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CLARKE'S TRUE COLORS. on my part I can assure you.

HEPUBLISHES A PRIVATE LETTER OF EXPLANATION TO HIM.

Seeking to Convey the Impression That "Progress" Criticisms of Theatrical Performances is Not Fair and Bonest-A Complete Answer to Him.

Honest criticism of the shows that appear in the opera house of this city and in the theatre of H. B. Clarke of Halitax does not find favor with either management. In this city the two newspapers that have dared to give the public an honest opinion of theatrical performances have been boycotted by the management of the opera The management knows that when one of these papers, Progress, was enjoying the same measure of patronage from the shape of advertising and printing that other newspapers received --- and perhaps more than some of them, the same fearless criticism of the shows they brought here appeared in its columns. They know, too, that it was because of that tearless comment upon bad unfavorable notices of shows that deserve them, and, again and again managers, inspired by them, have announced that, in tat. effect, from the stage. The members of the management know better-the people know better, notwithstanding such hars as Man- been made to him, not a line of his criticisms so two carets had to be made and two proached for an advertisement and threat- he has used it solely with a view to give the The following is a copy of the document, ened with a roast unless he got it. Such statements as these are easy to make but the challenge to Mr. Bubb to prove that | time provinces that can say as much? Is there is even a tittle of truth in them remains | there a newspaper that gives such straight-

a letter to Manager Skinner of the opera house written to him under the seal of privacy by Mr. Carter, with whom, as Mr. and friendly-which is an answer to Clarke's objections made to Progress' agent, respecting the criticisms in Progress. Clarke's repeated complaints that these criticisms of shows that were to appear in Halifax after a rehearsal season in St. John were injuring him induced Mr. Carter to write him a perfectly frank and that if the criticisms injured him there was regret for it but no help for it. More than that, the letter put the matter in a plain business way and assured Clarke that if he used his influence with threatrical agents to get business for the newspapers Mr. Carter published, that the writer would help him in whatever way he could, not, as the Telegraph seeks to convey, to give dishonest criticism, or to use its own words "praise the rankest show on earth" but to help him honestly in whatever direction he could. The proposition was plain business and nothing else and anyone can judge of that from the letter itself which is printed below with Mr. Clarke's introduction.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 25. A. O. Skinner, President, St. John Opera House Co.: My Dear Mr. Skipper-I enclose you a copy of letter sent me by Mr. E. S. Carter, proprietor of St. John Progress, which speaks for itself. The writer of it had the presumption to make it private, alswered, and as Progress's unjustifiable criticisms to a certain extent injure my business as also yours, I think in self defence I am justified in sending it to you to make any use of it you may think proper.

Ever since the disagreement between the St. John Opera house management and PROGRESS, whenever the witer has given sc-called criticisms of performances playing under the Opera house management, they have in almost every instance been unfair an derogatory, excepting in those rare instances when the management off a [company have inserted an advertisement in (that paper at their own expense

I may say that my business relations with Mr Carter have been of the most pleasant and friendly nature, and only the continued unjustifiable criticisms in Progress has compelled me to send th enclosed. Should you desire you may make use of

Very truly yours. H. B. CLARKE.

St. John. Dec. 18, 1894 Mr. H. B. Clarke, Halifax, N. S:

Upon his return this morning my brother mention ed the fact that he had had some talk with you and spoke of your criticism of the criticisms in Prog-RESS. I am rather glad to have this opportunity of of two things: that the people look to Progress for more extended and careful criticisms of amuse-

ments and that we cater to that field by employing

Dear Mr. Clarke :--

a competent man to take charge of the department. Our position here is simply this: because we spoke our mind in regard to some rank performances, criticised management and company alike, the usual press courtesies as well as the usual business were withdrawn from Progress. Since the Daily Record is also under my control these courtesies were never extended to it except by wide awake agents who saw that it did not pay to ignore or antagonize any newspaper. Both of these papers have large city and provincial circulations and their influence cannot be denied.

