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## PROSPEROUS PYTHIANS.

THEY PLEASED ALL BY THEIR APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC.

How the Order Was Brought to St. John, and How It is Flourishing in the Maritime Provinces—A Rapid and Healthy Growth and the Reason for It.

This has been a great week for the Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces, and especially for the members of the order in St. John. Supreme Chancellor Blackwell, of Kentucky, and Inspector General Kennedy, of Illinois, came all the way here to inspect the Uniform Rank and to form a regiment out of the various divisions in New Brunswick. They were both astonished and pleased at the appearance of the city and the splendid turn-out made by the Divisions. The latter, in full uniform, marched well, drilled well and in every possible way acquitted themselves with credit. Mr. Kennedy said that he had never seen better work done, and he and Mr. Blackwell said a good many other pleasant things which they honestly meant, and which everybody outside of the rank endorsed.

The daily papers have told all about the parade, and the St. John people saw it for



JAMES MOULSON, Supreme Representative.

themselves. The streets were thronged and bunting waved in every quarter of the city. The uniformed knights came from Moncton, Fredericton, Woodstock and St. Stephen, in divisions, and there were Knights of Pythias from lodges in a good many other sections. Grand Chancellor Peers was here from Springhill, N. S. and connected with the event were numerous prominent citizens, including His Worship the Mayor. Chief Clark was at the head of the procession, but not in the Pythian uniform. He wore his official helmet, but it was not half so showy as that of the most humble knight in the ranks, for it was embellished with neither red feathers nor pipe clay. The chief evened up the honors, however, by riding on a charger, while all the rest walked, except a few of the dignitaries who rode in barouches.

One thing that impressed the citizens was that the ranks were filled with young men, most of them of an age at which energy and activity are never spared when anything is to be accomplished. They fitted their uniforms in more ways than one, for their movements showed evidence of frequent and careful drill, and there was a trim look about them from head to foot.

On Wednesday night the First Regimental division of the maritime provinces was formed, and Hedley V. Cooper was chosen as lieutenant-colonel, with W. C. H. Grimmer, of St. Stephen as major. All orders in regard to the uniform rank in New Brunswick will be through the medium of Col. Cooper, and the choice of him for the position is recognized as an excellent one.

The supreme Representative James Moulson has for some time past had the rank of colonel on the staff of the major general, and of course retains his position with all the honors to which his services in the order have justly entitled him. Mr. Moulson has been in the order since its introduction here, and no man has labored more constantly and zealously than he, and that too at times in the early days when it seemed doubtful how the struggle against adverse fortunes was to end. The order at St. John, and throughout the Maritime Provinces will ever be under a debt of gratitude to him for what he has done.

The order of Knights of Pythias is only 29 years old, but it has half a million members on this continent, and made a gain of 75,000 members last year. St. John is the birth-place of it in Canada, for New Brunswick, No. 1, was the first lodge in the world, outside of the United States.

This lodge was instituted on the 27th of October, 1870, and it owed its origin to Mr. John Beamish, who is still an active and enthusiastic member. The forms of application for a charter, etc., were sent to him from New York, and he soon interested

a number of well-known citizens, nearly all of whom, however, have since died or ceased to take an active interest in the work. Mr. Moulson, who was financial scribe at the organization, is the notable exception.

New Brunswick Lodge was started in old Number Six Engine house, on Princess street, where Oddfellowship also had its start on the previous year. A year or two later the Knights of Pythias leased an unfinished room in the Academy of Music, with brick walls and rough board floor. It was a bold move, for the lodge not only had no funds, but was \$28 in debt. Some of the men were practical mechanics, and all were willing to work, so that many an evening the sound of the hammer and saw wielded by amateurs in carpentry was heard in the new quarters. In the end, a beautiful and commodious hall was completed.

In March, 1874, Union Lodge, No. 2, was started in St. John, and has ever since continued to flourish. The great fire of 1877 swept away the Academy of Music, and caught the Knights of Pythias without any insurance. The loss was specially severe on New Brunswick lodge, which had already been put to so much expense.

