#### PROGRESS.

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# ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MAR. 31.

THE CASE OF RECTOR LITTLE.

The flourishing village of Sussex furnishes the remarkable and deplorable spectacle of a congregation trying to starve a clergyman in order to get him to relinquish his care of their souls, while the clergyman, with an obstinacy rather to be expected in a quadruped than a minister of the Gospel, persists in forcing his unwelcome presence on the people. Such a state of affairs would be sad under any circumstances, but it is the more so from the fact that it occurs in the church and among the people where the reverend Canon MEDLEY labored so long and with such earnest christian zeal.

An outline of the recent occurences is given in Progress today. It will be remembered that this is not the first time Mr. LITTLE has come into unpleasant notoriety in these pages, though it may be added, also that on more than one occasion Prog-RESS has refrained from giving prominence to him and his acts. Early in his rectorship, more than three years ago, an account was given of his peculiar methods of extravagance and his apparent recklessness in incurring liabilities which he had no visible means of paying. There was a good deal of unfavorable criticism of the course of Progress at that time, by churchmen who telt that an uncalled for attack had been made on one of their clergy, who was almost a stranger in a strange land. Yet a very short time sufficed to show that the comments on Mr. Little's conduct were fully justified by the facts, and that, indeed, the criticism had been mild rather than severe. Mr. LITTLE, however, has continued to be rector of Sussex until the present time, and if he can find any means of support, life, but when such false witness has a tendthere is no reason why he may not remain rector of Sussex for the rest of his life. As he is a hale and hearty Englishman the prospect is not an encouraging one for the best to get rid of him.

It appears to be a feature peculiar to the church of England that a minister can thus retain his place in defiance of the wishes of his congregation. In other bodies, the power of removal at discretion is either vested in a central authority or rests with individual congregations, but the Bishop of Fredericton seems to have no such authority,—unless, possibly there is some grave violation of the law of the churchand the congregation is powerless except to starve out a rector by reducing his salary. This, in most instances, would suffice, or indeed a hint that he was not acceptable would induce a clergyman to resign in many cases, but if a rector can exist despite of salary he can simply defy the people. It he is a man of private means, he can not only defy them but laugh at

clergyman is an ambassador of CHRIST, in the contemplation of the church, such a unfortunately true that in all churches there have been and must be ministers who occasionally err, and sometimes create great scandal. Usually, however their ministrations cease when their offence is known, and their places are supplied by more worthy men. If Mr. LITTLE had been a notoriously wicked man his case could have been settled, no doubt, but being only a very objectionable man, he can continue to minister at Sussex, even though he should preach the church empty and leave in that busy community only the remembrance of what had been a body of active

It is by reason of this very defect in the law of the church of England that there are dead parishes in this province today. Men unfit for the work and not acceptable to the people have life tenures of what were once strong episcopalian centres and are now rapidly yielding the precedence to more energetic denominations. It is a very weak point in the armor of the church of England, and the census returns prove that the inevitable results are already felt. There ought to be a remedy, if the church expects even to hold its own.

## EXPLOSION OF A BUBBLE.

The report of Judge FRASER, as a commissioner to investigate the charges made in reference to the Bathurst schools, will be found interesting reading. Very copious extracts from it appear in this issue of PROG-RESS, but long as the matter may be, the complaints made and the facts established are so clearly put that the document is very easily read and understood. It explains everybody. itself, and tells the story as clearly as words can tell it. It proves, too, that the illtempered zeal of one or two people was the cause of a great deal of excitement for which there was not the slightest ground.

and his friends were honest in their belief that the rights and privileges of the protestant ratepayers of Bathurst were in danger from clerical interference by a catholic bishop and the priests, but admitting the sincerity of the movers in the complaint their course was singularly void of discretion. That their inconsiderate acceptance of the tattle and gossip, and their methods for mayor." This is a good thing to say, self.

of stating their case did not have more sorious consequences in stirring up party strife is a matter for thankfulness, but the thanks are not due to Mr. THOMSON and his

to carry on the investigation. Every hody, on both sides, had confidence in the commissioner, and the fact that he was one of the makers of the school law, thoroughly conversant with its letter and spirit, as well as jealous of its fair fame, made it certain that if the law had been controvened he would be quick to recognize and declare

His report not only shows that there was no clercial interference, but that the attempt to construe certain acts as such interference required all the ingenuity of the professional fact twisters who were retained for the purpose. In view of the actual facts, some phases of this tempest in a teapot appear ridiculous in the extreme.