Now business in business-the criticisms of Prog-RESS may be sharpened by the fact that its business relations with the Opera house people are thus strained, and I can understand that anything we have to say against a show here that is to appear in Halifax must injure you. There is no intention to do this rant a private letter in answer to a com-

worth your while in whatever way may seem best I am yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. S. CARTER. Dictated to F. A. T.

No doubt the phrase the Opera hou e management will point to is this: "Now business is business. The criticisms of Prog-RESS may be sharpened by the fact that its business relations with the Opera house people are thus strained."

Opera house cannot expect any favor at interesting both as illustrating the quaint the hands of Progress; they cannot expect form of indenture of the olden time, and gushing advance notices, they cannot ex- also as recalling some of St. John's pect even the minor faults of a performance, that might be passed over under other that whereas the word "Chubb's" in circumstances, to escape notice. It is human nature to handle an enemy more shows that the relations between them and severely than a friend, but the gentleman | the New Brunswick Courier spelt his name the paper became strained: they know that | who has written the criticisms in Progress when the advertising and the usual press for more than a year and who still writes also spells the surname "Chub." but he courtesies were withdrawn the course of them will tell the management of the this paper in regard to theatrical criticism | Opera house and Mr. H. B. Clarke and Mr. was not changed one jota but remained the Bubb or who ever wants to know it that the christian name of that gentlesame. They have repeatedly sought to the only instructions he ever received from man "Henery," The printed form has a convey the impression, since then, that it is the editor of this paper were, "Be fair. space left after "our sovereign Lord because advertisments do not appear in Give every show just what you think it is George," as it seemed evident when it was Progress and the Record that there are worth; insert no advance puffs and when- printed that the Georges were likely to be ever the management of the Opera house numerous. This precaution was justified makes a blunder jump on them; Tit for The printed form made George-" King

ment with Progress not a suggestion has Ireland was admitted into the union, and altered—in fact he has had a free pen and public his fairest impressions of performances. Is there a newspaper in the ma itorward and honest instructions to any But Mr. Harry Clarke of Halitax sends | critic on its staff?

Now, is there any reader of PROGRESS who will say that the policy outlined in these instructions has not been carried out? Clarke says, his relations had been pleasant | If it was necessary it would be easy to reprint untavorable notices of shows that have advertised in this paper, but-it is not

Acd now a word to H. B. Clarke, the man who, in order to gain some temporary advantage, has made himself an object of contempt for honest men-who has sent a letter marked "private", written to him friendly letter marked "private" showing by a gentleman who has had sufficient intercourse and business relations with him to warrant him in writing an explanation to him-to parties unfriendly, at least, in a business sense. Mr. Carter has no reason to object to the publication of the letter on the ground of its contents, and to show that he has not, he gives it a tar wider circulation in his newspapers than Mr. Clarke ever dreamed it would obtain, but he places upon his own missive something that Mr. Clarke omitted-the word "private". If Mr. Carter had as little regard for the privacy of conversation as Clarke has for private letters then he might recall a conversation with that individual in Halifax last summer in Clarke's office when the latter spoke his mind freely concerning the "know nothing" theatrical management in this city. But that was a private conversation and let it remain that way. If Clarke has no sense of honor there are others who have.

But, after all, this is a question for the public-the people who attend performances have a right to know in advance whether the shows are good or bad. Those who do not attend the first night have a right to know, through the newspapers, whether the show is worth seeing. Mr. Clarke contends—as he has repeatedly said -that the newspapers have no right to run a show down. If it is bad, say nothing, is his motto and, if it is good-praise unbounded. The Halifax papers accept that doctrineit means money for them and deception for the people. The St. John management run on the same lines-if you won't insert the advance notices we prepare for you without question, and praise or go easy on the shows, we have no business for youno advertisements, no printing, no cour-

all these for years and will continue to do | ate friend of his who says that he told his by Mr. Carter has been successful withwell understand that, in the future, as in | that in addition the company owed him for the past these two newspapers will do their duty by their readers and show no quarter | checked. The additional information is to either Mr. Clarke or the O. H. manage- furnished that the \$100 he borrowed