After the fire, however, fresh energy was put into the work, and in due time the present fine quarters on Germain street were secured. Of recent years the record has been one of continual prosperity.

In 1875, Westmoreland Lodge No. 3 was organized at Moncton and Frontier No. 4 at St. Stephen, followed by Cumberland, No. 5 at Springhill, N. S., in 1883. In 1886, the Grand Lodge for the Maritime Provinces was organized, with John R. Armstrong as Post Grand Chancellor; James Moulson, Grand Chancellor, and Murray Fleming, Grand Vice Chancellor. Since then the Grand Chancellors have been in the following order: James Moulson, John R. Armstrong, George Craig, Murray Fleming, W. C. Hazen Grimmer, E. Allison Powers, J. Fenwick Fraser and Frank L. Peers.

In addition to the lodges already mentioned, there are now lodges at Fredericton, Woodstock, Milltown, St. Andrews, Advocate, Amherst and Halifax, twelve in all, with a membership of 834 in June 30, 1892, which has been considerably increased since that time.

The uniform rank was introduced in St. John by the organization of Victoria Division in June, 1887. The recent parade has shown to what success it has attained. The Divisions there represented with their captains were Victoria and Cygnets, St. John's, Moulson, Moncton, Frontier, St. Stephen, Wilfred, Woodstock and Fowler, Fredericton.

While all the divisions looked well, the two oldest, Victoria and Cygnets, under the command of Captain E. A. Powers and H. V. Cooper, respectively, were naturally the centre of interest to the St. John people.

The Knights of Pythias have achieved a wonderful success in the maritime provinces. Much of this has been due to having young and active men in the order, while the introduction of the uniform rank has also been a factor in the work. Chiefly, however, the success is to be ascribed to the practical carrying out of the practical work of the order in visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, burying the dead, and caring for the widow and orphan.

### The Letter Carriers' Outing.

The Letter Carriers' Moonlight excursion is announced for next Wednesday evening, when the steamer David Weston will carry them and their friends up the river. The City Corner band is engaged to accompany them, and of the pleasantness of the evening there will be no question. No class of workers or officials in the city are as well known in their respective sections as the letter carriers. In many cases they are daily callers, and the pleasant messages they bring far outnumber those of sorrow. Their one gathering of the year for pleasure should be well patronized.

## ARCHBISHOP AND BOARD.

INSIDE FACTS ABOUT THE SCHOOL QUESTION IN HALIFAX.

His Grace Takes Up the Challenge of the Commissioners—What Dominion Politics Have to do with the Case—Some Incidents Not Before Made Public.

HALIFAX, July 19.—This city has a school question of considerable proportions upon its hands just now, and Archbishop O'Brien is the man who has precipitated the controversy—at least it is he who has taken up the challenge of the board of school commissioners. An idea of the situation may be conveyed in one or two sentences. The provincial legislature gave Nova Scotia a free nonsectarian public school system of education. Roman Catholics desire "separate schools" as a modification system. It was impossible for them to obtain that privilege from Parliament. Accordingly in this city, and in some other parts of the province, local compromise arrangements were arrived at, by which the school commissioners agreed to employ only Roman Catholic teachers in certain schools, which it was understood would be attended solely by Roman Catholic children. In Halifax, also, the "Catholic Corporation" was allowed to erect and own those school buildings, which were leased to the school commissioners by the Archbishop. This compromise has been in force for twenty-seven years, and has worked harmoniously at least on the surface. More than a year ago it was decided by both the archbishop and the school board that the Roman Catholic school building on Russell street was unfit for further use, and that a new building should be erected. But friction began when the commissioners by a majority of one, refused to allow the Archbishop to erect the proposed new building, and announced their determination to erect and own the new building themselves, Premier Fielding appeared. A week or two ago the Archbishop came out in a strong address at St. Mary's Cathedral, in which he condemned the city council, the school board, and the Fielding government for the part each had taken in this matter. He threatened to inaugurate an agitation to oust them from power, and declared that the school board might erect the new building if they chose, but that he would never permit a Roman Catholic child to enter it. He said he could appoint a set of teachers for the old school, pay them out of the pocket of the Catholics, and keep the children there, leaving the new building empty, except teachers, the tax-payers thus to pay for an idle school. The battle that had led up to this has been quiet, but none the less bitter and hard-fought.