Judge Fraser's comments on some of the allegations and his explanations of why he has arrived at certain "conclusions have the ring of sound common sense. In the light of his words, Mr. THOMSON and his tellow firebrands appear to be pretty effectively extinguished.

With the present understanding of the facts of the case, it seems astonishing that an exaggerated view of the matter led to the defeat of the leader of the local government and his ticket in the county of York, and to a great deal of ill feeling in other counties. One cannot blame the protestant voters in such counties for acting as they did when they believed the monstrous exaggerations to be truths, but what must be thought of those who, with a knowledge of the facts, carried on a campaign of misrepresentation, deceit and at times of absolute and unblushing talsehood.

The commandment which forbids the bearing of talse witness against one's neighbor is too often disregarded in the affairs of ency to provoke bitter strife between creeds and classes it cannot be too severely con-

The school law is valued by the people unnappy congregation which is doing its of this province, and they would be quick to resent any wiltul violation of its provisions in any section of the country or by any class of people. It is most gratifying to find that, despite all the clamor, there has been no such violation in the instance of the Bathurst schools, and that the only "interference" there has been has come from Mr. Thomson and a few others who are responsible for the tumult that was

> So ends the story of the Bathurst school question. From the point of view of PITTS and other petty politicians of that stamp, it may have served its purpose in certain counties. Having done so, it may now be fitly relegated to oblivion, or at the best, be remembered only to point a moral.

The assassin PRENDERGAST was not hanged on Good Friday, according to sentence, but the other fellow, who had ob-When it is remembered that an ordained | jected to being hanged on the same day as HARRISON'S murderer, paid the penalty of his crime. In PRENDERGAST'S case condition of affairs is very shocking. It is the judge postponed the execution without the intervention of the supreme court or a reprieve from the governor. The postponement of the affair was in order to have another test of the condemned man's sanity, and the question now is whether he can ever be legally hanged. The act of the judge is without a precedent, and the lawyers are divided in their opinions. The humbug of justice in United States criminal procedure is something which people acquainted with British courts find hard to

> Who says the clergy preach for money in these degenerate days 9 Some of them may, it is true, but while here and there a pastor may clamor for an increase of pay, Rev. H. W. Little, rector of Sussex, is willing to stay even though his salary is decreased. His flock voted him forty dollars last year, but as he refused to starve or resign on that allowance, they have now fixed his stipend at one dollar for the year to come. They evidently do not want him, and that seems to be the reason he joyment. Miss Torbett's reputation as a is determined to stay.

The election of Ald. BLIZARD as a candidate on the T.R.A. ticket will be approved by a large number of citizens. It ity at hand was a mistake that he was left off in the first instance, and when the opportunity came the wisest thing was done in putting him on. Ald. BLIZARD would have been a candidate in any case, but there is no doubt he would have felt strangely out of place had he been obliged to join hands with some of the men whose official record has made the need of reform apparent to

It is not an unusual thing for the Queen of England to be a party to a suit in the British possessions, but it sounds odd to hear that she is plaintiff in a suit in a New York court. The action is that of "Her It is possible that Rev. A. F. Thomson Majesty Victoria against the Standard Asphalt Company," in regard to asphalt which, it is claimed, has been taken from crown lands in Trinidad, and the amount involved is between three and four thousand dollars.

> Mayor Peters is reported as saying that he is in the field as "The people's candidate

considering the fact that he is trying to force himself upon the public for the fourth time, and that the people have not yet expressed any burning desire to make him mayor for life, Mr. PETERS may remem-Judge Fraser, was eminently qualified ber that the last "people's cardidate" who ran in this city got about three hundred votes. Mr. Peters is beginning to make

> The T. R. A. ticket is a good enough ticket for any citizen to accept. Even if it were much less acceptable than it is, it would be infinitely preferable to our made up aldermen and ex-aldermen whose course have made reform necessary.

