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RESIGNED HIS CHARGE

IN EXPECTATION OF COMING TO LABOR IN ST. JOHN.

A Methodist Clergyman Regards His Call as Bona Fide and Gives up His Former Parish—The Engagement is Cancelled Through the Influence of One Man.

A large sized split has existed for some time in the congregation of one of St. John's leading Methodist churches and at one time the members of the congregation were so much at variance with one another that the very existence of the church was threatened. All the trouble and stormy meetings was caused by the brethren being unable to dwell together in unity, and instead quarreling constantly among themselves.

Sometime ago the pastor of the church resigned in order to accept a charge in

and in the meantime there is no system to the training. The men all chew tobacco and do not retire until 10 or 11 at night. They do not arise until 7 o'clock in the morning and after a spin have breakfast at 9 o'clock. The wife of the stroke carman is at the Clairmont. It may be unpleasant to note these facts but when the people were generous enough to subscribe to send a crew to Halifax, the management should see to it that the training is done properly.

THAT NEWCASTLE SHOOTING.

Some of the Facts of McKane's Career in the Maritime Provinces.

Appropos of the row in Newcastle and the shooting of Mr. McKenzie by Dr. Benyon whom he and Messrs Hall and McKane were assisting, a correspondent sends PROGRESS the following facts respecting McKane who appears to

CANT EMPLOY AGENTS.

THE LEGALITY OF A MARKET BYE-LAW BEING QUESTIONED.

There is a Section Which Makes it Necessary for a Man to Attend to his Business Personally—It Will tend to Greatly Injure the Market Trade.

The legality of a certain market bye-law is troubling Messrs. Dunn Bros., meat dealers of this city more than a little, as on it depends considerable of their future success in business. For the past fifteen years this firm have occupied a stand in the city market without any idea that they were violating any of the market rules. During a good part of this time Mr. Stephen B. Smith has been acting as their agent and transacting much of their business. It was discovered recently

that there is a section in one of the bye laws governing the market under which they can be prevented from having an employee attend to this business although it is open to either of the members of the firm to attend to it in person.

A complaint was made to the board of public safety by several stand holders who wished to see Dunn Bros. crowded out. At the instance of the safety board the opinion of Recorder Skinner was taken on the matter and as in his opinion the section was valid the offending merchants were reported. Under the act, the penalty for the offence is a fine of eight dollars but it is not here that the true importance of the case comes in. It simply means that if the bye law is powerful enough to prevent Messrs. Dunn Bros. from employing an agent to do their market business it will cut out of most of the general business of the market and would prevent a farmer sending his son, his wife or his daughter with his produce as is now so generally done. It certainly seems strange that the law allows either member of the firm to be present in the market to transact their own business but prevents them from hiring an agent and they claim that it will have the effect of preventing stand holders doing any agency business at all.

This would hardly be beneficial as in the present state of trade St. John requires all the business that can be done either in the market or any where else.

The case is expected to come up in the police court but to late to report in this issue of PROGRESS. Geo. A. Henderson appears for the prosecution while Dunn Bros. interests will be guarded by A. P. Barabull. The result will be awaited with interest.

PHYSICIANS WERE BAFFLED

By Miss Elliott's Condition—She Slept a Week Before Death.

The peculiar death of Miss Ethel Elliott of High street North End on Tuesday last caused no little amount of excitement among the residents in that part of the city and the young lady's friends most of whom were acquainted with the phases of her extraordinary illness.

The fact of the deceased young lady having fallen asleep a week before her death and never regaining consciousness, not only baffled the physician in attendance, Dr. Addy, but also Dr. Murray McLaren. All sorts of rumors and theories were afloat as to the cause of the young lady's long slumber and her awakening was watched for with eagerness not only by the family and friends, but by the general public who had become fully acquainted with the strange case through the press, but the young lady did not awake in this life, but slept herself peacefully into eternity.

SAYS HE WAS FOOLISH

FOR HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE LEAR BLACKMAIL.