Mr. Carter in sending a "private" letter to paid in a reasonable time. This informhim unsolicited. If an acquaintance of ation comes from a reliable source and some years both with the writer and those nearly connected with him, representing and apparently erroneous impression. Progress in Halifax, if pleasant business relations for the same period did not war-

plaint made to PROGRESS representative, then what would? Where did the presumption come in? No, if Clarke had even THEY CANNOT MAKE GREAT CHANthe ordinary sense of honor attributed to business men he would not have had to seek an excuse in terming that letter "presumptuous" and "unsolicited." In very truth he has borne out the character given him by the most reliable theatrical people, in this latest move of his.

AN OLD INDENTURE

By Which an Old St. John Newspaper Man

was Apprenticed. Through the kindness of Mr. Ira Cornwall, Progress had an opportunity this week of inspecting a remarkable old document-the indenture reprinted below. That is right. The management of the It is in a good state of preservation, and is early inhabitants. It will be noticed "Chubb's Corner" is now spelled with two b's, that the future senior proprietor of "Chub," as did his father. Mr. Jarvis should not be considered as good an authority as the Messrs. Chub, as he spells of Great-Britain," but just eleven months He will tell them that since his engage- before Mr. Mott a, prenticed Mr. Chub, the words enclosed in brackets being part of the written portion of the agreement: This Indenture Witnefseth, that Henry Chub of

Brunswick, by and with the consent of his father John Chuh, bath put himfelf, and by thefe Preferts, ty and with the consent of his Father aforefaid doth voluntarily, and of his own free Will and Accord of Saint John and Province aforesaid, Printer, to learn the Art, Trade, and Myftery of a Printer, and after the Manner of an Apprentice, to ferve until the full End and Term of Seven Years next en fuing; During all which time, the faid Apprentice his faid Master faithfully fhall ferve, his Secret, keep, his lawful Commands every where readily obey: He fhall do no Damage to his faid Mafter, giving Notice thereof to his faid Mafter : He fhail not fully to any; He shall not commit Fornication nor contract Matrimony within the faid Term' At Cards, Dice, or any other Unlawful Gam e he shall not out Licence from his faid Mafter, shall neither buy nor fell: He fhall not abfent himfelf Day nor Night from his faid Matter's Service, without his Leave: nor haunt Ale-houses, Taverns nor Play-houses; but in all Things behave himfelf as a faithful Apprentice ought to do, during the faid Term. And the faid Matter faall ufe the utmoft of his Endeavour to teach or cause to be taught or instructed, the faid Apprentice, in the Trade or Myf tery of a Printer, and procure and provide for him fufficient Meat, Drink, Apparel, Lodging and Term of [Seven years, and it is further covenanted and agreed, that the faid Henry Chub, fhall, during the above faid Period, have four Quarters Night Schooling, and that at the expiration of the faid term of Apprenticethip, the faid Master fhal give him the said Apprentice a New Suit of Cloaths, fuitable to fuch an Apprentice] and for the true Performance of all and fingular the Covenants and Agreements aforefaid, the faid parties bind themfelves each unto the other, firmly by there Prefents. In Witness thereof the faid Parties have inter changeably fet their Hands and Seals hereunto. Dated the First Day of December in the Forty-Second Year in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, King of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, &c., Ann que Domini, One thoutand Eight Hundred and One.

Sealed and delivered in the HENRY CHUB JACOB S. MOTT BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the thirteenth day of January, 1802, perfonally appeared before me Morof the Peace, for the County of St. John, in the Pro vince of New-Brunfwick, the above-named Henery Chub, and the faid Henery Chub being by me the faid Juftice of the Peace examined, whether he had any objection to the above-written Indenture, and having declared that he had none, I the said Juftice do therefore hereby certify the fame accordingly.

