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FAIR PLAY FOR THE CITY.

The city of St, John must have fair play and if the protest against discrimmation in favor of another city means the disrup ion of political parties then the political parties must go.

The movement of the people is hard to stop, and there is no doubt about it that at the present time the people of St. John are aroused. They recognize that to permit their city to be side tracked at this juncture means much in the future and the most they can do is to pret st with all the means in their power against such injustice and discrimination.

Their request to be allowed an equal chance with Halifax to s cure the winter terminus of the fast line was a simple one. If the contractors decided that St. John was not the best port to come to. this city would have to take a back seat, but it is understood that at least one of those who propose to tender, favored St. John. Why then should the government step in and out the male from the society of the female favor another city?

But this is not all. If the winter port of the fast line passes by St. John then there is great fear that the link between Harvey and Salisbury will be completed and the dis'ance to Halifax from upper [Caradian cities made as short as possible and St .-John thoroughly cut of from Western Wih a gool port so near at hard with ample railway facilities in almost every portion of the province the construction of the Harvey Salisbury branch is unnecessary and should be condemned by every voter in S. John; fall that this city warts is fair play and if they cannot secure it from the present government then let the citizens protest as vigorously as possible. Elect two other men if necessary and if GEORGE ROBERTSON and WILLIAM SHAW or A. A. STOCKTON or any other good man for the county can be brought out on a Fair Play for St. John-an-tiremedial platform they will surely capture the popular vote. The people will be with such men and that is what is wanted.

RELIGION AND POLITICS.

Dr. LYMAN ABBOTT in his paper the Outlook urges a strong plea in favor of mixing politics and religion. Unlike Colonel TUCKER the worthy Doctor has no particular tas'e for a pure uradulterated article whether religious or political. He is of the opinion that religious principles should govern the state and though the compliment to these in authority may be a little doubtful the doctors suggestion that ' it every minister protestant and catholic, christian and Jew should preach a sermon once every year upon the advisability of electing honest men to the government" might not be quite a practical one. As a text for this sermon MR. ABBOTT thinks the counsel of JETHRO to Moses might make an excellent foundation, localized perhaps and elaborated to suit the occasion : "Moreover thou shalt provide cut of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over them." Undoubtedly the people who "provide" the men think they have selected the ablest and best, though in one particular the doctor is wrong. All the that the governmental machinery of this preachers in North America might great and mighty dominion was running preach a yearly sermon or indeed a weekly so irregularly, and aff rding so much one without producing the clarifying re- scope for the contumely of the world. Alsult aimed at so far as elections are con- together apart from a partiz in view, all cerned. So far as the preachers are concerned their sermons are all an advocacy of | him as a man, esteem him as a friend and purity and righteousness in public and pri- honor him as a politician who has demonvate life and othordox or heterodox are all strated that it is possible to reach the the same in the denunciation of wickedness | highest seat in the gift of the people and not even in this sensational age for the and set have his hands clean, no stealsake of variety do they for a moment turn ings sticking to his fingers. From the Lair sermons in favor of dishonesty or time he assumed office he was a marked favor frequenting questionable resorts as a who considered their right better than his general practice, and hough his peculiar and they intrigued against him. Various experience may have brought a out a train plots were tried but they failed till the of ideas which occasionally leads to the use school question was sprung upon him and

an immoral life is desirable in them.

ment as to the application of re'igious principles notably that of unity in the churches. Difference of political opinions is stronger and bitterer than most feelings so that it is by no means likely disagreeing on other subjects they would agree in this. The people naturally want the best and most moral men to represent them and it is just possible they can select them without the aid of the preachers.

A man's moral qualities are not the only requisition, for his political faith may not be of the best nor would it be exercised in the best interests of the country. The unenviable title of "High Priest of Corrugtion" applied to a men in public life would not perhaps be applicable to a private individual. The clergymen who have the greatest innot those who in'erfere in political matters es a clergyman a man may be a success but in politics most mischevious and hurtful to his country in his teachings. Usually they are not good political advisers as has often been demonst: ated. The intelligent majority would hardly apply to a lawyer for medical advice or to a commerical man as to the best way to manage a farm.