The Coxey army should have waited week and begun its march on the first

A MILLINERY DEPARTURE.

Messrs. Daniel & Robertson's New Move In this Direction.

A new millinery room is to be opened next week. Ordinarily this statement would be received with but passing interest by the ladies, but, in this case, when it is a new department in a popular dry goods establishment which already has hosts of friends, the "opening day" will be looked orward too with eagerness.

Messrs. Daniel & Robertson's business keeping pace with the trade. When enlargement was necessary they managed to secure the adjoining building and enlarged t obtaining more than twice the room on he ground floor and permitting an adequate display of a large stock.

This gave them an opportunity to carry the idea of their new department, millinery, into effect and next week will see the spacious room up stairs, where, formerly, their dress goods were shown converted into one of the handsomest rooms of this sort in the city. Indeed it can be called that now, half completed as it is, but when the finishing touches are put upon it under the skilful hands of those in charge it will be well worth seeing. There is so much room that a chance is afforded to show the dainty goods upon tables several of which are placed where the light will show to advan-Upon these are every conceivable shape of hats and bonnets, beautiful flowers. steel and jetted ornaments, feathers in every tint of the rainbow, arranged in an

As an agreeable kind of preparation for the feast of a few days, Messrs. Daniel & Robertson showed an introductory window last week, which was certainly the best seen in St. John for many a day, the design being entirely different from that of the average millinery window. It attracted great attention, and was admired by many of the sterner sex, who, as a general thing, do not take much interest in that sort of thing, except perhaps when the bills come

The milliner, Miss Williams, with two experienced assistants, have been busy the past two weeks, making up hats and bonnets, which, with the latest London and Paris novelties, will be displayed at the grand opening the coming week. The exact day will be announced in the daily papers. The firm has every reason to be proud of their splendid room, and the magnificent display of nice goods.

## The Press Club Concerts.

On next Monday and Tuesday evenings Miss Ollie Torbett, the well known and much admired violinist, assisted by M. Moquist and the Leutemaun sextette, will give concerts in the opera house in aid of the Press club, recently organized in this city. The numerous direct and indirect advantages that result to any city that has an established Press club within its walls, are self evident to the reflecting man, and therefore the hands of the executive of this club should be strengthened as much as possible. An easy way to do this is to give the club bumper houses on the occasions named. The club materially desires to give even now an equivalent for the liberal patronage anticipated and they believe in presenting Miss Torbett and her companions, as the entertainers they are guaranteeing the citizens two evenings of rare enclever violinist is well established here and as there are many citizens who have frequently expressed regret at not having heard her there is every hope at least, they will now avail themselves of the opportun-

## Bicycles of Many Kinds.

The St. John Cycle company, with quarters and offices in the old palace rink, have secured the agency of the worldtamed Columbian bicycle. An American wheel, it has easily taken the first place among Americans, and its introduction here will be hailed with satisfaction and delight by bicycle riders. Samples of the wheel are now on exhibition, where for company they have Whitworths, Singers, Raleighs and other English wheels, as well as the Crescent of Chicago. There are girls' and ladies' cycles, too. The St. John Cycle company is favorably known to the public in this business especially and, as their line is very complete, intending purchasers should call upon them.

## Crowded Out.

The index of advertisements is unavoidably crowded out this week.

They say that money does not bring happiness. This is an experiment, however which everyone wishes to try for him-

#### ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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MARCH 28 .- The Masonic ball given last evening under the auspices of the officers and members of Sussex lodge F. and A. M. was the most brillant affair that has been given here since the masonic ball of last year. The lodge was officially represented by worshipful Master Walter W. Inches, and other members in full regalia. The St. Stephen Royal arch chapter by most excellent High Priest O. S. Newnham, and other members in full regalia. St. Stephen encampment by commander J T. Whitlock, and other members in full regalia. Victoria lodge in Milltown by worshipful master W. Lauchlin M. D. Hugh de Payne commandery Calais by past commander W. H. Cole. St. Croix lodge, by past master W. G. Gibson. The Grand lodge of New Brunswick, by district deputy grand master Henry Graham, in full regalia. When the guests arrived at the hall they were received in the ball room by the reception committee of ladies: Mrs. W. H. Inches, Mrs. Henry Graham, Mrs. W. F. Todd, and Miss Jessie Whitlock. The hall is a handsome one, and was not decorated; a linen was stretched over the carpet making a fine floor to dance on. At nine o'clock the grand march was formed, and dancing began and waxed fast and merry until an early hour this morning. It was an exceedingly pretty ball so many bright and pretty dresses, seldom do we see grouped together so many pretty young face:, and so much beauty and grace, and with the gay and rich uniforms of the Knight Templars, and the masons, it made a gorgeous scene. Supper was served at twelve o'clock and during that time the sweet strains of gay waltz music could be heard from the ball room, which was taken advantage of by the younger guests, who would far rather waltz than partake of the good things that filled the tables in the banquet hall. The costumes worn by the ladies were exceeding handsome, new, and varied. The following description is as accurate as could be obtained.

