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ECONOMY WENT TOO FAR. PROGRESS. The city engineer was among THE JOSIE MILLS BREAK. of some of the Nova Scotia towns, to keep DID NOT GET TO COURT.

APPROPRIATION FOR SCAVENGER WORK 1S USED UP.

The Council Will Have to Find Money Somewhere-How The Police Are to Be Reduced-Nickerson's Bright Idea-The Connolly Wharf is Getting a Rest.

It is just as PROGRESS said it would be when the pseudo-economists of the council undertook to retrench in the matter of the expenditure for scavenger work. Without any clear idea of what was needed they cut down the amount to be expended in the whole city this year to \$5000, a sum less than was necessary for the old city alone before the union. A large part of this sum had even at that time been spent in winter work, and this week the Chamberlain announced that nearly the whole of the appropriation had been anticipated. Yet anybody who looks around him will see that a vast amount of work has yet to be done, and the money must come from somewhere to do it.

The matter has not yet come before the council, but in the meantime some of the economists are anxiously looking for way to get out of the hole as easily as possible. They cannot encroach upon the appropriation for streets, because that, too, has been reduced to the lowest notch, and the only remedy will be to fall back on the general revenue.

Alderman Lon Chesley, as chairman of the safety board, refused to sign the police pav-roll for May, because the force contained more than the 34 men to which the resolution of the council had reduced it. From a legal point of view he appears to have been right in this instance, though the whole matter seemed rather in a tangle. The council had resolved that the force should be reduced, but the chief did not see where he had any authority to discharge a man without cause, and so with the exception of one or two against whom there was cause, the force remained as it had been. In the contemplation of the council, however, the force contained only 34 men, and the chamberlain had no right to pay more than that number. Yet no one could designate who were to be omitted, and every man on the torce demanded his due. On Thursday, the council wrestled with the matter and finally passed an amendment that the present force be paid but that no vacancies be filled until the number of men is reduced to 34, at which it is to remain. So the police get their pay and the force is reduced by a gradual process which will do injustice to nobody. The hose contract has been awarded, and that too has gone just as PROGRESS said it would. The tenders were to be asked from St. John houses, and they were, but that did not affect Mr. Barnes of Boston, whose hose reaches the council through F. W. Wisdom. He was awarded 500 teet at 85 cents, while, as before, 500 feet was awarded W. H. Thorne & Co., at 90 cents. Just here is something that nobody outside of the safety department seems to understand. If the hose sold by Mr. Barnes of Boston, at 85 cents, was good enough why was it necessary to buy 500 feet more of the same kind of hose from W. H. Thorne & Co., at 90 cents? If the hose of Mr. Barnes was not good enough why was any of it purchased, when it was only five cents a foot cheaper? Probably the hose of either concern is good enough, and why one or the other should not have the whole of it is a puzzle. If the idea was to test the merits of different kinds of hose, why were not McAvity & Co. and Estey & Co. admitted to the circle of favored ones? There seems to be a good deal of mystery about contracts for fire hose. One of the surprises at Thursday's council was the development of the most brilliant project Ald. Nickerson has evolved since he proposed that two men should be cont on a delegation to Ottawa in case one und die on the road. The question of music on the squares came up and Ald. Nickerson came to the front with a plan for a band stand. He proposed, instead of building such a structure, to place a floor over the basin of the fountain, the platform being movable, so that on days and nights when the band did not play the fountain could play. On other evenings the water could be turned off and the band turned on The only result of the proposition was to cause somebody to move for an adjournment of the council, which was carried.

the persons interviewed, and he declared that the rear of the harbor front wharf had no batter, that it was not slanting but perpendicular. This was directly contrary to what he had previously told members of the board of works, so it is quite evident that the engineer emphatically disagrees with

himself sometimes. Inspector Brown was also seen, and remarked, "I haven't anything to say. When I speak I'll tell them something. I'm working. I try to keep myself straight and they can go to the devil.'

Mr. Brown's breeziness of speech may be accounted for by the fact that we was an official in the city of Portland in the old days of ring rule.

THE FIRST BICYCLE SULKY

ppeared on Moosepath this Week.-Topics of the Turf.