Let the clergymen attend to their own particular line of work or else learn the first principles of politics. The public have found by experience that the clergyman who wantonly interferes in matters of state is a bore of the worst kind.

W. C. T. U. MANIFESTO.

Now that the provincial government has taken the management of the sa'e of liquor out of the hands of the citizens the W. C. T. U have been somewhat at a less as to where to turn their surplus energy. The prop on which they tased much of their work has been suddenly pulled away and they find the mselves without an object on which to execute their diplomatic aggressive, constructive or destructive faculties. But woman's mind is active and does not long remain idle; and so it is in this care.. The county jail has come in for their attention, and the last meeting of the municipal council spent some time over a document issued by the W. C. T. U. of this city requesting that a partition be constructed in the jail shutting prisoners; not only this but the petition would imply that some of the dignitaries who walk the corridors of the county tombs as paid officers have heretofore been rather too assiduous in their attentions to the fair or unfair occupants of the cels, and this the W. C. T. U. plain'y intimated it would be their province to denounce and oppose with all the power at their disposal. No direct charge was made that the prisoners in lulge in any love scenes behind the tars but this was so plainly implied that prison authorities should take steps to refute it, If the prisoners indulge in moments of cordial sympathy with each other-whether they be male or female or both, it is surely not quite consistent with the lines laid down by christian churches that their moments of sorrow or gladness should be interfered with by a torgued, and grooved partition, paid for cut of the country treasury. Again the jail is considered to be an institution for moral training and as love is the great centre of all teaching we ask will it be wise to prevent its expression even though the participants are juil birds? Co-educ .tion of the sexes is the point towards which all collegiate training is tending, yet here in a city that boasts of its learning we find an attempt made to ignore what experihas demonstrated the wiser way and in its place substitute that which is harsher or not productive of the end aimed at. The council has not as yet moved in the direction intended, but there is little doubt that within a few weeks the corridors of the jail will no more echo the sounds of love making, as implied by the manifesto of the W. C. T. U.

COMPLICATIONS. The political situation throughout the province, and in fact throughout Canada, is most complicated and affords much scope for amusement. Since the day that BOWELL and endowed him with the premiership the trend of affairs has afforded much scope for sp:culation, laughter and sorrow. As the observer was a political friend of Bowell or otherwise so would his emotions be, and where one laughed another groaned who know Sir MACKENZIE respect "tv. Even PARKHURST does not | man. There were others in the cabinet ot doubtful metaphors, he does not try to then followed the bolt of nearly ore half impress upon his thousands of hearers that | the cabinet, followed by the coming to Canada of Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Day

preachers have not yet produced agree- ominously by, the only real evidence of thunder being the the few reverberations heard when the vote was taken on the second reading of the school bill. Then the session closed, Sir Mackenzie was read out, a new cabinet was formed with all Bowell's friends left out of it, and an appeal made to the people. But BOWELL'S friends had friends and the tocsin was sounded everywhere, and those who could not hold office under him will many of them never hold office again. All sorts of splits have followed. There are few straight conservatives or straight liberals-every combination or shade of political opinion is expressed till it is about impossible to find three men in a county who have just the same idea of what is best to be done Here in St. John the "old machine," as it fluence with their congregations are is called, has put its two candidates in the field, HAZEN and CHESLEY, one chosen by the machine five years since and who has voted just as that machine dictated, school question and all the others. MR. CHESLEY elected by the people as an independent, as opposed to the machine, yet who has developed into a very humble follower of the men who turn the political grindstone. ELLIS and TUCKER are put up by those who style themselves liberals though that word is a misnomer. The former has been in the house and is now being scored on his political record, while the latter has been awakened from a sort of Rip Van Winkle sleep in which he has indulged for the last thirty years, and tells his audiences what an experience he has had. These may be styled machine candidates also, but of a different type. Then there is the citizens committee, composed of the business men of the town who have decided that ring rule bas gone far enough, and will call a public meeting Tuesday when candidates representing the people will probably be placed in the field. So it is in every county. The parties are broken up and complications that have arisen are not always the most harmonious. When the first test vote is taken in parliament what will it show? probably a majority of independents.