What has given the school board the courage to come out in opposition to the Archbishop now after twenty-seven years of acquiescence? I will try to tell *PROGRESS* candidly the cause, giving its inside history. Archbishop O'Brien is a Prince Edward Islander. He has great strength of will and determination, and he is controlled by devotion to the interests of his church. But he has one other characteristic, in which perhaps lies the secret of the present "little unpleasantness." More than once His Grace has taken the platform on behalf of "Imperial Federation"; he is a thorough-going Britisher and Canadian, and he is suspected of leaning strongly towards what is called "toryism" in federal politics. Everyone knows how his influence was put forth at the last Dominion election, on behalf of the conservative candidates. But this political bias has not interfered with the carrying out of the Archbishop's plans for the advancement of the church. Evidences of her prosperity under his administration, appear on every hand. Handsome buildings for carrying on the work of the church are seen in all quarters of the city.

Here comes the double motive for a contest with His Grace. The majority of the school board are liberal in politics. It is natural to suppose they are ready, it an opportunity arises to enjoy some sweet revenge for political reverses suffered at his hands. The Archbishop was against them anyhow in Dominion politics, though not in local, and politically speaking, the board considered they could not lose much by a fight, while there was the possible opportunity to square themselves for past political defeats which he had helped to administer to them. No one will deny that apart from this the commissioners viewed with distaste the aggression of the Roman Catholic church, and that their protestant sentiments urged them forward to curb the church's increasing strength in Halifax.

Three-fifths of our city population is protestant and two-fifths Catholic. If it came to a battle of battles, therefore, the liberal commissioners would be fairly safe to put it mildly. It is a fact that had the Archbishop belonged to, and worked for the liberal party, with the school board as at present constituted, he would not now have this trouble to contend with, though at the same time it is true that with the majority of the commissioners, their sympathies naturally run in the anti-Catholic direction. Political feeling gave them their chance both for re-

venge and for rectifying what was considered a danger.

What will be the probable result? Halifax voters are divided into three classes, like those of most other cities. There are extreme Catholics, there are extreme protestants, and there are the moderate men of both creeds. Extreme Catholics will side with the Archbishop in this controversy, sacrificing their politics; advanced protestants will support Mr. Fielding, if need be, under the impression that he has refused to do the bidding of His Grace to veto the action of the school-board. What way will the moderate people go? Judging by what is heard on the streets, the number of conservatives who will leave their party and support Mr. Fielding, if this school question be the issue, will much outnumber the Catholics whom Fielding will lose.

I can give *PROGRESS* some proof of this which has not yet been made public. On Sunday of last week an influential delegation of Roman Catholics waited upon Archbishop O'Brien. They are liberals. They presented His Grace with an address of a rather milk-and-water description, but it contained a protest against the Archbishop's school policy. The petitioners intimated to him they were willing to sacrifice any alleged rights the Catholics might have in regard to clerical ownership of school buildings. The threat was made in unspeakable terms, that it the Archbishop adhered to his intention of beginning an agitation, and held the public meetings he proposed, that they would not assist in any way, and that the public meetings would be conspicuous by their absence from them. That was plain talk, but it came from men who, while good Catholics, have at the same time strong political inclinations. They do not want to be compelled to choose sides—to have the Archbishop on one side with themselves on the other. They fear that if their party were to gain in such a contest they would not be much happier than if they were to lose while on His Grace's side. They want neither. These men would rather be left to fight out the battle of the next general election, which comes in a year or so, without the Archbishop on either side, but if he must fight it looks as though a good many of them would take sides against His Grace.