This has been a fine week for the frequenters of Moosepath. The number of ticket holders is increasing, which is due perhaps to the more liberal construction given to the privileges due a ticket holder. Last year a ticket holder had to be very particular that no one else took his horse to the track to exercise him; if so he failed to get through the gate. Then there was a lot more red tape about the business that was unpopular. Secretary Frink tells PROGRESS that the rights of a ticket holder will bear more liberal construction this year. A man who has not the time or is prevented from giving his horse his usual exercise can send him to the track for that purpose in charge of some one else; in fact the only restriction is that a ticket holder cannot hand over his pasteboard to the owner of another horse to allow him on the track. The first bicycle sulky on Moosepath this season appeared Thursday behind Rosa L. the handsome chestnut mare owned by John M. Johnson. Although she has had but little, if any, work this spring Rosa L. appeared to splendid advantage. She has a long and strong stride and strikes a 40 clip with apparent ease. That was her record last year as a four year old, and, barring accidents, she should this season with the "bike" have no trouble in entering the list. Her best work last summer was a half mile in 1.16.

ANXIOUS ACTORS STRIKE FOR CASH IN HALIFAX.

And the Audience is Dismissed Because There Was no Cash to Give Them-Manager Haystead Spends Too Much Money on His Feminine Companion.

The Josie Mills theatrical company came sadly to grief in Halifax last week. The company did a fairly good business in St. John, but the journey there and less than two weeks at the Halifax Academy of Music proved too much for their staying powers, and they were virtually stranded. The story of their collapse and what led up to it furnishes interesting reading. Manager Haystead, to put it mildly, did not spend the whole of his time in the interests of the Josie Mills Company. Had he done so, there would, perhaps, have been no trouble. But during the company's engagement in St. John, he found the feminine charms of some people there, and particularly of one, so great that theatricals were forgotten. The acquaintance was not allowed to drop in St. John, but was renewed in Halifax with considerable intensity. On the way to Halifax two drummers became associated with the Josie Mills people, and the manager was lost sight of connection with the affair. in the face of the fact that Messrs. Youngheart and McKay were said to be running the show. At Halifax the company opened to a fair business, but not as good as was hoped. Towards the end of the week the houses dwindled down badly. The beginand phaeton was offered, but still business

engagements made before the collapse. At one stage of their troubles Manager THE CATERER AT THE BANQUET Haystead gave Local Manager Clarke his

Everybody Thought He Was, but There is a Mystery About Police Reports-How Dogs The conduct of Haystead, in relation are Licensed-An Antiquated and Inconvenient System. The things that occur and do not occur

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THE CLUB HAS A STRIKER.

Finding Chief Kerr.

the officer who countenanced the deception. the Union Club in future to pore over the So long as the city gets the fine, justice appears to be satisfied and any one not an discussion on Home Rule and the Suspensory Bill in the files of English papers, he habitual is punished enough by his own can know when there is an alarm sounded conscience to have his name distorted and as quickly as if he were studying up equity mutilated on the record book. procedure in his law chambers. A striker has been put in the club house, and it is so the record book quietly and do not find arranged that it does not take anything keeper reported for selling when he should from the already fully taxed batteries of the department. It is, so to speak, a sort

of an echo of the striker in the chief's office, and depends for its action on a local battery which, is supplied by the club. The latter organization pays all the expense in is seldom noticed.

The idea, as carried out by Supt. Wilson, is very simple and effective. There is an ordinary striker in the Chief's office, on the department circuit. A wire wholly separ- known to those in charge of it. If his ate from the closed circuit of the department runs from the office to the club, and corded against him. This was the case of ning of the second week, a prize of a pony an open circuit is made. When the hammer on the Chief's striker flys back, it reported on the streets and in the press a was bad till the Queen's birthday when brings two copper strips into contact, clos- day or two after the spread, as called upon there was a big house. Thursday night the ing the club circuit and causing the gong to answer for the illegal sale of hquor in Echo. McCoy went to that office and audience was away down again, not more on the latter to sound. Thus, as the back connection with the spread. PROGRESS found the copy of the reporter's talk was than 100 being present. That was the action of the hammer does the work, the understood, upon authority that it did not all in Bulmer's handwriting and obtained company's last performance, and the pony sound of the alarm is heard at the club a fraction of a second sooner than it would be heard in the Chief's own office. It will be readily seen that by simply bringing the copper strips in contact at the Chief's office, a man who is waiting there for him, can at any time summon him from the club, without disturbing the general alarm system. A continuous tolling of the striker would probably bring him down to see what was the matter, but in a case of great hurry the number 26 could be ticked off. and the Chief would come down in a rush to see where the fire was. The chief objection to this method would be, that it would be liable to bring out everybody else, who happened to be at the club at that time.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

which, if anything, he had been underpaid at the old salary. The board of management went to the works office the other day and looked into the matter for themselves. The result was a unanimous decision that the work done by Mr. Seely was really worth more than \$1000 a year. A unanimous report to this effect was handed to the treasury board, but the latter body reported adversely to the council. This section of their report was referred back, and they will now examine into the matter for themselves. The salary will doubtless be restored, because such a step is no more than just. Besides, its reduction is of no benefit to the ratepayer, as Mr. Seely is paid wholly from water and sewerage, and not a dollar that he receives comes from the general revenue.