Mrs. W. W. Inches, pretty costume of heliotrope silk, with trimmings of velvet of a darker hue, and rich whlte lace; ornaments, diamonds.

Mrs. Henry Graham, black silk with sleeves of riolet satin, and trimmings of heavy jet or aments. Mrs. W. F. Todd, handsome grey crepon, heavily trimmed with steel passamenterie; ornaments of steel and diamonds.

Miss Jessie Whitlock looked extremely well in a handsome gown of black velvet, en train, with a girdle of jet and jet passamenterie; corsage bouquet of pink roses and smilax.

Mrs. James Mucray, white silk, with corsage ouquet\_of smilax and violets. Mrs. D. W. Brown, rich black silk with trimming

of duchess lace; ornaments of jet, and diamonds. Mrs. Wetmore, pale yellow silk, with triumings of black velvet; corsage bouquet of white and yel. w carnations; diamond ornaments. Mrs. T. J. Smith, rich costume of black striped satin, trimmed promeely with irresdescent and jet trimming; her ornaments were torquoise and ma-

Mrs. J. M Murchie, striped black and white with corsage bouquet of pale pink roses. Mrs. Drake, black silk costume, with uquet of ot white hyacinths.

Mrs. W. H. Cole, black and white silk, wi ess of jetted lace; diamond ornaments. Mrs. Geo. F. Elliot, handsome black silk tri Mrs W. W. Brown, black and white silk

Mrs. Charles A, Linden, sage green immed with velvet the same shade; Mrs. A. T. Murchie, cream cashmere nings of cream lace or aments, gold; Mrs. Burpee, (Woodstock,) cream silk en train ith trimmings of duchesse lace; Mrs. Stephen Gardner, scarlet crepe, with

Mrs. Carrie Maxwell, black lace, with trimmings ipure lace, and jet ornaments: Mrs. T. R. Mitchell, rich costume mmed with black morie ribbon; Mrs. Dowling McKay, pretty costume of old rose

pe with trimmings of ribb Mrs. Harry Grant, handsome brocaded black and hite siik; Mrs. C. E. Gilmore, black siik dress prettily rimmed with escurial lace and corsage bonquet Mrs. Jessie Moore, pretty costume of black and

range silk, amber ornaments: Mrs. F. M. Murchie, stylish costume of pink and nd black satin, ornaments pearls; Mrs. Waiter Swift, pretty costume of white crepe ichly adorned with duchesse lace, pearl orna.

Mrs. Fred Waterson, rich brocaded violet satin a greek diamonds ornaments; Mrs. Sparhawk, black silk satin, trimmed with Mrs. John Sears. old rose sllk, with trimmings of d rose velvet, and white lace; Mrs. Samuel McKay, black dice of green and cardinal sick; Mrs. Newnham, black silk with trimmings o

Mrs. Harry Broad, cardinal silk, with overdress f black silk; Mrs. George McAndrews black and violet silk, with overcress of black chiffon, and collarette of violet satinand white lace; Mrs. W. Waters, pretty gown of black, trimmed ith black tulle, jet ornaments; Mrs. Wilbur Greene, black silk, trimmed with

ream lace, gold ornaments:

opiique lace and jet; Mrs. J. C. McAinster, grey silk costume, trimmed Mrs. J. C. Brown, cream silk, with trimmings nd bows of orange ribbon, pearl ornaments; Mrs. W. G. Gibson, black crepon, trimmed with