This is What Lawyer Tremaine Told the Court in Halifax this Week—“Progress” Was Right in its Exposure—The Facts Brought to Light at Last.

HALIFAX, July 8.—The Byron versus Tremaine case has occupied the attention of Chief Justice McDonald for two days in the supreme court. The old details of the disgraceful case were gone over again and Lawyer Tremaine, the defendant, must have found himself an awfully uncomfortable man. Depositions were made by the man who paid the sum of cash varying from \$400 to \$150 to secure immunity from threatened implication in the Lear divorce suit. Mrs. Lear was expected to put in an appearance in court but she did not come, and her presence was not necessary for C. Hudson Smith who has been acting throughout for Mrs. Byron or Lear, had a mass of evidence so full that additional testimony from the plaintiff was not required. The chief justice, who conducted the trial, expressed his views pretty plainly more than once, and caused considerable trembling in certain quarters. It was thought that possibly he would give judgment at once when the case finished today, but he reserved his decision. The rule requires that judgment be given within sixty days, and the public will join with F. J. Tremaine, the defendant, with Mrs. Byron the plaintiff, not to speak of C. Hudson Smith her lawyer, in awaiting with interest the delivery of that judgment. The time of the court was largely spent in listening to arguments on the question of Tremaine's trusteeship for Mrs. Lear. Lawyer Coughdon had Tremaine on the witness stand; C. S. Harrington finally addressed the judge on behalf of Tremaine and Coughdon for Mrs. Byron-Lear. Whatever may be the result of the trial what everybody says is this: “Well, one thing is sure, PROGRESS had the right end of the whole sad story.”

“Every word PROGRESS ever said about the Lears and their wholesale blackmail, was more than substantiated by the proceedings in the supreme court this week,” was the remark made by a prominent citizen to-day.

“I was in the court during part of the trial,” he continued, “and if ever a man was in a lamentable position it was the defendant who was being sued for an accounting for the blackmail money paid by young men in Halifax in that Lear business, I pitied Tremaine, and so, also, it seemed, did the chief justice, when he remarked to him:

“You have put yourself in a most unfortunate position, Mr. Tremaine.”

“I made a fool of myself” replied the defendant sorrowfully.

“That is putting it mildly,” was his lordship's laconic rejoinder.

“The sensational expose made by PROGRESS is amply justified” remarked another citizen, who heard the chief justice caustic remarks when discussing the costs claimed by Tremaine to have been paid for out of the Lear fund. The Chief Justice asked what a certain item meant, and the reply from Tremaine was that it was spent on a trip to St. John to take steps to proceed against the publisher of PROGRESS for libel.

“Proceedings for libel,” said his honor indignantly. “How could you ever expect to recover against Mr. Carter, or anybody else, in the face of this mass of evidence which would be given to establish the blackmail that was charged?”

Everybody who speaks about the case has the same remark to make—that PROGRESS told only the truth in this matter, and that in the mildest form possible.

One document that the prosecution put in was a letter in Mr. Tremaine's handwriting which stated that he was willing to act as trustee for parties desirous of contributing to a fund to prosecute PROGRESS. Tremaine admitted sorrowfully to the judge that he had been a fool in this Lear business. Had anyone been found to subscribe to this “prosecution fund” they would have been just as big or bigger fools than the would-be trustee confessed himself.

The Monkey Theatre Coming.

The Monkey Theatre opens in the Opera house Monday afternoon July 13, under the management of Rufus Somerby. PROGRESS printed an admirable account of the performances of these clever little animals, and showed by illustrations what tricks they are capable of doing. Mr. Somerby says that he has had great success with them. The show pleases the people and they flock to see it. More than this it is an agreeable variety and shows what patient training of intelligent animals will accomplish. Mr. Somerby was in town Thursday assisting his advance representative Mr. Sam Sampson to boom the show. Mr. Sampson, though not as venerable looking as his employer is almost as well known in

this city and throughout the province. He has the happy faculty of doing his part of the work so satisfactorily that he gets the people interested and that means that they go to see the show. Mr. Sampson has been with Mr. Somerby a long time and they have always proved a strong team.