That is pretty much how the school question stands in this city. None can deny the Archbishop's ability and devotion; none can deny the double motive of political revenge and adherence to principle on the part of the majority of the school board, and none can deny that some Catholics and many protestant ratepayers condemn the frank out-spokenness and aggressive policy of Archbishop O'Brien. Alderman H. V. Wier and commissioner W. E. Bremner and J. P. Langard are the chief spirits on the school board, in opposition to His Grace, and in defence of so-called principle. Most people who know them will conclude that "politics" is a more important factor with them than is protestant principle.

### A Case of Mistaken Confidence.

A rather good story is told at the expense of a citizen of Halifax who has been a widower for some years. Not long after his wife died, he bought an expensive house on Brunswick street, where, with his daughter and her husband he has lived for some years. For reasons best known to himself the Brunswick house was placed in the name of his daughter and when a few weeks ago he left the city for a fishing trip, she and her husband remained as the occupants of the dwelling. When the fisherman returned to the city, he was not alone but accompanied by something more precious far than the greatest fare of speckled beauties ever seen. He brought with him a beautiful young bride. But he found the doors of his old home closed against him. His son-in-law said he should henceforth find no entrance there, and the father-in-law, who for years had sheltered his son-in-law, daughter and family had to turn away and seek other quarters. Rooms were accordingly taken away from the old fireside, and now the son-in-law reigns supreme in the Brunswick street mansion, while the newly married couple, in their humbler way, are as happy as circumstances will permit.

### It Was a Great Success.

Father Collette's picnic at West Quaco last Tuesday, was a great success. The dinner tables were kept by Mrs. Michael Nugent and Mrs. Thomas B. McGrath, while the refreshments were supplied by Mrs. Michael Burchill. The Hampton band furnished music. Capt. James Cheam directed the games and the winners were:—base-ball, Dennis Gallagher; brace and bit, C. Irvine; jumping, Martin Dolan, St. John; heavy hammer, W. Burchill; races, Belliveau Nugent; archery, John McLaughlin, (prize, a handsome lamp, given by Miss Mary Cremer, of St. John.) In Miss Kate Nugent's lottery, Alex. Glennie, of St. John, won a large and beautifully bound Bible. Among the visitors present was Father McDevitt, of Sussex. The weather was fine and everybody was delighted.

## DID NOT ASK THE CHIEF.

BUT HE WAS HEARD FROM AFTER THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED.

The Municipal Council Grappled With the Bay Shore Nuisance and Gave Sergeant Ross an Office—Why He is Not in It—The Liquor Law in Lancaster.

There is every indication that something will be done before long to prevent further rowdiness at the Bay Shore. The municipal council grappled with the matter at its session last Tuesday, and thought everything was settled. It was not, however, for the council merely passed a resolution without having the machinery to carry it into operation. Sergt. Ross, in command of the West End forces, was appointed a special officer to preserve order at the Bay Shore, at a salary of \$50 a year. The sergeant was quite willing to accept the trust, but the Chief put a veto on the move, and appears to have the law on his side. Ross cannot be in Carleton and at the Bay Shore at the same time, or as the Chief puts it, "when he is ploughing he is not sowing."

The complaints as to the drunkenness and rowdiness at the Bay Shore make it imperative that something should be done. Ald. Baxter, who made the motion, looked upon the matter as an emergency in which the shortest means to an end was the best, and he felt that Ross was the best available man, who could very well be spared from his police duties in Carleton while looking after disorderly residents of Carleton who frequent the beach.