The electric moter that has been running the corservative political machine in this i'y for some years past slipped a cog on Monday evening, and for a time it threatened to smash the whole contrivance to pieces. This fate was averted but there are many rents that will need large repa rs before things will move as smoothly as beore. Alderman McARTHUR wanted to demenstrate to the assemblege that he had been a conservative and had paid out money to organize the party years since when the ring was unheard of, and he did not contemplate letting them run him. "If the Tupper combine, he said, did not do St John justice he would be one of those who would stick by the city everytime and the howlers must not try to shut him off. He had a score to settle with them"; here a chorus of howls, cat calls, etc. .closed him out and in a few minutes he and Mr. A. C. SMITH were seen in most earnest and eager contest. They could not agree and the fight became general. Dr. Christie and Mr. George Day were looking daggers at each other in another part of the room and here, there, everywhere the men were paired and a verbal donnybrook was in progress. The ring was beaten out, they had packed the meeting but could not hold their crowd together, and the straight St. John men swept everything before them. If they do not get satisfaction from TUPPER respecting the freight line in reply to a telegram forwarded him, there will be a complete bolt of conservatives from the ring candi-

COLONEL TUCKER was in a canvassing tour to the outskirts of Indiantown and that vicinity Tuesday. He had his bay bob tail team, footmen, etc, and was himself gotten up in a semi-military, semicivilized style. It was known that Commandant BOOTH was expected in that neight or hood to address the great unwashed so some one got the idea that the gallant colonel was the great BOOTH. He was soon surrounded by a crowd and the street blockaded so his high steppers could not get along. The footman suggested that his excellency sent for Sir MACKENZIE he explain to the throng the mistake, but as soon as they heard the colonel's English accent they became sure he was the man. He would probably have had to 'fire volley" or two, when he was rescued by a street car forcing its way through. Then the colonel got down from the dog cart and walked bome.

A Pisarinco fisherman who was in the market yesterday was asked what he thought of Mr. CHESLEY's speech. "It reminded me," said he, "of Mickey H. ffs description of a sewer-a big long hole wid something thrown into it."

The Organist of Christ Church Cathedral. Mr. J. B. Norton, Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal has selected and purchased a Pratte Piano for his priv-

Heat expands and cold contracts; but here are exceptions. Coal and gas billsare larger in winter than in summer .- Norristown Herald.

Emerson and Fisher are pushing the sale of the Perfection Cook; it is a handy stove for a country house; see their ad.

There are various other matters perhaps
more essential than politics wherein the

Canada of Sir Charles Tupper. Day
after day the political horizon was black
with clouds yet each passed quietly though

Wall paper, and window shades. You will
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store, 90 King street. 3.1.8

VERSESOF YESTERDAY AND TODAY The Story of the Faces. Faces, faces

Crowding city streets and places, Bright with hope' and love, and laughter, Dark with passions of despair ! Oh, the story of the faces-Angel faces, demon faces, Faces, faces everywhere.

Dh, the beauty of the faces, Sunny locks and fairy graces, Little wandering gleams of heaven, Lost among the ways o' men. oh, the brightness of the faces. Maiden faces, childish faces,

Beauty in all forms and phases; Sojourner and den zen. Oh, the pathos of the faces. Blighted hopes and dark disgraces, When the angel robe is spotted, and the

White soul stained with sin;

Oh, the story of the faces-

Women faces, youthful faces-All the harp-chords strained and broken Ere the anthem could begin. Oh, the pallor of the faces, Flying from the cold death places;

Seeking, in the shouting highways, Respite from the hell within. Oh, the sadness of the faces-Mother faces, widow faces-Haggard with the toil and watching, By the night lamp, pale and thin. Oh, the horror of the faces,

Scowlings, frowns, and dark menaces, Sodden with a thousand vices, Hideous with the brand of Cain. Oh, the horror of the faces, Felon faces, traitor faces, Plague spots on the frir creation, Nightmares of a fevered brain.