SCENES AT THE HALIFAX RACES.

The Maritime Jockey Club has an inauspicious Opening.

HALIFAX, July 9.—The Maritime Jockey club had an inauspicious opening on the 1st of July, if indeed, the club has not sounded its own death knell. Never before was there such dissatisfaction at a race meeting in Halifax as that which appeared at the riding ground on Dominion day; “stealing races” and “foul play” were words which were found on many lips. The management have given it to be understood that they would not likely hold another meeting in this city, and if the sentiment which prevailed among the spectators was any criterion by which to judge, the public do not want another meeting. There is no doubt about it, the management was led in the extreme, and if what, nine out of ten of the spectators said was true, the honesty of the decisions and the methods adapted were little better. In this connection it is interesting to read the list of officials who were present, though this wholesale condemnation would not be just of all:

Executive committee—W. N. Wickwire, M. D. president; Peter Clinch, vice do; R. G. Leckie, Wm. O'Brien, W. Jones.

Judges—Col. Creagh, A. P. D.; W. Stairs Dufras. Starter—Thos. Spelman; assistant do, F. J. Power. Clerk of the scales—Jas. W. Stairs. Clerk of the course—Guy C. Hart. Timer—Jas. W. Power. Hon. Secy—G. Carleton Jones.

A well-known alderman of the city council speaking of the meeting said that two of the races were positive “steals.”

The Fredericton horse “Atlanta” said he won the “Hurricane” purse as fairly as ever a prize was gained, but the New Brunswickers were deprived of it on a decision over-ruling the starter by officials who were interested in the success of Americus II, the Halifax horse. Starter Spelman's conduct was peculiar, and without making any further comment on it, for publication, I will simply say that he never was known to act that way before, and I hope he never will again. The race which the stewards ordered to be run over again, when “Atlanta” came in first, was as fair a contest as ever took place on the race track, and the decision ordering its repetition was as rank a one as was ever uttered.

Thus spoke an alderman of Halifax, who added that it was the habit of promoters of running races to say that the unsportsmanlike gambling and peculiar methods were usually found on the trotting track but after this exhibition he thought they would surely not make similar statements.

The “Mimac” purse was very little better. Start after start was made during which “Atlanta” was thoroughly pumped out. The New Brunswick mare was never in advance, but the starter refused to let the field go though urged by “Atlanta's” jockey to do so even though he should be many yards behind. These tactics resulted in throwing “Atlanta” out of the race, for, as the Recorder says,—a paper which had more courage in speaking of the dissatisfaction at the meeting than the others, though even it tried to shield the management in the matter,—“her rider wisely pulled her up.” So again Americus II owned by one or more of the officials won, with Peter Clinch's “Milicite” second.

The race for the “Jockey club stakes” and cup was hardly less unsatisfactory. There was too frequent scoring. “Milicite” won, but owners of “Little Billie” were as angry as owners ever were. Two men interested in that horse in full view of the grand stand publicly rebuked the secretary for his conduct. The incident which provoked this outbreak was in connection with the scoring, which was as annoying as could be imagined. Time after time the horses were brought back walking as a rule. When the crowd saw an official strike “Little Billie” with a whip, to expedite the bay gelding's return, there was a yell from them for they knew that he was interested in another horse. One gentleman told this official that it was more regard for his own self-respect than for the feelings of the whip-user which prevented him attempting to strike the official who had so openly violated the rules.

There is no doubt about it, the maritime jockey club is in bad odor in Halifax today, and it may be that discretion is the better part of valor when some of the management say that they will not hold another race meeting here. If it prove anything like that of Dominion day another race meeting is certainly not wanted.

The other racing organization in Halifax is the Driving club. They are fortunate in not having caused another scandal such as exists in connection with the Jockey club, but some things have been done by them too, which, to put it mildly, have given critics a chance to say that their disinterested sportsmanship may sometimes be questionable.



