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Moving Day—the truckmen's harvest season.

PROGRESS enters upon its ninth volume and year with this issue.

The cartoon in PROGRESS today is suggestive: Mr. HUGH McLEAN administering a bitter dose to the young liberals in the shape of Colonel TUCKER.

The wife of Senator DEVER was the choice of the city council for school trustee at its meeting Thursday. Mrs. DEVER may make an admirable member of the board but as she has not been prominent in her interest in school matters her selection will probably surprise many of the citizens.

PROGRESS begins a new story today—Her Promise True, by DORA RUSSELL. Miss RUSSELL is a favorite writer. Her stories are always popular and in securing this for its readers PROGRESS has been very fortunate. The first instalment today is a very generous one and gives some idea of the interest the story will possess.

The failure of the HARKINS' Opera Company in Halifax is but another illustration of the fickle favor of the public. Perhaps HARKINS' more than any other man has a right to say that he has succeeded in making the drama pay in Halifax but when he attempted opera and had an ill-trained and unreliable company his popularity and his previous record failed to save him.

Major ARMSTRONG'S vote at the conservative convention shows that he has a strong following who are bound that he and the party he represents shall come to the front at every election. If there should be any revolt on the part of those supporters of ARMSTRONG it would be a serious matter for the party which would likely afford to lose such energetic workers and so many votes.

About as good a friend as the liquor dealers could have, appears in the person of Magistrate FIELDING of Halifax. It is not unusual for a police magistrate to have decided opinions but when he refuses on account of those opinions to issue ordinary summonses, then there is reason for surprise. The picnic which the wholesale liquor dealers had had there for years, should have an ending at some time and it is in their interests as well as that of the city that a decision should be reached regarding the law at an early date.

The policy of the people of Hampton toward the old rascal who assaulted a eleven year old girl was primitive but effective. Perhaps there is no punishment more severe than banishment and the man who suffers it is not likely to give any other community trouble. There is a western simplicity in giving a criminal so long a time to wind up his affairs and get out of town and a non compliance with such a popular resolution might be suggestive of one of those necktie parties sometimes held in the wilder and woolier region.

Now that two of the so-called "pize fighters" are languishing in jail—under a sentence of three months—there will not be so many you're anxious to show how smart they are with gloves on. The ambition to know how to spar is natural and the knowledge apt to be useful but it is time that something was done to check the lads who show any proficiency from being enticed into the ring. There is nothing in it for them in the great majority of cases and the "coaches" and "managers" simply use them for their own profit and advantage.

Wednesday's issue of the Halifax Herald was a Dalhousie College number. The paper contained the results of the final examination and a list of those students who gained honors and distinctions as well as a lengthy and interesting account of convocation. It was accompanied by a four page supplement containing cuts of governors, professors and benefactors as well as a historical account of the college and a description of the work done by the various

college societies. The origin of "The Dalhousie Gazette" the oldest College paper in Canada is set forth. Perhaps the most interesting article in the supplement is from the pen of LUCY M. MONTGOMERY dealing with the higher education of women. Special mention is made of the sweet girl graduates including Miss EMILY M. GOODWIN and Miss ELIZABETH McNAUGHTON of this city. Miss MONTGOMERY has just completed her first year at Dalhousie and has already shown great literary ability. She is a native of Prince Edward Island and a grand daughter of the late Senator MONTGOMERY. In getting out this special Dalhousie issue the Herald follows the example set by PROGRESS a few years ago.

Many a reader of PROGRESS can learn the new addresses of their friends in the Mayday moving article in this issue. There is nothing perhaps better calculated to develop the patience of men and women than the moving season. The wave of sympathy that goes out to them from their peaceful and comfortable neighbors is consoling—but it does not put down the carpet or put up the kitchen stove.

TUPPER is not having an easy time of it. Reconstructing a cabinet may be an exciting task but it appears to have taken time. There is some surprise that the best men do not care to accept offices under the veteran fighter. Had he obtained MEREDITH and CHAPLEAU what a strong combination he could have presented to the country; but who knows TISDALE? The name of MACDONALD may be good enough to conjure with but the fact that a man is the son of a distinguished father now a days is not a sufficient passport to the council chambers of the country.

PLEDGES ARE NO GOOD. The many friends of Mr. JOHN RUSSELL may well speculate on the value of political promises. If they at any time entertained the impression that "a man's word is as good as his bond" that has been shattered by the course pursued recently in the appointment of a French Canadian to the office of deputy minister of marine.

For some years the friends of Mr. RUSSELL urged his appointment to that position. It was conceded that he was fitted for it. A maritime man, well versed in such affairs as would likely come before him in such a department, an expert accountant, there was no denying the fact that so far as fitness was concerned Mr. RUSSELL was to the front.

Had the reply to his application and the earnest petition of his friends been unfavorable in the first instance, there is no doubt that they would have taken the refusal as a matter of course and permitted the matter to drop, but instead of that, Mr. RUSSELL was promised the position as soon as Mr. WILLIAM SMITH was superannuated. He had those promises, not only from the ministers but even the prime minister wrote him in as favorable a view as it was possible for him to do.

Now Mr. RUSSELL is ignored—put aside, without a word of explanation and a civil servant, a French Canadian, gets a position which was held by a New Brunswicker and by right belongs to a Maritime province man. This is not the sort of treatment that any government can mete out to the people. A pledge should be a pledge under any and all circumstances and especially so when the performance of it means so much. Had Mr. RUSSELL not had the distinct promise of the position he could no doubt have secured lucrative and permanent employment. The government has not treated him right.

"PHILOSOPHY AND FOLLY." "Luv iz bilad," but bigtree iz a darned site morso. Bigtree iz a edikashun in won dirckshan, at the xpense uv several other dirckshun.

Dis iz a bad game to play, but preja dis iz worse among frends. Consult ure own interests, but not at the sakrifise of the interests uv others.

Time iz a sand-wich, of wich the past iz the unekrust, the present the filling, and the future the upperkust, yu kan't eat the unekrust, bekoze, it iz to stail, nor kan yu eat the upperkust, bekoze, it iz not kwite kooked enuf, so the best wa to da' iz, just make the most uv the filling.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

To Benjamin F. Legget of Ward, Pa. On receiving his two volumes: "A Sheaf of Song" and "An Idyll of Lake George." O poet friend, you bring to me, With tuneful heart and tongue My childhood's happy memory When all the world was young.

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