MCCOY SUES BULMER.

Two Noted Halifax Lawyers Fighting About Their Reputations.

their way into the newspapers. A tavern City Recorder McCoy and Lawyer J. T. Bulmer of Halifax, are enemies. The lathave had his bar closed may receive a "tip" ter has aroused McCoy within a few days from the station, pay his fine and the case into a frenzy of anger. Bulmer charges fail to come before the magistrate. The McCoy with demanding fees for city minute made on the record book afterwards business for which he is paid a good round salary. The case in point is that of On the other hand, a man may be rethe heavy costs taxed on a man named ported in the newspapers for infringing the Neiforth, who was arrested and made to license law and yet his name not appear in pay dearly for a spree on which he went the record book for some reason best a few days ago. Bulmer charged McCoy with asking \$25 for work in that case and name does not appear no fine can be rethen attempting to cover up the charge under the guise of \$25 for a policeman's the caterer at the recent banquet who was coat torn in the scuffle in making the arrest of Neiforth. The charges were made in an interview with Bulmer, published in the possession of the manuscrip

fine gold watch as security for cash advanc-

with the St. John young woman, is the more unpardonable, when it is remembered that he is the husband of Josie Mills, who gives the company its name.

It Can Also Be Utilized as a Method

When Chief Engineer Kerr drops in at

The Connolly wharf did not come before the board at this session. but the board of works intends to try and extract some further information from the city engineer as to what his calculations have been, and are, in respect to it. Meanwhile, the structure is going ahead, and between those members of the council who do not know anything about it, and those who don't want to know anything unfavorable to the methods of construction, the chances are, that the investigation, if there ever is one, will take place after the contract is completed, and the contractors have retired with their pay. One of the city papers published the result of some investigations last Saturday, and the facts so far as developed agreed with the statements made by

Rocket and Speculation get their daily exercise regularly, driven by their respective owners, while Messrs. Bowen, Henderson and Bell are on hand and preparing for the season's work. Sam Ewing has charge of the track for the present, and probably will continue in that position so long as the management is satisfied and he is content to work from daylight till dark for seven dollars a week.

The first good work toward improving the track was begun Thursday, when the scraper was put on. When the ridges are gone and some other points looked to, the course will be in decidedly better shape.

A POINTER FOR MR. KING. Letters Liein the Boxes for 36 Hours After

Saturday Noon

Hardly a week passes without some complaint about the city letter box service comes to PROGRESS, and if but one quarter of them are well founded there is something radically wrong, either with the service itself, or with the directions for the service. Mr. Connell says that he carries out his contract both in letter and spirit-or rather as he understands it. Now whether contractor Connell's understanding of it is wrong, or, whether Inspector King does not require a good and sufficient service, is the point in which citizens are interested. It hardly seems credible, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that a letter addressed to Upper Canada may be dropped in any city letter box on Saturday atternoon and vet not start on its journey until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, or, if it should go via the C. P. Railway, it would lie in the post office until late Monday evening. In other words, the letter boxes about the city are not collected from Saturday noon until late Sunday night, after the Montreal and Upper Canada mails have gone forward. This is something that can be easily remedied, and it is in the interests of the public that it should be.

The Horticultural association has made right to it. From 8 o'clock till 8.40 the some headway against the dogs. There coaxing continued, but all without result. are fewer of them careering among the The play could not proceed without the flower beds threatening destruction to every green thing they strike, but there are far found, so there was nothing for it but to too many for the peace of mind of the endismiss the audience. That was done. thusiastic association members. If the With the departing theatrical patrons disappeople will assist them - and why should peared all hopes of those who trusted to have the lucky ticket, which would bring to in uniform. Should the day be fine, there they not ?- the city would soon be free of unrestrained canines. them the pony and phaeton. The company was practically stranded, and next craft. How "Progress" Goes in Boston. night the Academy was in darkness. In his last letter to PROGRESS, Mr. Lar-Morton and his wife and Cairns left on the sen adds a postscript "PROGRESS sells out steamer Saturday afternoon, bound for the every week and you had better send five States. A fourth member of the company, or ten more. There have been a number Mr. Germaine of Moncton, also left Haliot disappointed people about the corner o fax for his home on Saturday afternoon. Tremont and School streets lately." Notwithstanding these severe losses the Lowest Prices in Stationery and Blank Books, McArthur's, 80 King St. Josie Mills Company started on their tour

and phaeton were not given.