Mrs. John F. Oliver, black bengaline silk, with rniture of jet and lace; Mrs. Pendlebury, black silk, trimmed with emidered chiffon: Mrs. A. V. Colfins, cream brown Surah silk with mmings of golden brown velvet, gold ornaments; Mrs. Frank Wright, black silk, trimmed with

Miss Annie Bixby, pale green crepe, sleeves a la coordione, silver ornaments;
Miss Florrie Cullinen, pale pink silk, covered with pink tulle, bouquet of white carnations; Miss Rose Bradnee, cream cashmere, trimme i h cream brussel's net;

Miss Georgie Markee, canary ed with canary ribbon Miss Lena Markee, pale pink cashmere with ornments of ribbon an : lace; Miss Nellie Smith, cream colored brocaded silk mmed with lace, scart of cream chiffon, ostrich deathers, pearl ornaments;
Miss Bessie Bixby, pale pink crepe costume

which was most becoming; Miss Cora Algar looked exceedingly pretty in dsome dress of cream satin with an overdress o gold and white stripped gauze, ornaments pearls; Miss Maud Waldron, cream bengaline silk with

scarlet trimmings, scarf of scarlet silk and gold Miss Heiena Gillespie, gown of cream crepe Miss Ida Smith, pale piak dress with flounces of nte siik and collarette of duchesse lace; Miss May Simpson, white silk with overdress of

white satin striped gauze, which was most becom-Miss Sara Keating, lavender and white satin, richly trimmed with lace, a most stylish and be-Miss Eilie Keating, pretty costume of cream surah k trimmed with old rose silk, pearl ornaments; Miss Annie Murchie, old rose and black silk, a

nost stylish costume; Miss Bessie McIninch, princess gown of pale blue rimmed with white silk; Miss Mary Snort, cream cashmere dress trimmed with cream lace;
Miss Jennie Moore, white spotted mult with rimmings of valenciennes lace.

Miss Louise Stewart, (Hampton), pretty dress of pale blue silk, trimmed with velvet.

Miss Ida Cox, pretty dress of blue and black, immed with lace.

Miss Eva Cox, costume of violet and cream cashnere, with violet ribbons Miss Bessie Smith, light blue cashmere, trimmed prettily with oriental lace.

Miss Theo. Stevens, pale blue china silk, trimmed with valenciennes lace.

Miss Belle Henry, pretty costume of black peau de soir silk, trimmed prettily with pale grey silk.

Miss Dinsmore, pretty dress of pale blue ottoman silk, trimmed with an over dress of rich black lace, with adornments of pale blue ribbon. Miss Allie Love, looked extrem ly pretty in a light blue silk dress, trimmed with pale blue chiffon and ribbon.
Miss Mary Love, cream cashmere, trimmed with

cream lace.
Miss McKenzie, rose pink cashmere, trimmed with oriental lace.
Miss May Boness, looked very sweet in a pretty dress of white silk, trimmed with white lace, bouque of pink roses.

Miss McAdam, (Oak Bay), black china silk a la princesse, with trimmings of black ribbons.

Miss Lilian Taylor, scarlet crepe gown, trimmed

Miss Winter McAllister, pretty dress of grey ea-hmere trimmed with grey velvet, boa of yellow Miss Mame Vose, pale pink crepe, trimmed with

Miss Dot Kerr, looked extremely pretty in pale blue crepe, with trimmings of silver passamentrie silver fiddle and blue ribbons in her hair. Miss Helen O'Brien, cardinal and cream silk with rimmings of cardinal velvet which was most be-

oming.
Miss Maude McAllister, black silk with trim-

mings of white silk and jet ornaments.

Miss Sadie McCrea, pretty dress of black bengaine silk trimmings of black chiffon, bouquet of white

Miss Mattie Nichols, dress of pale grey silk with Miss Nellie Hill, cream silk trimmed with nile green silk. Miss May Foster, cream bengaline silk trimmed

with cream escurial lace, corsage bouquet of scarlet carnations.

Miss May McCollough, cream silk trimmed with ace with bouquet of pink carnations.