The Carleton division of the police force consists of Sergt. Ross and two men. Up to the time of the union of the cities, one man was sufficient for night and day duty, so that it was felt one of the present three might be available in the present emergency, he, of course, to be under the direction of the Chief. A policeman with a club and uniform was likely to be more effective than a parish constable with a walking stick and straw hat as badges of authority. Besides, recent events in Carleton have shown that Ross has a keen nose for liquor sold contrary to law. There was more or less discussion over the motion, but it was finally passed, and the council adjourned to see the Pythian parade, at the head of which rode Chief Clark himself, smiling from under his imported English helmet as if there was not such a body as the municipal council in existence.

The Chief was heard from the next day, when he declared he could not have his force reduced by allowing Ross to accept the position, but that in any way in which he could otherwise aid in keeping order at the Bay Shore, he would be glad to lend his assistance.

Thus the resolution of the municipality came to naught, and now it is proposed to swear in a special constable and as many more as may be required, the parish of Lancaster to foot the bills.

The trouble with the Bay Shore appears to be that there is too much liquor outside of the city line. There is no licensed tavern in Carleton, but there is plenty of stuff to be had in Fairville and on the route between that much scorched suburb and the Bay Shore. West End residents of rowdy proclivities go to Fairville for liquor, and as a subsequent recreation destroy shade trees around Lancaster Heights, lie drunk around the highways and bring up at the Bay Shore, where they are able to get fresh supplies. They have had a fine picnic so far all summer.

There is a license inspector for Lancaster, Mr. James Gault. He sent a communication to the council last Tuesday setting forth that he had been in office a quarter of a century and had always tried to do his duty, but had not always succeeded. He stated, in effect, that he was willing to give up his office if the council put him out of it, but as this statement could not be construed as a resignation, no action was taken. The inspector for the whole county is Mr. H. W. Frith, who adjudicates upon the application for licenses with dignity and discretion, but it would require an abnormal imagination to picture him in the exercise of active constabulary duties among the shebeens where bottles are concealed in old boots and jugs or secreted in the bedclothes. He attends to the clerical duties of his office and leaves Mr. Gault to do the rest. The latter, apparently needs either more assistance or more encouragement.

The work of the new municipal constabulary will be watched with interest.

### It Is not a Good Job.

Some of the people of Brooks ward are not happy, even though the board of works is expending money on the street. What seems to be a pretty clumsy job has been done on Watson street, at the junction of Charlotte street. The hill at this place is naturally steep enough, but the "improvements" have made it still more so. While the eastern sidewalk is several feet higher than the walk on the western side. It is true it is naturally high in consequence of the rock there but it has been built up with

gravel until the gutter is a good deal above the street. If the street be filled in to the same height, the western sidewalk will then be much too low. Besides, there is no reason why the street should be filled up so as to make a worse hill than there is now, and as the earth is hauled from a distance the expense will probably be greater than if the rock had been cut away. The board of works should look into the matter.

### FREDERICTON TRACK RECORDS.

A Few Interesting Facts About Fredericton Turfmen and Horses.

In September 1867 the Fredericton Park Association opened its half-mile track to the public, and races have been held there on every season since.

In 1892 the management gave an evening meeting by Electric light, which was a new departure in the lower provinces.

Fredericton was the first track in the lower provinces to inaugurate a stake race for two year olds, and such races were held in 1888, 1889, 1890, and 1891. Since then other tracks have been more successful with this class of races, notably the stakes managed by Mr. Power of Halifax and those now being conducted by Mr. McSweeney of Moncton, and the Saint John Society. Below will be found a statement of the best records made on the Fredericton track since its opening.

#### ONE MILE RECORDS.

Speculation, against time,.....2:31 1/2 in 1891.  
DeBarry, ".....2:34 1/2 " 1888.  
Edgar, ".....2:34 1/2 " 1890.  
Harry M., ".....2:34 1/2 " 1891.  
Sontag, ".....2:35 1/2 " 1887.

#### HALF MILE RECORDS.

Creamer, ".....1:16 in 1892.  
Harry M., ".....1:16 1/2 " 1891.  
Geo. All Right, ".....1:17 1/2 " 1891.

