giving the privileges of the club. Mr. Brown thanked him and the card was duly forwarded.

At noon on Sunday those who dropped into the club were mildly surprised at seeing a colored gentleman sitting there as if waiting for somebody. He dropped into conversation with the members, and told them he was waiting for the merchant in question. That was a sufficient recommendation to all comers and before long Mr. Brown had opened champagne in which the clubmen quaffed his health.

It was not until later in the day that some of the club (presumably some who had not had any of the wine) began to wonder what the prominent merchant meant by giving a colored man the club privileges. The next day, some intimate friend asked the merchant about it. He was very much astonished. He had not sent any colored man there, nor would he do so. He had procured a card for his friend Dexter Brown, of Boston, and would inquire into the matter.

A very short time sufficed to explain the situation. The merchant's friend, Dexter Brown, was not in the city, but Clarence Brown, who sold a similar line of goods, but who was not an old friend, had been the man to whom the entree was given. It was not denied that Clarence Brown was a gentleman in manner and conversation, but he was not Dexter Brown, and that was all the merchant wanted to know. He therefore very speedily found Mr. Brown, explained that he had no right to the card, and received that voucher back.

If Dexter Brown wants club privileges when he does strike St. John, he will have to call on the merchant in person. No more visitors' cards will be given on the strength of a message over the telephone.

Journalistic Visitors.

Dr. Geo. Stewart, of the Quebec Chronicle, was among the visitors to PROGRESS this week. He bears his weight of years and honors well, despite the addition of new affixes to his name, fired at him by educational institutions every now and then.

Miss Hannah Sullivan has been in St. John on her return from a tour of the provinces in the interests of "Dobahoe's Magazine." Miss Sullivan has established a number of agencies for this periodical, and the results of her work cannot fail to materially benefit the magazine in this part of Canada.

Cryptic Masonry.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick will meet in annual session in this city on Monday evening next, when the Select Master's degree will be exemplified by the officers of St. John Council.

A Portrait of Rev. Mr. Carey.

PROGRESS has had a splendid hall tone engraving made of Rev. Mr. Carey the new pastor of Brussels street baptist church which will be printed in its next issue in connection with a readable sketch of his life and work.

Will Have an Outing.

The employes of the Telegraph picnic at Lepreau today. It will no doubt be a jolly outing. PROGRESS hopes they will have as good a time as this paper gave the newboys last year.

New Books in McArthur's Exchange Library 30 King Street.