MORRISON JARVIS, Justice of Peace. I Jacob S. Mott, do certify that the within Henry Chubb has served his time with me honestly and JACOB S. MOTT.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 4th 1809.

What Mr. Purdy's Friend Says.

A paragraph in Progress week before last respecting the sudden departure of express agent Purdy from Amherst has called Now, Progress has got along without forth a letter of explanation from an intimfriends and others he was going away, that his creditors knew of the fact and that he salary up to the time the accounts were and which was referred to in the paragraph down. If they think that their salaries tion with the transaction, but he Clarke speaks of the "presumption" of had been paid and other creditors will be will do much to correct a somewhat general

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GES IN THE ASSESSMENT.

The Greater Part of the Expenditure is Fixed and They Cannot Increase or Diminish It-What Will be the Reduction in the Next Assessment?

After eight months of hard work, the enquiry committee of the common council has about completed its task and this week reached the conclusion of its labors. On Thursday next the council will receive their report and representing as it does the work of eighty or ninety meetings it will be a ponderous document of many quires of paper and some hundreds of folios.

The particulars of that report is not known yet and so they cannot be discussed. Many people regret that the proceedings of the enquiry were not published in the press as it went along. A number of the aldermen with whom Progress talked also think now that the press should have been admitted. If they had and there had been free knowledge and discussion of the results of the investigations the council would have been able to guage public opinion and might have benefitted thereby. But now is passt and it cannot helped. Yet it suggests the question whether the deliberations of the city fathers in committee should be open to the press. One alderman who was spoker to with regard to this thought that they should and he said that the question would come up some time.

quiry and they are the following ones. First, what. The saving would be two per cent. they found that the departments were free of \$100,000 for seven months. from corruption and that there was not the slightest taint of dishonesty discoverble on the record of any office or of any public work. The officials were in no sense blameworthy for wrong-doing.

The enquiry was most thorough and every detail of management was probed to the City of Saint John in the Province of New the bottom. In this result the city has cause for congratulition. At this time the air is tull of the tale of municipal corruption and many cities in the United States and Canada are bearing bad reputations. The citizens of St. John should therefore

rejoice at this conclusion of the enquiry. The next result has to do with proposed egislation that will seek to move the government of the city more responsible to the people and with the adoption of a number o new ideas in the internal management of departments, etc. They will endeavor at this session of the legislature to obtain the appointment of the recorder and chief of police, who are now appointed play, whereby his faid Mafter may have Damage: by the local government. They also will make an effort to obtain more control of the school expenditure. The report, it is stated, will suggest many things which taken in bulk would mean considerable

in making for retrenchment. Now for the final result, the one over which there has been the chief interest this week! This is their decision with regard to the salaries of the officials. The council worked hard over this matter. They deliberated long and many schemes for reduction were proposed, but they could not decide upon anything upon which they could unite and so no radical change was made. There were one or two slight changes, but the salary list will be about the same as before. Compared with last year the salary roll will be \$730 less. William Murdoch's salary is increased \$720 over last year, and Richard Seely's \$150. To offset this is the salary of \$1600 which was paid the late Gilbert Murdoch and

A variety of opinions are now heard concerning this action. Some condemn it, claiming that there might have been a corsiderable reduction in salaries. Others uphold it saying that the city did not pay its officials say too mnch. Others say that they expected that this would be the action taken. Some of the aldermen were strong for dismissals and cutting down salaries. They had come to their conclusion as the result of their strict attendances upon the enquiry. Among these were Ald. McRobbie, Daniel and McLaughlan, three of the best business men on the board. The leaders on the conservative side were Alds. Shaw, Christie and McGoldrick. The first had attended a couple of meetings of the enquiry, the others had not at-

officials did not prevail and until the re- he missed a ring from his case. He accus not be just to criticise the action. The

were not earned they did wrong.

comes around.