Here are the reasons for the collapse: Early in the week Mr. Morton, the company's comedian, demanded his back pay amounting to about \$160. He could not get it, and employed Lawyer Smith to assist him. A compromise was effected by which he took halt, and called it square. Then Mr. Cairns also attacked Manager Haystead with a view of obtaining what he could of an amount of \$60 due him. Through Lawyer Smith's assistance he compromised with \$37 and was glad to call it

even. This was Tuesday. Wednesday night, with a full house, another demand was made on unwilling Manager Haystead. It was from the Queen hotel, and the alternative was arrest under a capias and the stoppage of the performance, or the payment of the hotel's little bill for board of members of the company. The cash was forthcoming as the lesser of the two evils. Troubles never came single, but in bat talions. On the following night, and with less than 100 people in the house, the second act was murdered instead of one of the company, who was supposed to undergo that ordeal. The play was "Harvest Moon." The plot called for a laudation of a candidate for political honors. He was covered with praise, as a man of unblemished character; when the oration was finished the good candidate was to have been met by an assassin and killed. But that was not what happened, for the actor who took the part staggered forward, thoroughly under the influence of liquor. The situation was appalling for the sober among the company, whilst the audience saw what was the matter. The next act was made memorable by the fact that stage manager Stone came forward, and announced that the audience had eyes, could see what had happened, and that an apology was needless. He hoped they would excuse the terrible affair, and allow him to read the lines to have been given by the man, who was through liquor, rather than the assassin's dagger "hors de combat." Meanwhile stories of Manager Haystead's extravagance in giving presents to his St. John companion were circulated and dissatisfaction grew when the members of the company remembered that their wages were only half paid. On Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Morton and Mr. Cairns struck for their pay before they would allow the curunavailing and nothing would induce them

to take their posts but the production of the almighty dollar-so lamentably scarce in Keep Your Dogs Off The Squares. the pockets of those who claimed the bes

ILLUSTRATING CALENDARS.

he Maritime Provinces Are Holding the **Maritime Students**

But few nice things come from the priner now-a-days that have not been embellished in some way by the engravers.

College calendars will especially this sea son bear out this remark. In all of those that have come under PROGRESS' attention half-tone and line engravings serve to give them additional value and attractiveness In Windsor the energetic secretary of the Church school for girls, Henry Youle Hind has had some splendid views taken of the interior of the school and of the grounds All of them have been engraved by PRO GRESS Engraving Bureau and will appear in the calendar of the school this year. Last year in New Brunswick the Rothe

say collegiate school "set the pace" in this respect and the views that PROGRESS obtained for their first calendar probably gave a better idea of the school and its pleasant surroundings than could have been obtained in any other way.

The Union Baptist Seminary gave view of their building while line engravings of the Sackville institutions have been shown for years. This season St. Martins institution has had Mr. Connolley looking at it, its interior, students and faculty through his camera and the pictures are in the hands of PROGRESS Engraving Bureau to be executed. All of them will figure in the Seminary's catalogue for 1893.

Then the business colleges and the other institutions are falling into line, giving the people a better idea of their importance and facilities and keeping the boys and tain to rise. Promises and entreaties were girls of the Maritime provinces in the Maritime province colleges and schools.

Feast of S. John Baptist.

Rev. J. C. Titcombe, chaplain of Th Union Lodge of Portland has extended an invitation to that body and all other members of the fraternity to attend service recalcitrants and the money could not be at the church of the Good Shepherd. Fairville, on the afternoon of Sunday, June 25th when the festival of S. John Baptist will be observed. It is likely that the encampment of St. John, K. T., will also attend will probably be a large gathering of the

question, that the penalty was handed in without the report going before the court,

WAS NOT FINED.

in the police office often get mixed. A man

may be arrested for drunkenness, be as easi-

ly recognized as the chief himself and yet

from the name on the record book no one

will have an idea that he spent the night in

the station. This is not to the discredit of

Again there are some things that go on

and so commented upon it. Since then it appears that the official who made the report only succeeded in getting it a certain distance when a barrier interposed and the matter dropped. Consequently the city is the loser of \$20 which, in this case, it can well afford to lose. The main injustice, in the report getting such currency throughout the city during the week, and by its publication in the press, was to the chief himself, who was credited with getting even on an old score with the caterer, by having him reported in this instance. PROGRESS has no desire to do him an in-, justice and gives this version of the affair with the same readiness as the other.

Granting Dog Licenses.