GROUP OF THE HARKINS COMPANY, NEW PAPER MEN, AND FRIENDS.

PHOTO BY A. E. CLARKE

another province where the emoluments of office were much greater.

The question of a new minister at once commenced to occupy the minds of the brethren and a faithful few hustled about until they procured a gentleman whom they thought would be acceptable to the rest of the congregation. The object of their choice was known to be an eloquent preacher and an earnest worker in the good cause and they congratulated themselves on having made such a find. They submitted the reverend gentleman's name and recommendations to the managing board of the church at a meeting which was subsequently held. All the members of the board were present save one and as those in attendance were all in favor of the new applicant it was supposed that he would be engaged. Accordingly one of the gentlemen who had been most active in securing a new pastor wrote to the clergyman whose name had been under consideration and told him he might consider himself engaged, but he would receive official notification of the fact in a few days. Expecting to get a lucrative charge in this city the preacher who previously had been engaged in a rural district tendered his resignation also, which was at once accepted and for a few days he made bright plans for his work in St. John as pastor of the church for which he had been almost formally engaged.

His surprise may be imagined then when he received a letter from the St. John church notifying him that after reconsidering the matter, the board of management had decided not to engage him.

It seems that the member of the managing board who had not attended the meeting was opposed to the new applicant and informed the board that he should not be called to the charge. The rest of the board protested that the minister had been as good as engaged but it was useless,—the dissenting one objected still more and threatened to withdraw his support from the church if the engagement were not at once annulled.

As he was a man of large means and contributed generously to the church's support he could not be allowed to leave it, so the contract was cancelled.

The minister who came so near being engaged feels greatly annoyed at the turn matters have taken and denounces the whole affair as a mean piece of business. However he is still out of a job with no immediate prospect of finding one and he is inclined to think that St. John churches are run on a strange system indeed.

Should be Improved Upon.

There are many comments being made upon the training method of the St. John four who propose to row at Halifax. Mr. Ross only gets out at irregular intervals

have taken more than an ordinary part in the trouble.

McKane is a Scotchman. He was employed first in the head office of the merchant's bank of Halifax. Then he was sent to Charlottetown, and from there he was transferred to Truro. In Truro he got into trouble which made it decidedly advisable for him to have his location changed. He was one of “the boys” and the ladies also frequently fell under his power. While in Halifax he was engaged to one of the charming young women of that city. In Newcastle he also found himself in that interesting situation it not twice at least once. What the directors of the Merchants bank will do with McKane this time is probably a question of some interest for himself if not for his friends and the public.

H. D. McKenzie, of Halifax, a brother of the dangerously wounded man, is a popular club-man of Halifax, who is in the very thickest of whatever is going on.

George A. Hall, of Truro, must be kicking himself severely to have his name mentioned as it has been in connection with this shooting. He was with them that evening more by accident than design. Truro is a steady going place and when the people of that town learned what Hall had been doing they experienced a strong sensation which the genial “George” will see portrayed on the faces of the good Truronians when he goes home.

For Educating the Blind.

The Halifax school for the blind is having its needs placed prominently before the public just now and a very generous response is being made to the appeal for help. The school admits New Brunswick pupils to equal advantages and privileges with the Nova Scotia blind and this province should therefore not be behind others in the matter of helping along the new building fund. There is very urgent need of enlarged facilities in order to accommodate all applications. Mr. H. S. Campbell assistant music teacher in the school will continue the work of collecting here, commended by the superintendent in May last. Mr. Campbell is a bright energetic young man and will do all in his power to increase the New Brunswick subscription fund which now amounts to \$561. It is to be hoped that his efforts will be generously rewarded.

Souvenir of a Pleasant Outing.

The pleasant outing on Mahogany Island enjoyed by the Harkins Company, many of the newspapers workers and a number of friends is happily described in the splendid group photograph taken by Mr. Clark, from which the engraving on this page was taken. It will not be difficult to recognize many members of the party in fact all of them appear with such distinctness in the photograph that in the majority of cases the individual photographs are excellent.