Faces, faces Crowding city streets and places-Faces smooth with youth and beauty, Faces lined with age and care. Oh, the story of the faces, Of the glad and weary faces, Of the faces everywhere.

-Exchange.

Narc'ssus. Sweet flower of night, Which once had human life, And would not love return: The love stars bright When ends care's daily strife, That in the pale skies burn;

At twilight wait thy loveliness to see, Seek thou my love and tell her then for me; The best of all, the very best is she. The best of all, The sweetest flower of day, And sweeter still at set of sun When evening shadows fall, And to ler side I haste away, Do thou my swiftest steps out run, For on her heart thy bloom must be Keep thou my place, where we agree, The best of all, the very best is she.

She gives a kiss, 'Tis but a fo mal sign On thy whi e face she leaves, The sweetest kiss of bliss. From her alone is mine,
Love's holy spell o'er us it weaves, Like moonlight on a golden sea, When summer sirgs it far and free, The b st of all, the very best is she

Pray tell her not, O fair narcissus true How in sweet thought I wait, The hour we ne'er forgo'; When fondest hearts renew Love's heaven enraptured state. For blushing she in high degree. Might fear to seek our red rose tree, The best of all the very best is she.

Say softly in her ear,
O white veiled flower of grief. Her love's returned a thousand feld; And she is fondly near In dreams too sadly brief, More treasured than fine gold, Woo her in love's sweet mystery, Pale flower of classic history; The best of all, the very best is she.

A Little While.

Tis such a little while we walk together, Along life's way. reary feet that march beside us falter Each passing day. Dear friends that greet us in the morning vanish And tender voices melt away in silence—
A broken tune.

A brief sweet time we journey on together Through fields of green,
And then our voices break the silence never
That falls between. No loving word can reach us through the distance-No kindly deed-We call to them in tender, loving accent-

We long to see the dear familiar faces, The footsteps that kept pace with ours so bravely Come not again. We catch the echo of a voice grown silent, Faint and afar. A dim white face gleams cut among the shadows

Like some pale star. Tis such a little while for loving kindness To smooth the way for weary feet that falter.
Or chide and blam; A little while, and it were unavailing
Kind words to say,
For those that walked but yesterday beside us,

Only Mine Owe.

Through the churchyard today I've been roaming, Where slumbers my darling alone; Now, I'm watching the stars in the gloaming For one that was only mine own.

She faded away in life's morning
And sought the fair isles of the blest,
As lovely as when summer sunsets Melt all the red gold of the west.

Have passed away.

The stars that are shining above me Are only the jewels she wears: Where'er she now dwells she still loves me, And shares in my sorrow and cares.

I know she is waiting to greet me
When 'er I may reach the bright shore;
I know she is praying to meet me
Where loved ones are parted no more. How I long to pass through the bright portal
And leave all the sadness of earth,
And dwell with the spirits immortal,
Where Truth, Love, and Beauty found birth.
—John A. Joyce.

Daybreak.

Chill is the morning and silent, Hushed is the whispering breeze, Even the dew does not sparkle, Resting on blossoms and trees.

Listen, the leaves from their slumber Murmuring breezes have stirred; Joyous and sweet in the distance Rises the song of a bird,

Eastward, awaking in beauty,
Blushes the radiant morn,
Lighting the dewdrops with glory,
Telling that day has been born.

Blasts From the Ram's Horn The only thing about some churches that points to heaven is the steeple. Worry and the grave digger are good friends. People who hope are people who help. The one who nurses grief is not any wiser than the one who feeds a tiger. Every christian ought be a window through which somebody could get a glimpse of heaven. It is hard for the Holy Spirit to fill a man who is already tull of himself. The devil is not throwing cil Ins very many stones at the man who is not so religious in business as he is in prayer

Highest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

ABSOLUTELY PURE

ASSAULTED GOVERNOR DALY.