There are about 1,200 dog licenses issued every year, and the season has begun for 1893. A good many people have already climbed up and down the stairs of the city building to pay in their dollars, and more will come to the front as the weather grows warmer and the danger of being fined grows greater.

A dog license costs only one dollar, but there is as much formality about the process of procuring it as if it cost fifty times that amount. Prompt as the officials are in their work, there is an unnecessary amount of red tape and humbug about the whole affair which might very well be abolished. The present system was inaugurated about a quarter of a century ago, in the place of what had before been a want of system, but while the theory of it may be well enough as good results could be accomplished by easier methods.

In the first place, the mayor has to grant permission for anybody to keep a dog, and the application must be made at his office. He grants it to anybody who asks, or rather the mayor's clerk does, for His Worship neither knows nor cares who apply. The clerk, therefore, makes out a permit, and the new comer under the impression that the permit is the license, wants to pay him a dollar. The clerk then tells him to go down to the chamberlain's office and pay the money there.

Dollar in hand he goes down stairs and hands the permit and the dollar to Mr. Harding, who takes the former but declines to accept the money. Mr. Harding makes out a receipt for the money, and hands it to the applicant telling him to give it with his dollar to Mr. Sandall or Mr. Willet, at the cash desk. At the latter place the dollar is accepted and the receipt signed. This ought to be the end of the matter, but it is not, for the applicant is again directed to take the receipt back to the mayor's office, in order to get the license itself. Up stairs he climbs again, and on handing Mr. Ward he receipt the license is given him All this tramping around is done by the owner of each of the 1,200 dogs, or some body representing him, and the time of three officials is consumed in attending to the details of the transaction. There seems to be a good deal of humbug about it all.

Now there is to be a law-suit between two lawyers with themselves as clients. McCoy is to prosecute Bulmer for slander in making the charges he did, and he has retained Arthur Drysdale, M.P.P. as his counsel. It will be a fine fight if it comes to a trial. Fun will abound richly. When McCoy thus meets Bulmer in a slander suit then will come the tug of war.

The Viligant Police.

Talk about trade restrictions! The police have reported two King street merchants who came to the city this spring, and opened up creditable establishments without license! Little things like these may not amount to much, but, they annoy people, and allow a bad and wrong impression to go abroad. Both merchants. have rented their stores, propose to remain in the city and pay rent and taxes like the rest. Why should they be bothered in this fashion? If the police would report the numerous itinerant pedlars going from house to house, carrying their goods with them and underselling the man who pays big rent and taxes, they would be doing their duty and some good.

The Map Will Soon Be Ready.

To those interested in the special edition PROGRESS is preparing to publish, it may be stated that until the lithographers complete the map of the city that but little more can be done. This will be completed in one color this week and in shape for showing to advertisers and the committees who will assist in marking in red the available sites for manufacturing purposes, the new wharves, proposed railway and other advantages the city will have in the near future.

Found the Prices Reasonable

A St. John man who has recently returned from Chicago says that the hotel rates are the same in the majority of hotels as they were a year ago when he was there. and that the impression given us here of the exorbitant prices charged for refreshments on the grounds was altogether exaggerated. One can purchase a meal as reasonably on the grounds as outside. The fifty cents admission fee admits to all the buildings on the grounds except a few sideshows.

Photographic Association.

At a meeting of photographers held on Wednesday evening at the studio of Mr. C. F. Givan, 85 Germain St., it was decided to form a photographic association. Mr. Givan and Mr. Ellis were elected chairman and secretary respectively. A committee was appointed to notify every professional and amateur photographer in the city, and the meeting was adjourned until Monday

One Day Too Late. Additional Society notes from Halifax, Wolfville, Bathurst, Newcastle and Memramcook, reached PROGESS on Friday morning this week, too late for insertion.

McArthur's Book Store, 80 King St. Ex-change Library, five cents to read any novel in our Library.

The Case of Mr. Seely.

John two and Halifax one, which only goes On the memorable day when the council to prove that a newspaper man who is not became panic stricken and resolved to cut acquainted with lacrosse should not report down expenses, the salary of Mr. Seely, one for he is apt to leave before the game clerk to the board of works, was cut down. is finished with an incomplete and incorrect After that was done a number of the memscore on his note book. bers began to look into the matter and

found that Mr. Seely was doing work for McArthur's Book Store. 80 King St.

evening next, when it is hoped that a large number will be present.

Halifax Was Even.

count of the lacrosse match between St.

John and Halifax last week. The score

was two goals each-a tie, and not St.

A curious error crept into PROGRESS' ac-