#### EXHIBITION HALF MILES AT MEETINGS.

King Charles.....1:14 in 1890.  
Sporter.....1:17 1/2 " 1892.

#### RECORDS FOR 2 YEAR OLDS.

Nervia,.....in 1888.....3:01 1/2  
Bessie Clay, ".....1889.....2:54  
Sybil, (pacer).....1890.....3:01  
Frank E., ".....1891.....3:06 1/2

Nervia and Bessie Clay are now owned by James Gibson, Sybil is owned by Attorney General Blair, and now has at her foot a beautiful filly by Sir Charles, Frank E. is owned by E. S. Carter.

#### RECORDS FOR 3 YEAR OLDS.

Speculation,.....in 1888.....2:48 1/2  
Rosie L., ".....1891.....2:46 1/2  
Katrina, ".....1892.....2:58

The last mentioned record was made in a race against aged horses, in which among others Bessie Clay took part.

The record for 4 year olds was held by Lady Max (now dead) 2:45 1/2 in 1888.

Yorktown 1:47 1/2 in 1887 and Golden Maxim 1:52 1/4—are the best running records on this track.

The half mile bicycle record of 1:32 1/2 was made by D. Crame in 1892.

This season, three trainers, Messrs Stockford, Dunbar, and Stewart are located on the track and are handling between 25 and 30 horses. Among the number may be found yearlings by Harry Wilkes and Bronze Chief. 2 year olds by Harry Wilkes and Dictator Chief; 3 year olds by Harry Wilkes and Mack F.; 4 year olds by Harry Wilkes and older ones by Kearsarge, Sir Charles, Blackmont, Harry Wilkes, All Right, Robert R. Morris and other sires.

An unusual number of foals of 1890 are owned in the town and vicinity, among which might be mentioned:

Jen. F.,.....by Mack F.,	J. R. McConnell,
Annie Sprague, " " "	J. R. McConnell,
Kitty Sprague, " " "	J. R. McConnell,
Black Billy, " " "	Sheriff Sterling,
Invader, " " "	Jas. D. Reid,
Nick, " " "	W. P. Flewelling,
Freddie, " " "	W. P. Flewelling,
Mollie Bawn, " " "	J. M. Wiley,
Black gelding, " Mack F.,	Dr. McLearn,
Grey gelding, " Bismarck,	Harry Smith,

In two year olds we have Hattie Wilkes by Harry Wilkes, entered for the St. John Race in August, and Judge Allen by Dictator Chief, dam by Nelson.

Among the best four year olds are Helena B. and Berton B. both by Harry Wilkes. Berton B. has not yet been placed in a trainer's hands, but Helena B. has been under the tutelage of D. J. Stockford for some time, and judging from the trials recently shown by her, when she and Katrina meet, those present will see a horse race. Both are said to be after Harry McLellan's \$100.

In five year olds we have:  
Premier,.....by Harry Wilkes, S. H. McKee,  
Sir Wilkie, " " " A. N. LaForest,  
Nellie G., " " " Alex. Gibson, Jr.,  
May F., " " " J. H. Lemine,  
Oak Hall, " " " O. H. Thomas.

Among the older horses that are well known are quite speedy, and which the owners sometimes track a little for their own amusement, are Harry M. 2:34 1/2 owned by Hon. F. P. Thompson; Geo. All Right 2:41, owned by D. F. George; Sporter, the fastest pacing stallion owned by Alonzo Staples who recently drove him a half mile to road-cart in 1:13 1/4; Don Pulling, 2:29 1/2 in charge of Sandy Stewart; Dred, owned by W. P. Flemming; Morris (a pacer by All Right) owned by J. Keirstead; Nellie H. owned by J. D. Hamlon; Mary Robbins owned by J. R. McConnell; Columbus Jr. owned by Jas. Fraser.

Although Fredericton has had no meeting this season, it is expected that during exhibition week in September, a two or three days meeting will be given, when purses will be offered which will be liberal enough to draw horses from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Maine, as well as those from our own Province.