The council could not under any circumstances have made any great change in the assessment. They can control only a portion of the general assessment. The greater part of the expenditure is fixed and they

cannot increase or diminish it. The assessment for 1894 was \$317,768,-10: of this they could control only \$116,-079.00, which was devoted to maintenance. Here was pretty nearly their only field for economy. But they have kept well within their assessment, as the accounts of the chamberlain, to be submitted to the council this month, will show. The other \$200,-000 of the assessment was for interest on the debt, sinking fund, &c., which is a fixed sum, and for school purposes, &c., over which the council has no control.

It is expected that the next assessment will show a reduction, what that will be is the question. A prominent member of the T. R. A. thought that there would be a ten cent reduction. An alderman who was asked did not know just how much, but he stated where he saw three or tour cents and there would be something more. Then another excellent authority was consulted. He thought that if they young man whom he promised to fool. got off a couple of cents they would do well. He said that people must not expect too much from the refunding of the debt. Only a thousand dollars of this would be felt in the general interest on the assessment. The remainder was paid from the water assessment, at the other young fellow who had been There are three chief results of the en- which of course would be reduced some-

WAS THE COLT SOLD?

A New Year's Day Transaction That is in

Two paragraphs in one of the daily papers this week created a good deal of talk among sporting men. One denied the other and both were about the sale of a colt by a young proprietor of a well known road house to a horseman in this city. The owner of the colt said he had sold the animal to his friend on New Year's day and that he had the cash-\$160, in his pocket. The colt had rot been delivered but he had the money. This story was brought to the attention of the purchaser and he was amazed—he knew ceived a check for the colt and had cashed the check. This became serious for the alleged purchaser and he discovered that he had signed a check on New Year's day for the amount and that it had been cashed.

that he does on the first day of the year and it was so in this case. He had not sold? was the transaction legal? The colt their debut time alone can tell. has not been delivered and the alleged purchaser laughs at the idea of taking posses-

Give Names or Be Silent.

HALIFAX, Jan. 31.—There can surely be no defence for that style of journalism which prints sensational items of scandalous gossip, discussing the principals in such a way that they cannot be identified, though so much penning the words that the names of a half dozen different couples are freely mentioned. Even if the story were true, the writer causes innocent families to be talked about in a way that must be extremely painful if some of what is said should come to their ears, as come it must. Yet this is what a certain society up. penny-a-liner did in a city paper on Saturday night, a habit that is not new with this writer. If such writers have not the courage to speak openly, or in a way to point out pretty clearly the culprit attacked, better far leave it alone, that the innocent may not suffer, as they have done in this instance. The probability is, however, that the stories referred to were made out of

A Clergyman Charged With Theft.

Halifax, Jan. 31 -- Last autumn Rev. Mr. Hatt, a baptist minister of Queen's county, went into Mr. Brokenshire's jewelry store in this city to look at some rings. He was accompanied by his brother's wife. When The radical ideas with regard to the the couple left the shop Brokenshire said port of the enquiry is published it would ed them of stealing it, had a summons issued, and they appeared in court. Actout these evidences of favor from the O. | went to Montreal. This friend also says | report will state the duties and responsibi- | ing stipendiary Wallace tried the case and H. people and they and the public may as that his accounts balanced in his favor and lities of these officials and from them the dismissed the action. Then a civil suit was public can judge their efficiency. Mean- brought by Brokenshire to recover the time it can only be said that if the council value of the ring-\$1. Stipendiary Fielding considered that the officials earned their tried this case. He decided that Rev. salaries they did right in not cutting them Mr. Hatt was innocent of the connecdelivered judgment compelling Mrs. Hatt There has seemed to be a disposition to pay the value of the ring to Brokenshire. this week to think that the salary roll was The case will likely be appealed. Though the chief thing that the reform council was Rev. Mr. Hatt and Mrs. Hatt absented elected to deal with. This is an error, for themselves from the court on this second there were other things of equal import- trial, and made no defence, the fact that Humane Society. The act deserves recogance. Beyond the salary question, they the charge was dismissed in the criminal nition and in the opinion of many people will have a good record which they can take case, while in the civil action the plaintiff the mayor should take action.