Miss Fannie Mayhew, pale green silk trimmed ith velvet of a darker hue

Miss May Jones. white caina silk trimmed with ream ribbon and lace.
Miss Fannie Wilder, light blue silk trimmed with ight blue embroidered chiffon.

Miss Bessie Finkle, pretty costume of black silk.

Miss Grace Smith, black and yellow challe with

Miss Cooke, black embroidered mull with moire

The gentlemen who were present are Messrs. F. W. Andrews, W. Burpee. Geo. J. Clarke, U. S. A. Douglas, Ned Douglas, R. W. Grimmer, L. A. Mills, Thomas Murray, T. R. Mitchell, U. A. Mills, Arthur McKenzie, A. D. McKay, W. D. McKay, Geo. F. Pinder, H. A. Pethick, J. M. Stevens, E. U. Thompson, Chas. Vanstone, V. V. Vanstone, Rev. John Anderson, R. V. Wr. Thomas, Rev. Open. Rev. John Anderson, R. v. Mr. Thomas, Rev. O. S. Newnham, F. I. Blair, H. M. Broad, John. McGib, bon, A. L. Drake, Frank Littlefield, E. B. Snow. Geo. K. Baskin, William Douglas, C. C. Whitlock, J. S. T. Maxwell, G. N. Hyslop, G. D. Sinclair, R. U. Dinsmore, F. S. Sawyer, C. H. Ray, F. W. Smith, W. Morrison, W. H. Laughlin, J. C. McAllister, Harry Haley, Geo. O. Dexter, Herbert McLain, Geo. F. Cox. Samuel R. Givere, Henry McLain, Geo. F. Cox, Samuel R. Gi more, Henry Graham, C. E. Gilmore, Harry Graham, John Henry, Samuel McCorkey, Moses McGowan, Andrew McWha, Charles Beard, H. A. Stroude, Andrew McWha, Charles Beard, H. A. Stroude, Frank Smith, Frank Sparhawk, J. W. Scovil, S. J. Topping, W. F. Todd, E. G. Vroom, Fred. Whitlock, W. W. Brown, C. A. Lindow, A. T. Murchie, F. M. Murchie, Arthur Murchie, Fred. E. Murchie, D. F. Maxwell, Ike Jones, Henry Gillespie, T. W. Schurman, Otts Bailey, W. H. Cole, George P. Elliot, E. H. Cole, George Downes, George F. Elliot, E. H. Gnest, Harry Grant, W. G. Gibson, J. T. Oliver, J. E. Pendlebery, John A. Sears, Frank Wright, W. W. Inches, Geo., H. McAndrews, Henry Mc Allister, J. M. Murchie. The fine arrangements of the ball and the success of it are largely due to Worshipful Master W. W. Inches, and Geo. F. Pinder, P. D. G. M., who spared no pains to make t the most delightful affair of the season. The "at home" and drive whist party, given or

Thursday last from four till seven o'clock by Mrs. Seth T. Whitney to her lady friends, was a most de-lightful affair. The floral decorations were all spring flowers. Lovely bunches of tulips, hycianths and daffys which are so bright and lovely, filled the drawing rooms with their fragrance. Mrs. Whitney received her friends in a pretty costume of black and changeable silk. She was assisted by her friend Mrs. J. M. Murchie, who wore a gown of black and tan coloured satin. At four o'clock the guests arrived and at half past four whist began and continued until seven o'clock, when the prizes were awarded. Mrs. Louis Dexter and Mrs. George Curran received the first prizes, and Mrs. Mason and Miss Neilie Murchie were made happy with the booby prizes. Supper was then served, and imnediately afterwards the guests left for their homes Mr. and Mrs. T. A Stevenson were surprised by a large party of friends who came to their residence on Thursday evening to offer their congratu ation and to celebrate the anniversary of their twenty-

gifts presented. Among them was an elegant silver anquet lamp, and a silver book stand, from friends in the Methodist church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are members. Madame Chipman also presented them with a handsome silver clock. It was a most pleasant affair. Music and conversation made the hours pass quickly. Supper was served at eleven o'c ock, and snortly afterwards the guests Mr. and Mrs. Henry Todd, and Miss Margaret Mr. and Mrs. William Terrance, of Halifax, are

spending a few days here, the guests of Judge Stevens, at Hawthorne Hall. Friends of Mrs. S. B. Thompson and Mr. T. A. Irving will be interested to hear that they are now in Arizona, visiting Mr. J. Watson Thompson, at is ranche near Mineral Park. Miss Grace Wilson has returned to Fredericton, after a short vacaiion at her home here.