An intoxicated Man Insults the Governor of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX. May 14.—Public insult to the governor of a province on one of our streets is something unprecedented in Canada. The experience of His Honor Lieutenant Governor Daly the other evening has set the cldest inhabitant thinking, and he cannot recall a similar instance. One Daniel Cronan, the rephew of a man who died couple of years ago, honored and loved by many in this city, worth \$750,000 was the assai'ant. Governor Daly was on Barrington street and had just entered Cragg Brothers shop, accompanied by Captain Taylor and Mrs. Taylor of the Berkshire regiment when Cronan approached them. Turning to his honor, the man who was under the influence of liquor, made a shameless onslaught upon him such as would have shocked a prize fighter, not to speak of a gentleman of such high refinement as Governor Daly. The scandalousness of the attack was heightened on account of the presence of Captain Taylor and his estimable wife. Governor Daly in his younger days was a man who could take his own part with the best of them in the art of selfdefence. He was a prominent figure on the cricket field and on the athletic ground, and he could even yet have extinguished Cronan in a twinkling, but there were other methods of dealing with such a character. The governor bore the fellow's insults with patience for a moment or two, when Mr. Cragg came to the rescue, springing to the telephone and ringing for the police. This was the signal for Cronan's flight, for the next moment the insulter had turned his back upon his victims and was disappearing as fast as he could down the street.

What safeguards surround the person of the provincial representative of majesty? are there any which do not attach to the humblest citzn? Mr. Cragg thought perhaps there was some such proto hear upon the case, so that Cronan might be promptly punished. He was particularly interested in seeing justice vir.dicated in this case because the assault had taken place on his premises. Accordingly, early next day, Mr. Cragg went over to the office of Stipendiary Fielding at the City hall seeking information on this point, and to ask generally what should be done in the matter. What his surprise when the magistrate, in a tone of some indignation, demanded of Mr. Cragg by what right he came to consult him or the subject. "Do you not know," he said. "that I may be called upon to try this case, and that it would be highly improper for me to give you any advice as to your procedure. If you contemplate proceeding against Cronan go to

the chief of police and a summons may be Mr. Cragg was badly taken aback. He felt like dropping the whole thing and that in fact was what he did. The chief of police received no visit from the aggrieved merchant, and the insult to Governor Daly goes unpunished. The governor, kind, courteous and forgiving as he is, would not take any action against Cronan, satisfying himself with minimizing the offense by saying that poor Cronin did not know what he was doing, and that out of consideration for his father and dead uncle, if for nothing else, he would allow the occurrence to be forgotten.

On public grounds, however, the affair should not thus be ignored by our law enforcers. What Halitax needs, in common doubtless with many other Canadian cities. is such an officer as does good work in Scotland a public prosecutor. Had we such a man young Cronan probably would not today be walking our streets possibly only waiting another opportunity to attack the governor or some other equally inoffen-

BANKS IS NOT A FAVORITE. With the Halifax City Council but he is

Still on Deck.

HALIFAX, May 14.—It was hardly fair of Mayor McPherson to so overburden Alderman E. W. O'Donnell with respon- to answer to the charge of assault. The sibility as to place him on so many standing committees of the city council, unimportant though they be. Edward finds himself on four comittees. He is taken off the city prison committee and his friend the enemy-Governor Murray-will prob- day after the trial, delivered judgement ably breathe easier and certainly feel more sentencing Seivert to day a fine of \$2.00 comfortable, while he is placed on Point Pleasant park commission with his friend John Doull, president of the bank of Nova Scotia. Then he is one of the committee vested with the care of Camp Hill cemetery, and he will have to do some tall figuring as a member of the tenders com-