THE COUNCIL'S REFORM. to the people when election time again succeeded, evidence that doctors, or judges, to a certain extent differ.

THE FATAL CIGAR.

How a Barber's Assistant was Jgnominiously Fooled.

There are two gentlemen of color who are the chief attraction in a barber shop in this city because of their witticisms and amusing actions. One of these gentlemen was recently presented with a cigar by a regular patron of the shop. He did not smoke it long bowever, for it went off. It was a case of "didn't know it was loaded."

The other knight of the lather-brush was happy, and made much sport of his companion in the gentle art. He said that he would never be caught in the same way; he was altogether too sharp for that.

The joker laughed at the protestations of this youth, and by the nine gods he swore that he would make the scoffer smoke a loaded cigar, even to the point of explosion. The threat was treated with the scorn which, in the mind of the person against whom it was directed, was abundantly deserved.

A few days later the joker came into the shop again, and handed a cigar to the But the young man was wary. There was nothing green in the white of his eye. He saw through the dark scheme. He controlled his love for My Lady Nicotine

The gentleman went out, and the assistant "kept on shaving," but he poked fun fooled on the former occasion, until it looked very much as if there were going to be "razors a-flying through the air."

About a week afterwards, the joker came in for a shave, smoking a cigar. He was shaved by the one he had tailed to fool. He laid down the cigar-or rather the assistant who shaved him did that for him. He left in a burry, without the cigar.

The assistant was a happy young man when he saw that the magnificent stub had been forgotten. He quickly appropriated it, and lit it, and smoked it.

He did not smoke it long, however. There came a burst of thunder sound Also a howl. The cigar was loaded.

Will Golf Be Introduced?

Now that the Scotchmen are enjoying the height of the curling season it is noteworthy nothing about the transaction and laughed to remark that there have not been wanting at it. But the other man laughed too when efforts to establish here the good British he heard the contradiction and said the game of golf. As long as twenty years ago best proof was his cash, that he had re- Mr. John White commenced to look for golfing grounds around here. He did find some very good grounds once, but the railway men got in ahead of him and spoiled them. The ground referred to was the ridge back of Strait Shore along which the But every man does not remember all C. P. R. track runs. Mr. White has also examined Fort Howe, the flats and hills in the rear of Portland, the vicinity of the the faintest recollection of the transaction. Marsh and in fact every available place. The question that arises is, Was the cold Whether the golf sticks will make

They Have to Pay Up.

It is not such an easy thing to get clear of taxes as it used to be. The present council are putting in force more stringent rules, and executions are more numerous than formerly. When they took hold they found that young men had been in arrears for five or six years and executions bad never been issued. Again, there were city employees whose taxes were not paid though they could have been obtained very easily. Now there is an end to such things, and young men who never had been served with an execution before are having that experience. Of course they can't kick, though they try to and usually have to pay

A Lesson in Domestic Economy.

A prominent citizen, whose residence is on Elliott Row, has a new servant girl. On Tuesday morning he got up early in order to show the girl where to empty the ashes. He went out of doors with the girl, and, out of the kindness of his heart, carried the coal-scuttle of ashes. But just as he got oatside of the door he slipped and came down with great torce. The ashes fell too, and got in his clothes, his whiskers, his hair and his eves. He went into the house, and the servant girl has since been emptying ashes just where she pleases.

The fact that the chimes of Trinity have been wont to play an anachronistic tune at twelve o'clock at night has received attention in Progress, and it is probably on this account that the chimes have ceased to play that particular tune at midnight. and have substituted another. The great trouble with the new tune, however, is that there is a difference of opinion concerning its name. Opinion is pretty well divided as to whether it is "Annie Laurie" or "The Last Rose of Summer."

A Suggestion for Mayor Robertson.

PROGRESS suggests to Mayor Robertson that he send the facts of the daring rescue from drowning of the two lads in Indiantown, by Mortimer Day to the Canadian