Miss May Carter and Miss Georgie Meredith spent Easter in Elmsville. The Misses MacNichol have gone to Boston for an extended visit. They will be greatly missed in ciety circles in Calais. Miss Jessie Dustin has returned to Fredericton resume her studies.

Mrs. Walter Swift, of Vanceboro, is spending this

#### week with her mother, Mrs. Keating. TO THE ELECTORS OF THE for her to do. CITY OF ST. JOHN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :-Several months ago the Tax Reduction association, composed of our citiz-ns, entered upon the work of civic reform, and being assisted by the masses of our people matured, and in the face of determined opposition carried through the legislature a bill that has changed the mode of elections and broadened the representation, altered the constitution of the council and made possible the selection of representatives who will look to the interests of the city as a whole and secure the administration of public affairs with efficiency and economy. This movement of reform has entered its most critical and vital stage, because; you are now called upon to elect under the new constitution men who will secure the triumphant completion of the efforts so nobly made on our city's behalt. Therefore we, as triends of this progressive movement, solicit your support, and pledge ourselves to absolutely oppose any increase in the debt by the issue of bonds or otherwise, unless in cases of absolute and unforeseen emergency, to keep the annual expenditure of the city within the income, and not to allow more money to be spent for any amount than the amount assessed for the current year, to apply for legislation giving the citizens more direct control of school, and other expenditure; ment; also to vest in the city council the fixing of the salaries of all civic officials, and generally to demand for the citizens the right of responsible local self-government; also to the consideration of the departmental system, with a view to its revision and the abolition of all unnecessary offices, to inquire into the management of the business of the assessors' office for the purpose of having the assessment law or its administration improved and generally to enter upon an investigation of the city's affairs with a view to the practice of the most rigid economy and a sincere effort to obtain a dollar's worth for every dollar George Robertson for Mayor.

Patrick McCarthy, ? for aldermen as D.J. McNaughton, § large. C. Berton Lockhart, for Guy's ward John B. M. Baxter, for Brook's ward. George H. Waring, for Sidney ward. Stephen B. Blizard, for Duke's ward. John W. Daniel, for Queen's ward. James Kennedy, for King's ward. William Shaw, for Wellington ward. John H. McRobbie, for Prince ward. James Seaton, for Victoria ward. Thomas Milledge, for Dufferin ward. Robert W. DeBury. for Lansdowne

John McMulkin, for Lorne ward. Michael O'Mahoney, for Stanley ward.

Masters Rofe and Brook Sadlier, the young sons of Mr. W. H. B. Sa dlier, of St. John, are the guests of Mrs. Waterbury during this week. Miss Janie Todd is in Eastport visiting her friend; Mrs. Frank Paine, during this week.
Mrs. F. T. Pote and Mrs. W. A. Lambe left today

Miss Winter McAllister is the guest of Miss May Mrs. B. Shorten is spending a day or two in

Miss Daisy Hanson is visiting her p rents in Fredericton.

Mrs. William Wheeler, of St. John, and her young sons are the guests of Mrs. C. H. Smith.

Mr. Fredric Stancliffe arrived from Montreal on Saturday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Black, at the bank of Nova Scotia. Mrs. S. anclife has been here during the unit graph.

has been here during the past week.

Miss E. W. Milliken of Augusta was in Calais for few days during the past week.

Miss Jessie Howie of Baring is the guest of Mrs Mrs. S. H. Biair is now in Boston, the guest of

Miss Henrietta Ridgeway at 189 Charles street. Mrs. R. D. Ross has been suffering from a severe cold, and her friends will regret to hear she is still Miss Carrie Belle Boardman has accepted a fine

position in Taylor, Pennsylvania, as teacher of kindergarten. Miss Boardman is a great favorite here and her friends are glad to hear of her good Miss Ethel Waterbury is visiting in St. Andrews her young friend Miss Ethel Stewart.