At last night's meeting of the city council, Inspector H. H. Banks received a trouncing which must have prevented sleep on hand all the time the work was being coming to his eye-lids that night. The done, expecting developments.

mayor and all the aldermen who spoke were very hard on poor Banks. Irrespective of what they formerly thought of him as an official there was none who had a word to say in his favor on this occasion for in spite of the adverse report of the city recorder, and of another leading lawyer, who said the granting of certain liquor licenses would be illegal, Banks signed several license forms, handed them to a number of dealers and took their money. The ayor refused to sign the "licenses" in question, and the law distinctly provides that for them to be valid both the mayor's and the inspector's signatures must be appended. The inspector deliberately ignored the mayor and recorder, and issued those licenses, thus arousing the mayor's indignation and exciting the surprise and anger of nearly every alderman in the council. Banks is liable to a fine of \$100 for every license which the courts may decide he illegally issues, and this may prove an expensive business to him. The temperance people were in favor of the appointment of Banks, but he has proved a "bitter disappointment." They almost sigh for a return of the days of the much-despised Mackassey. But Banks is on deck yet and if he comes out of the trouble in which he now finds himself, he will likely rule for some days yet. As Alderman McFatridge remarked the other night, "the temperance people" did all they could against me, now I will show them a thing or two. They put Banks into his position, and have turned against him, so that I shall probably do what I can in his favor, just for fun you know." So the temperance people have thus made another enemy, or they have confirmed an old one in alderman Mc Fatridge. He claims however to be the best temperance man in the council. The council last right decided to summon Banks to "the bar of the house" to e: plain his conduct in the non-mayor signing liseense matter. The Rev. Mr. Banks will visions of the law which could be brought | then have to answer the questions of his catechism. Get ready your questions, alderman, there are many you may ask.

> THEY ARE NOW SWORN ENEMIES But the Saf, was put in Place in Spite of

HALIFAX. May 14.—Two sworn foes in this city are Julius G. Seivert, retailing and manufacturing tobacconist, and James McCormack, stevedore. Seivert occupies the lower floor and upper story in a building on Hollis street. A. B. Sheraton, of the Queen hotel engaged McCormack to place a safe in an office on the floor above Seivert's shop and below the factory on the upper floor. Early in the morning Mc-Cormack got his derrick up and began work. The top of the derrick was made fast through Seivert's upper windows. At 9 o'clock the tobbacco man came to business and was surprised to find the derrick in position, and enraged to see that Mc-Cormack had made it fast at his upper windows. He ordered his enemy to remove it and when this was d'sobeyed, he hied himself over to chief O'Sullivan, asking that the police be detailed to dislodge McCormack. Mr. O'Sullivan frankly told his complainant that he could do nothing between the parties except maintain the peace on the street, "and I'll see that that is thoroughly done," said the chief. So he mationed a policeman in front of Seivert's to make sure that there was no fighting on the sidewalk. Seivert returned an irate man and with a poor opinion of law as interpreted by some of the authorities in Halifax. Mc-Cormack had to bear the brunt of a vigorous wordy assault, and one of his men claimed that he had a parrow escape with his life, for Seivert rushed upstairs and cut the rope that made fast the upper part of the derrick. Despite this disadvantage. however, the safe was in due time elevi d to its resting place and the derrick removed,

McCormack probably should not have entered Seivert's room to secure the derrick.

Then came the second chapter of this belligerent story. McCormack had a summons issued, and Seivert was ealled upon whole trouble was fully ventilated before Stipendiary Fielding and the outcome of the trial was defeat for Seivert and corresponding victory for McCormack. The magistrate, on the and costs with the alternative of imprisonment. The detendant was not in court when the fine was imposed and consequently a committment to jail was made. An officer went over with the document to Servert's place of business, collected the money from him, and once more the law was satisfied. Yet Seivert and McCormack love each other less than ever.

It would pay any one who enjoys seeing a row, and needs a safe to buy that one in Seivert's building and hire McCormack to take it down. There would be a crowd