Miss Helen Laughton has returned to Eastport after a delightful visit among friends in Carrie.

Mrs. A. Q. Hill entertained a partial lady friends in an old styled but exceedingly of asant friends in an old styled but exceedingly of asant way by inviting them to a quilting bee at her residence. With so many witning skillful hands the quilt was quickly completed, and immediately afterward supper was served. The ladies who were there were, Mrs. M. N. McKusick, Mrs. George Curran, Mrs. Skeflington Murchie, Mrs. W. B. King, Mrs. Wiltard Pike, Mrs. Albert Todd, Mrs. George Elliott, Mrs. W. Dutch, Mrs. Murray Hill, Mrs. Fred Hill Mrs. Fredie Burpee, Miss Laura Townsend, and Miss Harmon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook, of Vanceboro, are the uests of Mrs. Stephen Gardner

# IS NOT SUSTAINED.

(Continued from Thirk Page.) be present at such exercise, but no such

wish was shown to have been expressed in writing or even to have been verbally expressed by any Protestant parent to the trustees in any single case; on the contrary, Protestant parents allowed their children to attend at prayer time, and to

I think this ground of complaint had nothing to it.

Another ground of complaint under this head is "That in one or more instances Protestant children have been forced by their teachers in said schools to so kneel and cross themselves."

I, therefore, express as my opinion that the evidence does not warrant the statement that Protestant children in any of the schools in Gloucester County were forced by the teachers in the schools to kneel or

to cross themselves. Another ground of complaint under this head is that in one instance a Protestant pupil in one of said schools was ordered by the teacher of said school to leave the same, because he would not kneel in said school with the Roman Catholic pupils, and the said Protestant pupil did leave the school under and by reason of such order.

It appeared by the evidence that at prayer time in one of the schools in a district at Green Point, in Gloucester County, outside of the Town and Village, one of the pupils named James Doucett, during the time lawfully occupied by the reading of Scripture and the offering of prayer by the teacher, was observed by the teacher to be sprawling over his desk, was remonstrated with, and told he must observe a proper demeanor in the school during

prayer time or go home. The pupil, Doucett, in his evidence says: 'I was leaning over the desk, 'and doing it for a piece of fun, when the teacher, Miss Philimon Boudereau, 'told me if I would not kneel right to go home.' He said he did not blame the teacher for finding fault with him, and thought it was the proper thing

This disposes of this ground of complaint.

A General Complaint

(15) The fitteenth and last ground of complaint in the Reverend Mr. Thomson's complaint is that generally the acts of the legislature of the Province of New Brunswick regarding the common public schoolshave been violated and disregarded by the trustees of the schools in said districts in the County of Gloucester, so as to bring such schools into harmony with and make them subservient to the Roman Catholic church and deprive such schools of their non-sectarian character, and to take away from the Protestant pupils attending such schools the right and privilege guaranteed by law to such Protestant pupils.

I can quite understand that Mr. Skinner and Mr. Fowler would be likely to close their list of complaints with just such a general statement as is contained in this fifteenth ground of complaint.

In my opinion the evidence does not show that generally the acts of the legislature of the Province of New Brunswick regarding the common public schools should have been violated and disregarded by the trustees of schoo in the districts in the County of Gloucester; nor do I think that the evidence shows that there is or has been any endeavour to bring such schools into harmony with and make them subservient to the Roman Catholic church, and thus deprive such for the appointment of many officials at schools of their non-sectarian character. present appointed by the local govern- and to take away from Protestant pupils attending such schools the rights and privileges guaranteed by such Protestant pupils.

This general statement leaves it open to me to state my opinion in so far as i have already stated it in regard to certain facts in connection with this Bathurst School

question, so called. It will be readily seen by any one who is desirous of getting at the tacts that nearly every allegation in the complaint is in reference to matters of school management, or mismanagement, which have until they were set forth in this complaint of the 18th of May, A. D. 1893, never been brought to the notice of the School inspector for Gloucester County or to the notice of the

Board of Education. It was, of course, within my inquiry to investigate all complaints charging any intraction of the School Laws and regulations of the board of Education regarding Bathurst Town and Village, as also any and every matter of complaint touching the management of any school or schools in the County of Gloucester which might be

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